

2018 RCMT MEETING

42nd Annual Meeting

Hosted by: **US Fish & Wildlife Service & UW**
Location: **Friday Harbor Laboratories**
620 University Rd, Friday Harbor, WA
Dates: **April 24,25, 2018**
Meeting rm: **Commons**

Final Agenda

For further meeting information see: 2018-meeting-calander-and-information.html
Other references include: [RCMT Meeting Minutes 2016.pdf](#)
: [RCMT Meeting Minutes 2017.pdf](#)

APR 24: TUESDAY: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

1. General business items (George Nandor /PSMFC)

- Welcome and introductions;
- Next year's mtg – 2019 -- is intended to be hosted in Oregon: what dates to consider?
- The 2020 meeting is intended to be hosted in California;
- Alas: Mark Kimbel has retired from WDFW and we must bid him well in absentia(!). We have not heard of a replacement for him, so is there any word on this (e.g. from WDFW)?
- Review agenda

2. Regional Mark Processing Center operations & announcements (RMPC staff)

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

B. RMPC, Other Announcements .

3. All-Agency update on: (Tag-Coordination Representative, ALL-AGENCY Participation)

- Tagging Levels for 2018.....see tables below
- Mass Marking for 2018.....see tables below
- Mark-Selective Fishery Plans &/or Commentssee tables below

Member agencies:

Agency or Organization	2018 Tagging Levels, Mass Marking, MSF Plans, Comments
MIC / Metlakatla Indian Community	
CRITFC / Columbia R. Intertribal Fish Commission	
CDFW / California Department of Fish & Wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> handout provided (Jason Azat /CDFW)
CDFO / Fisheries & Oceans Canada	

ADFG / Alaska Dept. Fish & Game	
USFWS / U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	
IDFG / Idaho Dept. Fish & Game	<input type="checkbox"/> handout provided (Brian Leth /IDFG)
WDFW / Washington Dept. Fish & Wildlife	
NMFS / National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska	
NWIFC / Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission	
ODFW / Oregon Dept. Fish & Wildlife	

Other reporting agencies:

Agency or Organization	2018 Tagging Levels, Mass Marking, MSF Plans, Comments
CCT / Colville Confederated Tribe(s)	
YAKA / Yakama Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> handout provided (Bill Bosch /YAKA)
NPT / Nez Perce Tribe	

4. Agency Application Process & Bag Tag Methodology (George Nandor, Dave Knutzen /NMT)

(See ref per above link: [minutes, RCMT, 2017, Vancouver](#): Item #13)

We seek to improve all agency's understanding how other agencies are getting their tag recoveries completed. This is related to last year's discussion on labeling & field processes. Consider preparing to discuss some of these issues for your agency / lab as follows (formal presentation is not necessary):

- How are snouts labeled? (bar code, etc.) and transported to the lab (illustrate)?
- How effective is the snout cutting process? (hatchery setting and mobile settings, cutting board mold/ guillotine, etc.);
- How is the tag code recorded? Is it digitally read (efficiency) or manually read and transcribed to paper?

5. Presentation: “The Salish Sea Marine Survival Project..” (Michael Schmidt /LLTK)

This presentation is: “The Salish Sea Marine Survival Project: An update of findings”, by Michael Schmidt, Deputy Director of Long Live the Kings. It has to do with research on salmon and steelhead survival in the Salish Sea, where a downward trend was well documented with CWT data.

6. Presentation & Discussion: Parentage-Based Tagging (Christian Smith /USFWS)

7. Discussion: How to Report Transboundary Tagging and Recoveries? (Kathy Fraser /CDFS)

We are seeking inter-agency discussion on issues that may be faced when projects are delivered collaboratively or when fisheries cross state or country boundaries. There should be (may already be) clear responsibilities for defining ‘Reporting Agency’ to prevent duplication in the integration of data across agencies or double counting. Specific issues we would like discussion on are:

- 1) AK/Canada transboundary river collaborative tagging projects: Collaborative tagging projects by AK & Yukon personnel on Taku and Stikine rivers. Tagging location (country) dependent upon camp location but personnel from both countries involved. Currently all tags used are AK tags, reported by AK, resulting in potential misinterpretation of data. Request to have NMT provide ‘AK/YK transboundary’ tagcode series for such projects. Need advice regarding reporting roles.
- 2) AK/Canada (Yukon) fishery sampling collaborative projects: Fishery sampling by Yukon personnel with heads going to AK lab. Currently [Yukon] and Canada report with cwt estimates and AK reports as selects (since processed in their lab) resulting in duplication. Need advice regarding reporting roles for recoveries.
- 3) Canada/Washington sport fishery sampling. Canada samples this Canadian fishery and provides estimates, irrespective of ‘who’ is fishing (i.e., including Washington fishers using Canadian licenses). Washington samples US fishers landing at US ports and provides estimates for subset of Washington harvesters fishing in Canadian fishery landing at Washington ports. This results in double counting of US harvesters. Need advice regarding reporting roles/methods. Similar to ‘pass-through’ sampling?
- 4) Any similar issues between US states (e.g. On Columbia River – Washington/Oregon?)

APR 25: WEDNESDAY: 8:00 AM - NOON

8. [Body Tagging Procedures, Update & Presentation (Rhonda Dasher /CCT)]
[This item is suspended as Rhonda Dasher is likely unable to attend the meeting.]

9. Special marking requests & announcements for 2018: (George Nandor)

- **Requests & announcements received to date:** (see attachment)
- **Requests involving use of 'agency-only wire'?**
- **Other requests?**

10. Northwest Marine Technology (Geraldine VanderHaegen /NMT)

- Product update
- Q&A: issues with current equipment & usage, etc.

APR 25: AFTERNOON

Tour: Friday Harbor Labs

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