

Fish Screening Oversight Committee

DATE: January 24, 2017
TO: Fish Screening Oversight Committee (FSOC)
FROM: Neil Ward
SUBJECT: January 24, 2017 FSOC Teleconference Meeting

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Portland, OR

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Neil Ward (QW Consulting)

By Phone: Jody Brostrom (USFWS), Jeff Brown (NOAA), Ken Loffink (ODFW), Alan Ritchey (ODFW), Jamie Cleveland (BPA), Brian Zimmerman (CTUIR), and Michelle McGree (MFWP)

ITEM 1	Introductions
ITEM 2	Fish Screen Inventory – Update Neil Ward provided an update regarding IDFG’s progress towards completing BPA’s revised fish screen inventory template. Due to personnel changes and workloads for all parties involved, progress slowed during the fall and early-winter; however, Neil indicated that IDFG has begun to work with the NPCC state staffer to ensure that the template is completed by early-spring. At this time the FSOC is unsure of who from BPA has been tasked with overseeing this effort. Subsequently, Neil asked Jamie Cleveland (BPA) if she could look into who BPA is going to assign to the process.
ITEM 3	NOAA’s Updated Screen Criteria – Update Jeff Brown informed the participants that NOAA’s internal effort could possibly be completed within the next two months at which time the document will be released for public review (likely a 30-60 day period). Jeff indicated that current draft does not contain any policy changes relative to screens; however, he did indicate that the weir section will likely require a thorough review by the FSOC.
ITEM 4	FSOC Coordination/Facilitation – Update The FSOC was informed that BPA accepted the MOA principles (i.e. “The FSOC participants that provided funds for FY2016 (i.e., Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Confederated Tribes Umatilla Indian Reservation) are willing to enter into a 5-year agreement for which each entity would contribute not more than \$2,000/year for a total commitment of \$10,000 that would be matched by BPA equating to an annual coordination and facilitation budget of \$20,000. To accommodate the unexpected need to allocate agency and tribal funds elsewhere, the FSOC has requested that the agreement include an annual opt out opportunity for individual entities.”) and to develop a MOA that would continue the “match” arrangement that was established for the 2016 FSOC facilitation and coordination contract. Neil Ward informed the participants that he would be working with BPA to develop the MOA language.

ITEM 5	<p>2017 FSOC Workshop</p> <p>Ken Loffink and Alan Ritchey provided updates regarding their efforts to secure a host venue and lodging, as well preliminary plans/ideas for the classroom and site visit sections of the workshop. Ken informed the participants that the workshop will be convened Monday, September 25 – Friday, September 29, 2017 in Astoria, OR. Ken indicated that blocks of rooms (government per diem rate) have been reserved at three hotels with the Holiday Inn Express being the host hotel where the classroom sessions will be convened. Two potential program items that the participants identified were: 1) how the relicensing of Hells Canyon could affect fish screening and passage and 2) issues and challenges associated with the Imnaha weir. Ken identified a number of sites that would provide participants an opportunity to view different types of screens. Participants discussed potentially spreading the site visits across two days ensuring that there was adequate time for question and answer sessions. In addition, the participants expressed an in interest in seeing examples of smaller screens as that may allow for entities to attract more of the employees those types of screens. In addition, participants indicated that they would like to visit some tide gates. A “Save the Date” notice for the workshop will be distributed in April with registration being opened in May. Although a registration fee of \$190 was discussed, further discussion relative to this topic will occur in April.</p>
ITEM 7	<p>Review and Approve Action Notes from October 27, 2016 FSOC Meeting</p> <p>The Action Notes were approved with no changes.</p>
ITEM 8	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, April 27, 2017 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Pacific)</p>