

StreamNet Summer Conference Call
July 21, 2016
9am-11am

AGENDA & MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Chris, Mike, Bill, Greg, Van, Brody, Tom P, Tom I, Steve, Cedric, Dawn, Henry, Bart/ Evan, Bob, Jen

PowerPoint presentation <http://www.streamnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Meeting-PowerPoint-20160718.pptx>

1. How are we doing in the final push to get NOSA and juvenile data for BPA priority populations? Looked at NOSA and Juvenile data tables from the CA Priority Pops pages. Notes reflect comments on those populations where this data is NOT yet in.

- a. Partner updates

Tier 1 data- BPA requested data by August 1, there are a number of populations we are expecting data for but haven't received anything yet; What is their status?

ODFW- Catherine Creek - spring Chinook salmon, Grande Ronde River Upper Mainstem - spring Chinook salmon; on track to deliver what is expected of them, won't make Aug 1 deadline but will likely be an early August delivery

Sho-Ban- Yankee Fork - spring Chinook salmon will provide data for Yankee Fork Chinook by August (SAR, Juv Out, Pre-Smolt)

IDFG- For IDFG many will be partial pop estimates only;

Lochsa River - summer Steelhead; NOSA, Juv Out for steelhead (Fish Creek data) will be in by August

Lolo Creek - summer Steelhead is Nez Perce tribe's responsibility

Selway River - summer Steelhead have no data with which to construct Selway estimates

South Fork Clearwater River - summer Steelhead S Fork Clearwater will get chinook, maybe steelhead delivered

Middle Fork Salmon River Lower Mainstem - summer Steelhead will be in by August

Secesh River - summer Steelhead is Nez Perce tribe's responsibility

South Fork Salmon River - summer Steelhead Nez Perce and IDFG No data

Nez Perce- will provide their data by August directly to Russell

CRITFC- Henry is currently meeting with their tribes to determine what they will be able to submit by August 1; will report back when he knows more

Colville- partial pop avail for Okanogan SAR, no RperS; John A. doesn't have confidence in their current population estimate- BPA thinks they should send in the best data they have instead. Mike will follow up on Omak Creek data sets, used best scientific judgement on best data to enter.

Tier 2 data- what is able to be provided?

ODFW- Hood info already in, waiting on east side data; won't be too much more because data isn't available; unsure about John Day- will check on it

IDFG- some selected Tier 2 juvenile data will be available (Upper Salmon, Lemhi, Pahsermeroi, Upper Mainstem Salmon). No NOSA for steelhead, their new sockeye biologist will allow them to provide sockeye data eventually but probably not by Aug 1

ISEMP providing data for some Washington populations and NOSA for S Fork Salmon River. Chris wants to make sure that states and tribes have looked at ISEMP data and are comfortable with it.

WDFW- all Tier 2 have been submitted

*need to update the table to reflect the latest NOAA decisions on populations

Sho-Ban- Valley Creek Chinook have RperS in and may have more, will have Juv Out for Valley Creek and E Fork Steelhead, and others

b. Impacts to other priorities, issues, etc. Not a lot of discussion on this topic

2. End of Year Spending and FY 2017 Budget

a. Partner updates on any spending issues (+ or -)

MFWP will have 10-15K in savings

ODFW may be overspent by about 1k

IDFG may have surplus in personnel, but overspent in operating and travel so can't commit one way or another

b. Opportunity to roll \$50k in savings into next FY. Chris went through proposal that he had drafted to save 50k this year and roll it into next year (PowerPoint). Major components are to restore cuts that each partner made to balance the budget and to add a contract for tribal coordination to replace funding for the EPA grant, which ends Sep. 30th.

Most of the savings can be done at PSMFC (40K)/ MFWP (10-15K) this fiscal year and used to restore cuts made to reach level funding from FY16 and for a tribal coordination sub contract in FY17

If there's more than 50K in savings identified, then we can talk about additional spending for this year, primarily for devices

New FY17 annual total amount would be 2.195 mil

c. Alternatives (device purchases, other?)

WDFW \$7000 for 2 toughpads

IDFG \$3500 for tablets (can hold off for now)

ODFW \$7000 for 2 toughpads
\$3500 to replace desktop (no longer needed)
May need 2-3 stand up desk modifications (\$1000-\$2000 total)

Chris will make a recommendation to the Executive Committee to save 50K this year and apply to next year (make partners 'whole' for FY17, create tribal sub-contract for Tom Iverson, and try to save additional funds in FY16 to make device purchases this year)

d. End of Current EPA grant – spending & Close out

3. Discuss a possible EPA grant for Bull Trout -WDFW sponsor

a. Identify interested parties (organizations & specific contacts)

Nov '16 is the deadline for submission, late spring '17 for decision

b. Brainstorm alternatives;

i. Bull Trout Distribution updates

Relates to water quality standards (EPA's responsibility) Dawn suggested the possibility of making this a general salmonid distribution grant application. This is an attractive option in that other EPA programs, as well as stream temperature, have salmonid distribution as their basis. Question: why not make it salmonid distribution data exchange and updates? (distribution relates to multiple programs in region 10)

ii. Range-wide status assessment

MFWP idea

Grant would be about setting up the infrastructure, not to collect the data

Need USFWS to help write the grant proposal for bull trout management as it relates to the EPA grant; Steve should get one of the intermediaries on the phone with Chris and he can explain it to them (need brainstorming help on what might be included in the grant proposal)

Need everyone to identify who in their organization we should be talking to in order to coordinate a conference call to brainstorm a plan for moving the grant proposal forward

Brady Allen is bull trout contact for BPA

iii. Other?

Arleta is the current contact for the WDFW GIS shop

Adjourned at 10:55