

2009 REGIONAL MARK COMMITTEE MEETING
(33rd Annual Meeting)

Hosted by: Metlakatla Indian Community
and Alaska Dept Fish & Game
City Council chambers, Metlakatla, Alaska
May 12,13, 2009

DRAFT 2 Agenda

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See also link: [Mark Meeting 2009 RMPC Information Webpage](#)

MAY 12: TUESDAY: 9:00 AM

1. General business items (George Nandor, PSMFC)

- Welcome and introductions
- 2010 meeting is to be in Idaho: site and date to be determined; 2011 meeting is intended to be hosted in Canada (BC).

2. Regional Mark Processing Center operations and announcements

A. Presentation: a brief history of the Mark Meetings, RMPC and coast-wide data exchange formats (George Nandor)

B. Update on conversion to new Version 4.1 PSC Data Exchange format (George Nandor)

C. RMPC web site – latest developments (Dan Webb, PSMFC)

D. Status of CWT data files (Dan Webb)

E. Other RMPC Updates (George Nandor)

- PSMFC computer center
 - New Fiber Optic internet connection installed in May, 2008
 - Purchased and installed new RMIS database server in June, 2008
- Developments in Idaho tagging program
 - PSMFC asked to operate IDFG Tagging & Marking Program
 - new PSMFC employees
 - 3 weeks into it so far
- Final results of Columbia River Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG) process
 - Report to Congress
 - System-wide Review
 - Major recommendations
 - For more info see the HSRG document library at: <http://hatcheryreform.us>

F. Update on RMIS spatial data enhancement project (Jim Longwill, PSMFC)

There will be an update on current progress with the PSC Domain/Region/Basin analysis project -- including RMPC efforts to verify the geographic integrity of CWT data elements. Example maps and spreadsheets will be shown.

3. Status of 2009-10 funding for the Regional Mark Processing Center (George Nandor)

Three funding sources for the RMPC:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service funding is stable again
- NOAA Fisheries funding is now a question – Anadromous Fish Fund was not included in the 2009 Budget recently passed by Congress and signed by the President. PSMFC has asked NOAA for additional funding for the RMPC.
- BPA funding was restored to 2008 level. 15% cut restored

4. Update on mass marking, selective fisheries, & agency tagging levels for 2009 (George Nandor)

Agency Updates:

- Canada
- Alaska
- Washington
- Oregon
- California
- NWIFC
- CRITFC
- Other Agencies?

5. Nez Perce tribe has need for new tag coordinator code & new agency code(s) (Marianne McClure; Mike Tuell /NEZP)

Designate Nez Perce tribe as Reporting Agency (as 'NEZP') independent from Columbia R Inter Tribal Fish Commission ('CRFC') agency. I.e. NEZP will now report Release, Recovery, and possibly Catch Sample data directly to the RMPC. Discuss the Nez Perce production program. Note:

- NEZP has been setup in Dec, 2008 w/ Mike Tuell preparing data; NEZP will have its own data-providing account for FTP upload to the RMPC;
- NEZP will continue to refer to CRFC as the representative for RMC committee issues;
- Location Codes: NEZP is to utilize Location codes for: Idaho St (IDFG); Washington St (WDFW), and Oregon St (ODFW) as needed. If any new location codes are needed for future reporting, NEZP will work with the given state and RMPC to have the code(s) added to the database.

6. Update on PSC Data Standards Work Group Meeting (June, 2008) (Kathy Fraser, CDFO)

7. Update on status of PSC Data Sharing Committee meeting (Norma Jean Sands, NOAA)

8. Update on Selective Fisheries Evaluation Committee activities (Ron Olson, NWIFC)

Adjourn: 5:00 PM

Artist Village will be open for shopping (Native art and crafts)

MAY 13: WEDNESDAY: Reconvene at 8:00 AM

9. Any special marking requests? (George Nandor)

• Requests already approved for 2009:

- Received & broadcast Fri, March 9, 2009 by the RMPC; from CDFO / K. Fraser; Snootli Cr Chum / Adipose fin:
 - a) Number of fish: 200,000
 - b) Species and Run: Chum- summer run
 - c) Brood year: 2008
 - d) Stock(s): Snootli Creek
 - e) Hatchery(ies): Snootli Creek Hatchery
 - f) Geographic area(s): British Columbia- Central Coast
 - g) Release date: end of March 25 to early April, 2009
 - h) Duration of this marking program: 1 week

See further notes from: *Roberta Cook/CDFO*; Roberta.Cook@df-mpo.gc.ca

- Received & broadcast Fri, March 9, 2009 by the RMPC; from CDFO / K. Fraser; Cultus Cr Sockeye / agency-only wire:
 - a) Number of fish: 55,000
 - b) Species and Run: sockeye, fall run
 - c) Brood year: 2008
 - d) Stock(s): Cultus Lake
 - e) Hatchery(ies): Inch Creek Hatchery Sockeye Satellite
 - f) Geographic area(s): British Columbia- Lower Fraser
 - g) Release date: April, 2010
 - h) Duration of this marking program: 6 days
- See further notes from: *Roberta Cook/CDFO*; Roberta.Cook@df-mpo.gc.ca
- Received & broadcast Fri, July 11, 2009 by the RMPC; from USFWS / D. Zajac; Regarding proposed use of "agency" only wire at the Kooskia National Fish hatchery in Idaho. Application of these tags should not impact the coastwide CWT program. We are a bit late on our request as you will notice that the proposed tagging date is July 24. See also: Howard Burge /USFWS-Idaho at 208.476.7242.

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

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

Annual presentation of high-seas fisheries and interceptions of CWTs.

11. Northwest Marine Technology (Geraldine Vander Haegen, Ken Molitor, NMT)

- Product update:
- Question and Answer session

Adjourn: 12:00 Noon

Tour of the Metlakatla Fish Processing Plant, Fish Hatchery and Health Clinic (Steve Leask, MIC)

7:00 PM Dinner at the Longhouse with the 4th Generation Native Dance Group (Hosted by NMT)