2011 REGIONAL MARK COMMITTEE MEETING

35th Annual Meeting

Hosted by: Fisheries & Oceans, Canada
Location: Inn at Laurel Point, Victoria, BC

Dates: April 28, 29, 2011

FINAL Agenda

See further information at. 2011 Meeting Web Page

APR 28: THURSDAY: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

- 1. General Business Items (George Nandor, PSMFC)
 - Welcome and introductions:
 - Next year's meeting (2012) is intended to be hosted in Washington state;
 - 2013 meeting is intended to be hosted in Oregon state;
 - Review agenda
- 2. Regional Mark Processing Center operations & announcements (George Nandor)
 - A. In California: commencing the Hatchery Scientific Review Panel (HSRP) process
 - B. Status of CWT Datasets (Dan Webb, PSMFC)
 - C. Location Code mappings update request (Jim Longwill, PSMFC)
 - D. Other Announcements...
- 3. Status of 2010-11 funding for the Regional Mark Processing Center (George Nandor)
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: ...
 - NOAA Fisheries: ...
 - Bonneville Power Administration: ...
- **4. Proposal to add new agency wire prefix code(s)** (Ken Molitor, NMT)

NMT proposes to assign one or two new CWT agency prefixes for use by agencies in some California salmon and steelhead tagging programs. (Handout will be provided.)

- **5. All-Agency Update on:** (Tag-Coordination Representative, ALL-AGENCY Participation)
 - Tagging Levels for 2011.....see tables below
 - Mass Marking for 2011.....see tables below
 - Mark-Selective Fishery Plans &/or Commentssee tables below

Member agencies:

Agency or Organization	2011 Tagging Levels	2011 Mass Marking	MSF Plans & Comments
FWS / U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service			
MIC / Metlakatla Indian Community			
IDFG / Idaho Dept. Fish & Game			
ODFW / Oregon Dept. Fish & Wildlife			
NMFS / National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska			
NIFC / Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission			
[NWR / National Marine Fisheries Service, NW]			
CDFO / Canada Department of Fisheries & Oceans			
CDFG / California Department of Fish & Game			
CRFC / Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission			
[BCFW / B.C. Ministry of Env., Fish & Wildlife]			
WDFW / Washington Dept. Fish & Wildlife			
ADFG / Alaska Dept. Fish & Game			

Other releasing agencies:

Agency or Organization	2011 Tagging Levels	2011 Mass Marking	MSF Plans & Comments
YAKA / Yakama Tribe			
NEZP / Nez Perce Tribe			

- **6. Update from Data Sharing Committee** (George Nandor)
- 7. Pseudo-Tag Identification in Database, problems & questions (Jim Longwill)

We would like to address the issue of identifying and managing pseudo-tag release groups in the database. (Handout will be provided.)

8. Update on Selective Fisheries Evaluation Committee activities (Carrie Cook-Tabor, USFWS)

9. Re-visit RMC Regional Agreements Document (George Nandor)

This document was last updated 10 years ago, and we have found that it may be out of date. For example, the conditions under which the Adipose clip are required with use of the CWT may have changed since April, 2001 (ex. see table in part III.2). This question arises in part from an inquiry made by CDFO in Nov 2010 in which CWT Chinook were being released as an experimental group but not part of a DIT group. It is a variance to normal CDFO operations. All agencies might want to re-examine this section of the April 2001 document. Are there other sections that need re-visiting?

APR 29: FRIDAY: 8:00 AM - NOON

- 10. Special Marking Requests & Announcements for 2011: (George Nandor)
 - Requests & Announcements received to date: (see associated sheets)
 - 1. Request: Adipose-clip; Williams Creek fall sockeye (Lakelse Lake); received by the RMPC Wed, Mar 16, 2011; from CDFO / Kathy Fraser;
 - Request: Adipose clip + Thermal Mark; Chinook; Crooked Creek, Deception Creek, and Ninilchik River; received by the RMPC Fri, Apr 15, 2011; from ADFG / Catherine Robinson:
 - 3. Announcement: Adipose-clip + 100% CWT; McKenzie River Spring Chinook; received by the RMPC Fri, Apr 15, 2011; from ODFW / Ken Johnson;
 - Requests involving use of pseudo-tags?
 - Other requests?
- 11. Update on Alaska Sampling & Fisheries (Catherine Robinson, Ron Josephson, ADFG)

Update on sampling with wands, no tags, mark rates, and seine area expansions.

- **12.Update on High Seas CWT Sampling and Recovery Program for 2010** (Adrian Celewycz, NMFS-AK)
- 13. Northwest Marine Technology (Ken Molitor)
 - Product update
 - Question and Answer session

APR 29: AFTERNOON

Visit to Fisheries & Oceans Canada: Institute of Ocean Sciences (IOS), Sidney, BC; 1:00pm - 4:00pm (Doug Herriott, CDFO)