

**2007 REGIONAL MARK COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Hosted by CRITFC (Marianne McClure) and ODFW (Christine Mallette)  
April 25-26, 2007  
Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge, Warm Springs, Oregon

**\*\*\*Final Agenda\*\*\***

**APRIL 25: WEDNESDAY: 8:00 AM; Meeting Rm: "Jefferson"**

**1. General business items** (George Nandor, PSMFC)

- Welcome and introductions
- Introduction of George Nandor, RMPC Program Manager, PSMFC
- 2008 meeting to be in California: Site and date to be determined

**2. Regional Mark Processing Center operations and announcements**

**A.** Discussion of new RMPC Strategic Plan for 2006-2009 (George Nandor)

There will be presented for open review and discussion the RMPC Strategic Plan that was developed last year as the principal guiding documentation for RMPC projects, activities, and related work statements. This document will be handed out at the meeting and is also readily available on the RMPC web site.

**B.** Status of CWT data files and RMIS web site (Dan Webb, PSMFC)

- California now has submitted near-to or all untagged/unassociated Releases;
- Others...

**C.** Improvements needed in processing Release datasets (Jim Longwill, PSMFC; Bill Johnson, ADFG)

The RMPC is working on incorporating the ability to identify a full data submission vs. a partial submission and thereby allow for automatically identifying and purging an agency's invalid release records;

**D.** Discussion of RMIS GIS project and related map projects for CWT data (Jim Longwill, Bill Johnson)

The RMPC has new maps for RMIS Region/Basin codes – w/ proposed revisions to the coding system. This will be presented along with a request for agencies to review the Region & Basin definitions in their location codes and work with Jim Longwill to make any corrections needed to ensure that the codes correspond to the maps. The new availability of PSC Format Location and Release data files on the RMPC FTP site will be mentioned. Bill Johnson may also be able to illustrate a Google maps feature now developed at the ADFG CWT Laboratory.

**E.** RMPC announces: Symposium on Anadromous Salmonid Tagging and Identification Techniques in the Greater Pacific Region (George Nandor)

This symposium will identify the key tagging, marking and other identification technologies and illustrate the strengths of each. It will also explore ways in which these technologies are being used to meet diverse needs including harvest management, stock identification, hatchery evaluation, hatchery contribution, fish passage within river systems, and assessment of stock restoration efforts.

- Dates: **October 9 & 10, 2007**
- Location: **Governor Hotel - Portland, Oregon**

**3. Status of 2008 funding for the Regional Mark Processing Center** (George Nandor)

4. **Update on mass marking & changes in agency tagging levels for 2007** (George Nandor)
  - California: Greatly increased tagging levels: (now to tag 25% of all releases, etc.);
  - Columbia River Chinook releases: now set to be 100% mass marked;
  - Update sought regarding status of intended joint memorandum to program managers regarding desequestering of the LV clip on steelhead (see MM Minutes 2006, Appendix P, #5).
  
5. **Yakama Nation's need for new tag coordinator code & new agency code(s)** (Marianne McClure; Bill Bosch, YAKA)

Discuss Yakama's production program and Bill Bosch's role as Yakama Nation's tag coordinator.
  
6. **Update of the coded wire tag system along the Pacific coast and worldwide** (Geraldine Vander Haegen, NMT)
  
7. **Discussion of sequential coded wire tags** (Geraldine Vander Haegen)

Geraldine will lead a discussion of what sequential coded wire tags are, how they work, and the reporting issues associated with them
  
8. **Northwest Marine Technology** (Guy Thornburgh, Geraldine Vander Haegen, Ken Molitor)
  - Product update: NMT will update the Committee on products (e.g., progress with the T13 Tunnel Detector, the improved V Detector, the new Individual Fish Counter, AutoFish System enhancements).
  - Strengthening the CWT system
  - Question and Answer session
  
9. **Test of new NMT fish counter** (Ken Phillipson, NWIFC)
  
10. **Update on PSC Selective Fishery Evaluation Committee activities** (Ron Olson and Marianna Alexandersdottir, NWIFC)
  
11. **Update on PSC CWT Workgroup: Implementation of Expert Panel Recommendations** (Marianna Alexandersdottir)

It was decided in the 2006 meeting to await the final recommendations of the CWT Workgroup in order to update the "Regional Coordination and Agreements on Marking & Tagging Pacific Coast Salmonids." as well as re-visit this issue in 2007 (see MM Minutes 2006, Appendix P, #4).

**Adjourn: 5:00 PM**

**5:30 – 9:00 PM – Dinner and evening event at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge: Tribute to Dr. Ken Johnson:**

- 5:30-6:30 PM cocktails/social hour
- 6:30 to 9:00 PM salmon dinner in the Salmon Bake area, prepared by Kah-Nee-Ta

**APRIL 26: THURSDAY: Reconvene at 8:00 AM; Meeting Rm: "Jefferson"**

**12. Discuss status of proposed "PSC Data Exchange Format V4.1" (Mark Kimbel, WDFW)**

**13. Data reporting situation in California (George Nandor)**

Klamath/Trinity R system: A process is underway to coordinate reporting of in-river and hatchery returns. However, in response to a need for these data, the RMPC is now undertaking the task of obtaining raw recovery, catch/sample information from each tribe and agency separately until a coordination process is put in place.

**14. Any special marking requests? (George Nandor)**

- Marking variance requests for adipose-only marking studies
- Marking requests involving use of blank wire

**15. High-seas sampling program (Adrian Celewycz, NMFS-AK)**

- A. Annual presentation of high-seas fisheries and interceptions of CWTs;
- B. Proposal to have the database of CWT releases of ESA-listed ESUs managed by the RMPC and hosted on RMIS.

**16. Presentation: "Overview of Deschutes fall Chinook stock assessment and restoration programs" (Chris Brun, CRITFC)**

**Adjourn: 12:00 Noon**

**Afternoon: 1:00+ PM – Site visit to the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery**

Tour the adult Chinook salmon sorting device that separates live tagged and untagged adults to support their "integrated" hatchery program approach. An explanation of the program will be included.

We could tour the rest of the facility as well if there is interest.

The hatchery is about a 10 minute drive from Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge.