

Fish Screening Oversight Committee

DATE: January 22, 2015
TO: Fish Screening Oversight Committee (FSOC)
FROM: Neil Ward
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the January 22, 2015 FSOC Teleconference

FSOC Teleconference
January 22, 2015
Portland, OR

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Neil Ward (QW Consulting)

By Phone: Paddy Murphy (IDFG), Pete Baki (ODFW), Chuck Lenberg (WDFW), Josj Rogala (WDFW), Jody Brostrom (USFWS), Jeff Brown (NOAA), Michelle McGree (MFWP), Marcy Foster (BPA), Dan Shively (USFWS), Jamie Swan (BPA), Ray Gilmour (WDFW), Brian Zimmerman (CTUIR), Kelly Stokes (ODFW), and Mike Jensen (ODFW)

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of no additional items.

ITEM 2: Approve October 23, 2014 FSOC Meeting Notes

The meeting notes for the October 23, 2014 FSOC meeting were approved with no modifications.

ITEM 3: 2015 FSOC Fish Passage Training Session: Wrap-up

Neil Ward provided a recap of the FSOC's Culvert Training Session that was convened January 12-15, 2015 in Vancouver, WA. Neil reported that 40 attendees had an opportunity to experience a broad program that included a site visit that introduced the participants to planned and completed culvert projects throughout Southwest Washington, as well as fish hatchery facilities and tide gates. Although the attendance was lower than the FSOC had envisioned when the meeting topic was selected, Neil indicated that the meeting attendees reported enjoying the site visit and topics that were addressed during the classroom sessions. Despite the meeting being well-received, Neil indicated that the turnout was significantly lower than the anticipated attendance of 70, potentially the result of another culvert conference scheduled in the upcoming months in Vancouver.

ITEM 4: FSOC Inventory of BPA-Funded Fish Screens – Progress Update

Marcy Foster reported that BPA performed a cursory review of the completed inventories and that additional information and some clarification would be required prior to advancing to the next phase. Marcy indicated that BPA and the NPCC would be meeting during the week of January 26th to review the inventories

and compile their comments. Marcy proposed that following the BPA/NPCC meeting, Neil Ward would attempt to identify opportunities for the FSOC participants to meet with BPA/NPCC either individually or as a group, depending on availability, between mid-February and the end of March. The purpose for these meetings would be to discuss the additional information that BPA/NPCC is seeking and to be available to answer any questions that might arise as a result of the review and requests.

The FSOC will continue to discuss the inventories during the April FSOC teleconference. Besides the review of the inventories, emphasis will be placed on developing definitions for the different types of maintenance and evaluating what screen O&M means to each entity. Paddy Murphy expressed the need to avoid oversimplifying the maintenance needs.

ITEM 5: NOAA's Square Screen Opening Criteria

During the July 24, 2014 FSOC meeting Pete Baki informed the participants of a significant change to NOAA's square screen opening criteria that was described in NMFS's Anadromous Salmonid Passage Facility Design. In 2008, criterion was set at 3/32 inch on a diagonal; however, in 2011 the criterion was changed to 3/32 on a side.

Since Pete had a prior commitment, Paddy Murphy advised the participants that the agenda item would be discussed during the April 23, 2015 FSOC teleconference.

Jeff Brown informed the participants that the NOAA offices will be meeting soon and that he would be communicating the criteria needs to the other staffers. Jeff ensure the participants that he would encourage the other NOAA staffers to provide the FSOC with an opportunity to comment on the NOAA's decision.

ITEM 7: 2015 FSOC Fish Screen Workshop – Salmon Idaho

Paddy Murphy provided an update regarding the 2015 FSOC Fish Screen Workshop that will be convened in Salmon, ID. The following is the general schedule that is being considered:

Monday, September 14: Arrival and potential social during the evening
Tuesday, September 15: Classroom session and BBQ during the evening
Wednesday, September 16: Site visits and spend the night in Stanley, ID
Thursday, September 17: Site visits and assist with sockeye spawning efforts, return to Salmon

Paddy indicated that attendance will likely be capped at 100 and that there will be a concerted effort to ensure the presentations include shop/fabrication and biological aspects associated with fish screens. To ensure the FSOC participants have a chance to secure one of limited spots, Paddy suggested that FSOC participants should be provided with an opportunity to register earlier than other potential attendees.

ITEM 8: Next Meeting

**Thursday, April 23, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Pacific)**