

# Fish Screening Oversight Committee

DATE: July 28, 2016  
TO: Fish Screening Oversight Committee (FSOC)  
FROM: Neil Ward  
SUBJECT: July 28, 2016 FSOC Teleconference Meeting

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Portland, OR

## Draft Action Notes

**Attendees:** Neil Ward (QW Consulting)

**By Phone:** Paddy Murphy (IDFG), Dan Meier (USFWS), Jody Brostrom (USFWS), Jeff Brown (NOAA), Alan Ritchey (ODFW), Ken Loffink (ODFW) Michelle McGree (MFWP), Bryan Mercier (BPA), Jamie Cleveland (BPA), Brian Zimmerman (CTUIR), Jeremy Voeltz (USFWS), and Steve Montague (BOR)

<b>ITEM 1</b>	<b>Introductions</b>
<b>ITEM 2</b>	<b>FSOC Funding – BPA Match MOA</b>  Bryan Mercier (BPA) indicated that BPA recognizes that the FSOC provides important services to the Columbia River Basin and the Fish and Wildlife Program and that BPA is interested in seeing FSOC continue to provide the services that the region has become accustomed to for over the past 20+ years. Subsequently, Bryan described BPA’s interest to enter into a long-term funding agreement with the entities that would allow for the continuation of the “match” arrangement that was established for the 2016 FSOC facilitation and coordination contract. Bryan suggested that BPA prefers an agreement as it would eliminate the annual funding discussions which reduce efficiency. The FSOC participants expressed interest in the arrangement; however, before committing the participants requested that the duration of the agreement be identified and that a proposal be provided for review by the committee. Participants suggested that an agreement with a shorter timeframe was the preferred approach, as their entities were not comfortable committing to an extended (e.g., 5-10 years) duration.
<b>ACTION</b>	Neil Ward will poll FSOC participants to identify a preferred duration for the agreement
<b>ACTION</b>	Neil Ward will work with BPA staff to draft a proposal describing the arrangement and expectations.
<b>ITEM 3</b>	<b>2016 FSOC Fish Screen Training Session</b>  Jeff Brown (NOAA) and Neil Ward provided updates relative to the agenda, venue arrangements, registration, site visits, and lodging. Jeff provided an overview of the agenda and indicated that a lamprey presentation has been added to the agenda per a request submitted by the Yakama Nation. Although the YN request could be accommodated, Jeff indicated that

	<p>accommodating additional requests would be difficult. Neil informed the participants that Danny Didricksen (WDFW) has been finalizing arrangements with CWU and a local brew pub for the in-classroom sessions and evening social, respectively. In addition, Neil indicated that transportation has been reserved for the site visits and that similar to past conferences, participants will be encouraged to ride in the vans, as parking will be limited at each of the sites. Relative to registration, Neil informed the participants that the 70 spots are filling fast and that those that have not registered should consider registering soon as there typically is a significant pulse at the end of the registration period. Finally, Neil reminded the participants that three blocks of rooms have been reserved at government rates and that the blocks will be released in mid-August.</p>
<b>ITEM 4</b>	<p><b>Fish Screen Inventory - NPCC and BPA Updates</b></p> <p>With Phases I and II of the fish screen inventory and condition assessment process completed, BPA and NPCC has initiated the next step which involves BPA and NPCC meeting with each of the entities to discuss BPA's role and responsibility relative to each of the screens and to determine if there is a responsibility. Because BPA does not have a process fully developed for the review, they have determined that their initial review should be performed on a smaller portfolio. Subsequently, IDFG volunteered to be go first. Neil informed the participants that Paddy has been in communication with BPA and that the review process has been initiated. The BPA and NPCC representatives are scheduled to meet on August 1, 2016, to further develop their process before their next meeting with IDFG. The NPCC staff has been made aware of the potential schedule conflicts that will likely exist throughout the fall due to field work.</p>
<b>ITEM 5</b>	<p><b>Fish Screening in California, the AFSP Perspective</b></p> <p>Dan Meier (USFWS) provided a presentation highlighting fish screening projects and challenges in California. To learn more about the work and how to contact Dan, visit the FSOC website to view the presentation.</p>
<b>ITEM 6</b>	<p><b>FSOC Website Development</b></p> <p>Neil Ward informed the participants that he was still locating historic FSOC data and that the anticipated date for a review of the new FSOC website will be the end of August 2016.</p>
<b>ITEM 7</b>	<p><b>Review and Approve Action Notes from April 28, 2016 FSOC Meeting</b></p> <p>The Action Notes were approved with no changes.</p>
<b>ITEM 8</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, October 27, 2016</b> <b>8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Pacific)</b></p>