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TO: Snake River Recovery Planning Coordination Group

FROM: Rick Mogren

SUBJECT: Coordination Group Meeting Notes: January 22, 2014

Introduction:

A meeting of the Snake River Recovery Planning Coordination Group (Coordination Group) convened at 9:00 am (Pacific) in NOAA's Mt. St. Helens conference room, 1201 Lloyd Building, in Portland, Oregon on Wednesday, January 22 2014.

Group participants consisted of representatives from tribes, states, and federal agencies, along with a few non-government participants. Attachment 1 provides an alphabetical list of participants in this and past Coordination Group meetings, member affiliation, and contact information.

These notes present the general nature of the topics presented, a summary of questions and discussion as raised through each portion of the meeting, and next steps. They do not represent a verbatim transcript of the conversation.

Copies of these meeting summary notes, presentation slides, draft recovery plan documents, and fact sheets used at the meeting are available on NOAA's Snake River recovery planning website at:

http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/protected_species/salmon_steelhead/recovery_planning_and_implementation/snake_river/current_snake_river_recovery_plan_documents.html

Opening Comments: (Michael Tehan)

- After welcoming everyone, Michael provided an overview of NMFS' reorganization of the former Southwest and Northwest Regions into the new West Coast Region and how that restructuring relates to Snake River recovery planning. The new "Interior Columbia Basin Office" consists of the Columbia Hydropower Branch, Columbia Basin Branch, and Snake Basin Office. The goal is better integration of Columbia Basin issues and recovery implementation.
- More information on the region's new organization and the functions of its various offices is available on the NMFS website at:
http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/about_us/index.html.
- Michael also reviewed the role of the Snake River Coordination Group. That role is to:
 - Keep members informed about progress, public review opportunities, and status of draft products;
 - participate and provide technical review of individual draft plans;

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- obtain a critical mass of relevant parties to support the final recovery plans and implementation; and
- provide a process to discuss issues and guide parties where to address issues and questions.
- See slides 1-5 in file entitled “Snake River Recovery Plan Overview – Tehan and Furfey” posted on the NOAA website for content.

Draft Ocean Module (Kurt Fresh):

- This is the latest of a series in “modules.” Its purpose is to:
 - Synthesize what we know about how each listed species uses ocean ecosystems.
 - Identify major uncertainties (information needs) regarding their use of the ocean environment.
 - Define the role of the ocean in recovery planning for each species.
- Questions and answers:

Q: Are there life history forms not represented in the module?
A: (Kurt): Yes. We need to identify rare life history types and see how well they are doing.

Q: Is there an uptake of toxics by fish in the ocean?
A: (Kurt): We did not find any references to toxics in the documents reviewed for the module. And I am not aware of any toxics accumulation.
- See slides entitled “Fresh – Ocean Module” posted on the NOAA website for content.
- Kurt expects to complete the draft module in two-three weeks. NOAA will notify Coordination Group members when it is posted and ready for their review.

Snake River recovery planning context and planning status (Rosemary Furfey):

- Rosemary reviewed the status of planning and explained the architecture of the plans for the four listed Snake River species.
 - Snake River fall chinook and Snake River sockeye will each have their own stand-alone plans.
 - Snake River steelhead and spring-summer chinook will be rolled up into one plan.
 - All three plans will incorporate by reference applicable elements of the Ocean, Hydro, Estuary, and Harvest modules.

- Schedules:
 - SR sockeye: intent is to notice the availability of the draft plan in the federal register in June, 2014.
 - SR fall chinook: intent is to notice the draft plan in the federal register in late summer, 2014.
 - SR steelhead and spring/summer chinook: intent is to notice the draft plan in the federal register in the fall of 2014.
 - NOAA expects all plans to be finalized in 2015.
- See slides 6-13 entitled “Snake River Recovery Plan Overview – Tehan and Furfey” posted on the NOAA website for content.

Product and strategy review:

- Snake River fall chinook plan (Elizabeth Gaar):
 - Elizabeth reviewed the plan’s context and schedule and overviewed the content of select chapters
 - See slides entitled “SR Fall Chinook Update - Gaar” posted on the NOAA website for content.
- Snake River sockeye plan (Rosemary Furfey / Paul Kline):
 - Rosemary reviewed the plan’s process, highlights from select chapters, and next steps.
 - See slides entitled “SR Sockeye Overview – Furfey” posted on the NOAA website for content.
 - Paul presented fish return data for the Sawtooth valley, the proposed reintroduction strategies for each lake, and the phasing of those strategies. He also provided an overview of the new IDFG Springfield Hatchery project, which opened in September 2013.
 - See slides entitled “SR Sockeye NOAA Coordination Talk – Kline” posted on the NOAA website for content.
- SE Washington MU plan (Steve Martin):
 - Steve explained the background, organizational structure, status of recovery plan implementation, and issues in southeast Washington.
 - See slides entitled “SE WA MU Update – Martin” posted on the NOAA website for content.
- Snake River steelhead and spring / summer chinook (NE Oregon and Idaho draft MU plans) (Rosemary Furfey):

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- Rosemary presented an overview of steelhead and spring / summer chinook recovery planning, followed by the status and next steps of the NE Oregon and Idaho MU plans and the plan roll-up.
- See slides entitled “SS Chinook and Steelhead – Furfey” posted on the NOAA website for content.

Draft Hydro Module (Ritchie Graves):

- NOAA posted the 2014 Final Supplemental FCRPS Biological Opinion (BiOp) to its website on January 17. The BiOp and related documents are located at http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/fish_passage/fcrps_opinion/federal_columbia_river_power_system.html
- The hydro module the previous (2008) draft hydro module with new information as contained in the FCRPS BiOp.
- Ritchie expects the revised draft hydro module to be ready for Coordination Group review by the end of March, 2014. The intent is to have a final draft ready to be noticed in the federal register with the draft Snake River sockeye recovery plan in June 2014.
- See slides entitled “Hydro Module Update – Graves” posted on the NOAA website for content.
- Questions:
 - Q: What do we know about toxics? Do survival rate estimates capture the effects of toxics?
 - A: (Ritchie): We don’t know how toxics are interacting with the hydro system.
 - Q: Will we be able to address out-of-basin actions beyond those identified in the BiOP?
 - A: (Rosemary): NOAA believes that the robust RME and adaptive management programs are key recovery strategies to address the uncertainties regarding fish response to recovery actions. Additional life cycle modeling work is also needed to understand how fish respond at each life stage.
- Timeline for product review: Coordination Group members are asked to provide their comments on the draft recovery plan documents no later than six weeks from the date they are posted to the NOAA website. Draft documents and their date of release are found at the NOAA website link shown in the “Introduction” section above.

Attachments:

1. Snake River Coordination Group Contact Information

Attachment 1

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