
2013 RCMT MEETING

37th Annual Meeting

Hosted by: **Oregon Dept. Fish & Wildlife**

Location: [McMenamins Edgefield](#), Troutdale, OR

Dates: **April 3,4, 2013**

Final Agenda

For further information see: [2013 RCMT Meeting Webpage](#).

APR 3: WEDNESDAY: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

1. General Business Items (George Nandor/PSMFC)

- Welcome and introductions;
- Next year's mtg – 2014 -- is intended to be hosted in California: what dates to consider?
- The 2015 meeting is intended to be hosted in Alaska;
- Review agenda

2. Regional Mark Processing Center operations & announcements (George Nandor)

A. NWPCC Fish Tagging Forum -- process & current status

B. Status of CWT Datasets (Dan Webb/PSMFC)

C. Data Integrity Efforts (Dan Webb)

D. Reporting Agency Coordination for Release Data (George Nandor)

We wanted to highlight the issue of seeking to improve inter-agency coordination when tag-coded groups are transferred from one agency to another (ex.. transfers from USFWS to NEZP agency, etc., other examples?). These situations can have a significant impact on the RMPC's ability to get coast-wide recovery data validated in a timely manner.

E. Other Announcements..

3. New Hatchery: Chief Joseph; Colville Confederated Tribes (Keith Wolf/COLV)

The Colville Tribe(s) (current RMIS acronym: COLV) are now opening the new Chief Joseph hatchery & have provided their new fish marking & release information to the RCMT. It is also intended to add Colville Tribes as a new data Reporting Agency. (see addition to tables below). See also the hatchery website: <http://www.colvilletribes.com/cjhp.php> .

4. Calculation of, and issues with, CWT SAR analyses (Bill Bosch/YAKA)

Discuss issues with some Chinook tagging programs in Yakima Basin and how the CWT database is used to produce smolt-to-adult survival analyses [given the type of tagging involved

e.g. including non-snout locations, etc.]. Some questions: What constitutes an “adult return” [in these cases]? [Could a meaningful SAR / RMIS SA1 result be obtained from these data]?

5. Discussion of California's 25% fractional tagging program (Ken Johnson)

We are seeing that samplers must take lots of snouts when a fishery encounters large numbers of California fall Chinook. Excessive numbers of snouts taken by sampling crews has a serious impact on reducing the value of those fish for both commercial and sport fishers.

6. Update on SFEC Regional Coordination Working Group (RCWG) (Ron Olson/NWIFC)

7. Update on SFEC Analytical Working Group (AWG) (Marianna Alexandersdottir/NWIFC)

8. Update & discussion -- Double Index Tagging (Marianna Alexandersdottir)

9. Update & Discussion of CWTIT Program & Project Status (Ken Johnson, Cathy Fraser /CDFO)

10. All-Agency Update on: (Tag-Coordination Representative, ALL-AGENCY Participation)

- Tagging Levels for 2013.....see tables below
- Mass Marking for 2013.....see tables below
- Mark-Selective Fishery Plans &/or Commentssee tables below

Member agencies:

Agency or Organization	2013 Tagging Levels, Mass Marking, MSF Plans, Comments
[NWR / National Marine Fisheries Service, NW]	
NMFS / National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska	
NIFC / Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission	
WDFW / Washington Dept. Fish & Wildlife	
ODFW / Oregon Dept. Fish & Wildlife	
ADFG / Alaska Dept. Fish & Game	

[BCFW / B.C. Ministry of Env., Fish & Wildlife]	
MIC / Metlakatla Indian Community	
IDFG / Idaho Dept. Fish & Game	
CRFC / Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission	
CDFO / Canada Department of Fisheries & Oceans	
CDFW / California Department of Fish & Wildlife	
FWS / U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	

Other reporting agencies:

Agency or Organization	2013 Tagging Levels, Mass Marking, MSF Plans, Comments
NEZP / Nez Perce Tribe	
YAKA / Yakama Nation	
COLV / Colville Tribe(s)	

11. Special Marking Requests & Announcements for 2013: (George Nandor)

- **Requests & Announcements received to date:** (see ..?)
- **Requests involving use of “agency-only wire”?**
- **Other requests?**

NOTE: Wednesday Service:

8:30AM Coffee/Tea service set up

9:00AM Meeting Start Time 10:30AM Break, beverage service

12:30 LUNCH is served IN THEATER (soup and salad bar) 3:00PM Break, beverage service

APR 4: THURSDAY: 8:00 AM - NOON

12. Status Update on PSC Data Sharing and Data Standards Groups (George Nandor)

13. Tag placement problems identified in CWT labs (Kathy Fraser/CDFO (?))

Some labs in Canada have identified an issue with tag placement -- observing an increasing percentage of misplaced tags.

14. Discussion of rules for sending back tags to other agencies (Ken Johnson/ODFW)

Do they really want them returned? Probably some agencies will. However, we are fine without physically having other agencies send our tags back as we no longer read the tags that are sent back. That doesn't make much sense with the easily read decimal tags today. In addition, some don't have the luxury of funding nor staff time to spend on re-reading tags. We probably will want to talk about our move to just tape recovered tags to a page (50/page) and store them in binders rather than in Kodak slide type boxes that take up a huge amount of space over time. Instead, we just sort the tags by sampled fishery and snout id label. That saves us a ton of time as it eliminates a lot of non-productive sorting.

15. Update on High Seas CWT Sampling and Recovery Program (Adrian Celewycz/NMFS-AK)

16. Presentation on Testing of new NMT T-Wands (Geraldine Vander Haegen/NMT)

NMT began field testing the T-Wand in the fall of 2010, and continued testing through 2011. Based on this work, comments collected, and some modifications made, NMT presents the conclusions regarding the T-Wand.

17. Northwest Marine Technology (Geraldine Vander Haegen)

- Product update
- Question and Answer session

NOTE: Thursday Service:

8:00AM Coffee/Tea service set up
10:15AM Break, beverage service

APR 4: AFTERNOON

Field trips: ~1:30pm - 4:00+ pm (Ken Johnson)

There are arranged visits to these facilities for anyone interested:

1. Bonneville Hatchery complex (inside tour + visit to tagging trailer);
2. Cascade Hatchery;
3. Oxbow facility (incl. Herman Cr. ponds).