

DATE: January 27, 2014
TO: Fish Screening Oversight Committee
FROM: Neil Ward
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the January 23, 2014 FSOC Teleconference

Fish Screening Oversight Committee Meeting
January 23, 2014
Portland, OR

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Neil Ward (QW Consulting)

By Phone: Mark Lere (MFWP), Paddy Murphy (IDFG), Alan Ritchey (ODFW), Pete Baki (ODFW), Bryan Nordlund (NOAA), Brian Zimmerman (CTUIR), Pat Schille (WDFW), Danny Didricksen (WDFW), Chuck Lenberg (WDFW), Jamie Swan (BPA), and Lynn Palensky (NPCC)

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

Agenda approved with no additions.

ITEM 2: Review and Approve October 24, 2013 Draft Action Notes

ACTION: The draft action notes for the October, 24, 2014 FSOC meeting were reviewed and approved.

ITEM 3: 2014 FSOC Fish Passage Training Session – Preliminary Discussion and Potential Planning

Discussion: Bryan Nordlund provided an update regarding NOAA's interest in continuing the fish passage training sessions. Bryan indicated that with NOAA's reorganization (i.e., the combining of the Southwest and Northwest regional offices) there is some disagreement among the engineers regarding the need to provide the training. Apparently, the engineers from the Southwest regional office believe there is too much work already occurring for them to be involved in additional training sessions. At this time, it remains unknown whether NOAA will be able to provide the staff for training purposes. In addition, Bryan informed the participants that due to retirement, he would not be able to present the training material. Regardless, the FSOC participants expressed the importance of convening a training session in 2014. Subsequently, the participants selected September 15-18, 2014 as the dates for the session to be convened in the general area of Vancouver, WA. The tentative schedule for the training session is as follows:

Monday, September 15, 2014 – Registration and Welcome Social

Tuesday, September 16, 2014 – Culverts with a focus on the WDFW "Road Crossing Manual"

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 – Site Visits (WDFW indicated that there are

plenty of opportunities for site visits in the vicinity of Vancouver, WA).

Thursday, September 18, 2014 – Discuss site visits and screen by-pass systems for reservoirs

ITEM 4: NMFS NW and SW Region Screen Criteria – Process for Combining the Two Regions’ Criteria

Discussion: Bryan Nordlund described the process that he has initiated to combine the screen criteria that NOAA’s Northwest and Southwest regions used. Through this effort, Bryan identified two major differences between the types of screens that are used in the Northwest and Southwest. In the Southwest (i.e., California), a major focus is on screens in tidal areas. The practice in California is not to use off-channel screens but instead they use pump screens and “river edge.” With the river edge approach, refuge areas are created through periodic interruptions between the screens. The other major difference that Bryan has identified is the desired ft/sec. In the Southwest the desired value is .33. Bryan asked the participants to contact him if they had any thoughts and ideas relative to the information that he provided.

ITEM 5: Coordination and Facilitation of FSOC Activities – Continuation of September FSOC Discussion

Discussion: The January meeting was coordinated and facilitated at no cost to the FSOC by Neil Ward, through QW Consulting. Meeting materials and other support were provided by the QW staff and are available via the QW Consulting website. www.qwconsult.com

FSOC participants continued to discuss different approaches regarding the coordination and facilitation of its quarterly meetings, maintenance of its website and archived documents, and the coordination/facilitation of its annual training sessions and workshops. Participants expressed a desire for Neil Ward and QW Consulting to continue to provide the services.

Potential funding sources and approaches for the coordination and facilitations were discussed in detail; however, no decisions could be made due to uncertainties associated with BPA agreements. Lynn Palensky (NPCC) encouraged the FSOC to provide a presentation to the NPCC during their March meeting. Lynn reiterated the importance of expressing the role of the FSOC and the utility that the committee provides to the region.

ACTION: Bryan Nordlund and Amy Windrope (WDFW) will function as the “point people” for the presentation to the NPCC to discuss the FSOC’s role and its plan for 2014-2015. If others are interested in joining Bryan and Amy, please contact Bryan.

ITEM 6: 2015 Fish Passage and Screening Workshop – Update

Discussion: Paddy Murphy confirmed that IDFG would host the 2015 workshop in Salmon, ID. Paddy indicated that a process, without the state’s involvement, would be essential for processing registration fees and associated paperwork and administrative duties.

ITEM 7: Selection of a New FSOC Chair

Discussion: Bryan Nordlund will be retiring during 2014. Subsequently, the FSOC discussed potential candidates to replace Bryan, as Chair, by July 2014. Bryan suggested,

and the participants agreed, that Jody Brostrom would be an ideal candidate for the Chair position.

ACTION: Bryan Norlund will contact Jody Brostrom to inquire about her interest in becoming the next FSOC Chair.

ITEM 10: **Next Meeting**

FSOC Teleconference Meeting
Thursday, April 24, 2014
8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Pacific)