

2024 RCMT MEETING

47th Meeting

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Tue, May 7th through Thu, May 9th, 2024

start at 10:30 am AKDT

Final Agenda

For further Meeting & Documents information see: [Regional Committee on Marking and Tagging](#)

RCMT Last Year's Meeting Minutes: [rcmt-2023-minutes](#)

MAY 7: TUESDAY: 10:30 AM – 5 PM; LUNCH: 12:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

1. General RCMT Items (Nancy Leonard /PSMFC)

A. Introductions & review agenda

- Special welcome to new reps: Ash Shaffer with NWIFC (member agency); Robert Hogg with CTUIR;
- We would like to recognize the retirement of Bill Bosch w. Yakama Nation.

B. Future meetings

- The 2025 meeting is intended to be hosted in California; we need to confirm dates (likely in April) and discuss possible locations;
- Breaking: Idaho /IDFG has agreed to host the 2026 meeting.

2. Recruitment & Retention of CWT Field Staff (Stan Allen, Lara Erikson /PSMFC)

This is based on Item #3-A from 2023 RCMT meeting. This is a presentation & discussion of the sub-group's findings on how to hire marking and tagging crew members.

3. Regional Mark Processing Center operations & announcements (Dan Webb /PSMFC)

A. Status of CWT Datasets

B. RMPC Webservice API Status Update

- Update on new RMPC webservice for submitting data
- Now trialing API based auto-downloading service for large datasets

4. Northwest Marine Technology (Dave Knutzen, Geraldine Vanderhaegen /NMT)

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

- Tagging Levels, any Mass Marking for 2024, see tables below
- Mark-Selective Fishery Plans &/or Comments, see tables below
- LINK to Agency Planning Documents: [AllAgencyUpdate2024.pdf](#)

Member agencies:

Agency or Organization	2024 Tagging Levels, Marking Plans, Comments
ADFG / Alaska Dept. Fish & Game:	See agency-provided document in above link
IDFG / Idaho Dept. Fish & Game:	See agency-provided document in above link
WDFW / Washington Dept. Fish & Wildlife:	
USFWS / U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service:	See agency-provided document in above link
ODFW / Oregon Dept. Fish & Wildlife:	
MIC / Metlakatla Indian Community:	
CDFW / California Department of Fish & Wildlife: ...	See agency-provided document in above link
CDFO / Fisheries & Oceans Canada ■ :	
CRITFC / Columbia R. Intertribal Fish Commission:	
NWIFC / Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission: ...	See agency-provided document in above link
NMFS / National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska: ...	

■ : Agency CDFO represents two votes (members) of the RCMT;

Other reporting agencies:

Agency or Organization	2024 Tagging Levels, Marking Plans, Comments
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CCT / Colville Confederated Tribe(s): See agency-provided document in above link .
CTUIR / Confederated Tribes Umatilla: See agency-provided document in above link .
NPT / Nez Perce Tribe:
YAKA / Yakama Nation:

6. Presentation: CWT Sampling: The Case for Electronic-Field Detection (Michele Masuda, Adrian Celewycz /NMFS-AK)

See: [Masuda Celewycz 2019 Electronic Field Detection.pdf](#)

MAY 8: WEDNESDAY: 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

7. RCMT Best Management Practices CWT (Nancy Leonard, Monica Diaz /PSMFC)

This is based on Item #4 from 2023 RCMT meeting: [Need to Develop Standard Procedures for New CWT Labs](#) (Ron Olson /NWIFC).

- Update on April 22, 2024 and input received;
- Timeline for process and upcoming workshops; Q&A;
- See also: [CWT-Lab-Standards-Proposal-for-a-Workshop-14April2024.docx](#) .

8. Update on PSC Data Exchange Projects & 2024+ Workplan (Nancy Leonard, Jim Longwill /PSMFC)

- PSC Data Exchange V 4.2: was implemented in [Oct 2023](#) & the corresponding [data specification](#) document was published through the Pacific Salmon Commission in Dec 2023;
- Proposed merger of Working Group on Data Standards into Data Sharing (TCDS) presented to PSC commissioners during PSC February 2024 meeting;
- PSC Data Exchange V 5.0: Existing proposals (18) are being finalized & aimed for 2025 implementation;
- PSC Data Exchange V 5.0: Some new proposals being considered;
- New ‘controlled vocabulary’ is being produced to describe all terms and definitions used in the PSC Data Exchange and RMIS database. The controlled vocabulary builds on definitions from TCDS-1989-1 Appendix 4.3 Detail Definitions and other sources. This project (see TCDS Pr #3) was begun by TCDS in 2023 and is underway with likely completion for V 5.0;
- Are there any questions that RCMT members have on PSC data exchange?

9. Request to Facilitate Auto-trailer Information Sharing (Nancy Leonard and Kathryn Fraser /CDFO)

Discussion item on how to facilitate inter-agency communication about autotrailer information such as sharing approaches to disinfection. See: [Inquiry-rcmt-2024-nmt-autotrailers](#).

10. Intro & Overview of Item #11 for tomorrow: Working Session... (Nancy Leonard)

MAY 8: AFTERNOON

FIELD TRIPS:

- Ted Stevens Marine Research Institute; meet at 1pm for car-pooling, tour starts at 2pm:
An hour long tour focused on Alaska Fisheries Science Center's two main missions: fish stock assessment of the North Pacific Ocean, and ecosystem research. We will start in the downstairs aquarium area with a general overview of Alaska Fisheries Science Center and then move into the lab wing to view/discuss the different methods (e.g., surveys, eDNA analysis, analytical chemistry, bioenergetics analyses, etc.) scientists use to study marine ecosystems in Alaska. Cameras are welcome.. See: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/about/alaska-fisheries-science-center>
- Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center (only if time permits)
See: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/about-forest/offices/?cid=stelprdb5400800>

MAY 9: THURSDAY: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

11. Working Session: Updating the 2011 Regional Coordination & Agreements: (Nancy Leonard, RCMT members)

- This is based on Item #7 (RCMT: Update to Regional Agreements & Agency Roles, Etc.) from 2023 RCMT meeting, and is a continuation of discussion of suggested edits captured during the 2023 RCMT meeting and additional content from Ron Olson added at the end of 2023 (document will be shared at the meeting).
- Current active version: *Regional Coordination and Agreements on Marking and Tagging Pacific Coast Salmonids* (last [updated in 2011](#)).
- This is a presentation on activity to date & discussion with group on updating, re-organizing this document for adoption in 2025.

12. Special Marking Announcements &/or Requests for 2024, 2025: (Nancy Leonard)

- Are there any agency projects (underway or planned) that might affect the sampling, recovery ops of other agencies, or might otherwise be of interest to the RCMT?
- Are there any variance requests from members?