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TO : Committee on Anadromous Fish Marking and Tagging DATE: January 6, 1982

FROM : Ken Johnson, Regional Mark Coordinator *K. Johnson*

SUBJECT: Finalized Agenda for the Annual Mark Meeting and Preparatory Materials

Mark Meeting Arrangements:

The finalized agenda for the January 13th (9am-4pm) Mark Meeting is attached for your review. There is much work to be accomplished, particularly for agenda Item IV. Therefore we will need to start promptly at 9am in order to finish on time.

Please note also that the meeting site for this year has been changed from the customary ODFW office building to the NMFS Conference Room located in the Lloyd 847 Building (3rd Floor) at 847 NE 19th Avenue, Portland. This is located on the corner of NE 18th and Erving (map enclosed*). Convenient lodging may be obtained at the Cosmopolitan Hotel on 1030 NE Union (Tel. 235-8433) or the Imperial '400' Motel at 518 NE Holladay. (Tel. 800-531-5300).

Comments on Specific Agenda Items;

Item II: A copy of the 1981 Mark Meeting agreements is enclosed. Please review them prior to the meeting as we will consider them by section rather than by individual item in the interest of time.

Item III: The Pacific Coast Fisheries Information Network Committee met in mid-December and considered the recommendation that they provide oversight coordination and advice to the Regional Mark Processing Center. Results of that meeting will be discussed.

Item IV: Enclosed* is a memo from John Harville requesting that the Mark Committee devote several hours to an in-depth discussion of issues and problems concerning salmonid studies. The request is particularly relevant to the Mark Meeting forum and will require a serious effort on each of our parts in order to accomplish this task.

Prior to the meeting, please review Harville's memo carefully and consider each of the operational categories in terms of both problems and possible solutions. The Pacific Salmon Sampling and Tagging Manual (PSST) and the new materials that I forwarded previously should also be examined to help identify where the major problem areas are in established procedures, documentation, and regional coordination.

Item V: Bonneville Power Administration has acknowledged an obligation to contribute to on-going or new coded-wire tag recovery programs. However, it has also expressed concern over contributing more than its fair share of financial support.

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COMMITTEE ON ANADROMOUS MARKING AND TAGGING

January 13, 1982
9:00am - 4:00pm

NMFS Conference Room
Lloyd 847 Building (3rd Floor)
847 NE 19th Avenue, Portland

- I. Preliminary Business
 1. Introduction of Committee and other participants.
 2. Review of agenda and call for changes or additions.
- II. Review of the 1981 Mark Meeting agreements on operational procedures of the Mark Committee and regional use of fin marking and coded-wire tags.
- III. Report on the Pacific Coast Fisheries Information Network Committee as an oversight committee for some aspects of the Regional Mark Processing Center's responsibilities
- IV. Discussion on issues and problems concerning salmonid CWT studies - to be chaired by John Harville (Formerly tentative agenda #8)
 1. CWT experimental design and documentation
 2. Regional agreements concerning tagging, etc.
 3. Coastwide CWT sampling problems
 4. Data reporting
 5. Summary documents to be produced
 6. Other issues
- V. Report on coastwide funding for CWT programs and Bonneville Power Administration's participation in providing funding for regionally coordinated programs (Ken Johnson - John Harville)
- VI. Report on the 1981 high seas CWT sampling program and the need for increased observer coverage (Alex Wertheimer, NMFS-Alaska)
- VII. Continued use of agency code 47 by the Metlakatla Indian Community and coordination of their tagging and recovery programs
- VIII. Update on recent advances in micro-tagging technology
 1. Binary coded tags - Keith Jefferts, NWMT
 2. Rare-earth coded tags - Vern Orn, TRC
 3. Experimental silicon chip tags - Earl Prentice, NMFS-Seattle
- IX. Consideration of Idaho's request to re-use tag code 10/01/01 (Rodney Duke, IDFG)
- X. Re-imbusement for recovery of USFWS tags (Don Cole, USFWS)
- XI. Request for increased attention to producing clean recovery data (Dick O'Connor, WDF)
- XII. Problems encountered by some tagging agencies in obtaining their tags following recovery and decoding by other agencies

In addition, BPA officials have expressed concerns over:

- 1) Coordination between agencies independently involved in recovery programs;
- 2) overall coastwide recovery efforts and costs; and
- 3) long-term commitments by recovery agencies.

A meeting convened by Columbia River Fisheries Commission on November 23, 1981 addressed these issues for BPA. Results of the meeting and the need for increased regional coordination of funding will be discussed.

Item IX: Enclosed* is a letter from Rodney Duke (IDFG) requesting permission to re-use tag code 10/01/01. Current agreements permit re-use of tags only if the Mark Committee approves.

One final note:

Thank you for your assistance in reporting the Mark requests on a timely basis! It has been a challenge in some cases because of the holidays and annual leave, but all of the data are in now. A listing of the requests should be in the mail by Thursday and hopefully on your desk by Monday for your review. Please look the requests over carefully as we will not be spending much time on mark allocation (Item I).

JKJ:dmw

Enclosures* sent to Committee members and past participants of the Mark Meeting

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