

PUGET SOUND RECREATIONAL FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 26, 2010

MEETING CALLED BY	Clint Muns
TYPE OF MEETING	Advisory Committee
FACILITATOR	Steve Thiesfeld
NOTE TAKER	Colleen Desselle
ATTENDEES	Clint Muns, Kevin Ryan, David Knutzen, Dave Croonquist, Polly Fischer

Agenda Topics	PSRFE Budget	
DISCUSSION	<p>The group has agreed to the importance of having a full-time coordinator for this committee as there is frustration that the coordinator is not able to dedicate more time. A full-time coordinator can commit to preparing analyses, keep up with everything that is going on, and be able to be a cheerleader for programs. Due to this, and the fact that we are having budgetary difficulties, we need to discuss criteria/key issues to make recommendations on program cuts. We need to budget \$90000 for the full-time coordinator. The standards for evaluation are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of program to put a fish in the fish box; • Contribution rate PS marine recreational fisheries (Areas 5-13); • HSRG recommendations and standards to include hatchery reform. <p>It is easier to take these cuts rather than have a 10% cut across the board. Our recommendations are made with the best fit from our perspective. We would like to see some added production to enhance the recreational fisheries to get more anglers out there fishing. There is a need to get innovative and bring in new groups. Note that we did make a regional decision, and we are providing advice to the agency, however, we do not make the final decision.</p> <p>We would like to ask the agency to consider that our fees be based on a percent (to be no less than the current saltwater fee) of the overall cost of the license, not a flat fee.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	<p>Motioned and Seconded (with one opposed) - Based on our criteria, we recommend the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100,000 annually at Glenwood Springs (cost vs. survival) • \$200,000 annually at Soos Creek (this program doesn't really fit our goal); and • Eliminate Rick's Pond (cost vs. survival, and may not be available in future). <p>The agency may counter. This would allow us to have our full-time coordinator and to explore other opportunities. We are prepared to work with the Commission and the Department that funds can be made available to us.</p>	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Take to Jim Scott/ Jo Wadsworth for further discussion	Steve Thiesfeld	
OBSERVERS	Randy Aho, Rich Eltrich, Andy Appleby, John Wicklund, Lloyd Huddleston, Jacques White, Michael Schmidt, David Puki, Dorothy and Norm Reinhardt,	
RESOURCE PERSONS	Steve Thiesfeld, Colleen Desselle, Jim Jenkins, Jon Lee	