

Governor's Salmon Workgroup Meeting
Agenda: January 17-18, 2020
Boise, Idaho

January 17: 5:00-7:00 PM

Salmon Workgroup Location: Lincoln Auditorium, [Idaho State Capitol Building](#), 700 W Jefferson St, Boise, ID 83720

The Workgroup will hear public comments.

The public is invited to provide comments to the Workgroup. Interested members of the public must sign in and indicate their desire to comment on the record upon entering the meeting. Each member of the public will be limited to 3 minutes apiece; comments will be taken on a "first come, first served basis" per the sign-in sheet. The Governor's Salmon Workgroup accepts [written comments](#) and all written comments will be distributed to the full Workgroup.

January 18: 8:00-5:00 PM

Salmon Workgroup Location: [University of Idaho Boise Water Center](#), Legacy Pointe Room, 332 E. Front St, Boise, ID 83702

Teleconference line: 1-664-876-9923/Meeting ID: 441916150

Videoconference line: <https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/441916150>

- 8:00 Introductions and Opening, Dr. Katherine Himes, University of Idaho (UI)
- 8:15 Agenda Subgroup
Meeting facilitator, Dr. Katherine Himes (UI) will lead the Workgroup through an update from the Agenda Subgroup, including agenda planning.
- 8:20 Mission Statement Subgroup
Meeting facilitator Scott Pugrud, Office of Species Conservation (OSC), Administrator, will lead the Workgroup through an update from the Mission Statement Subgroup and a discussion of their work since the November meeting.
- 8:45 NOAA's Estuarine and Ocean Salmon Research
Brian Burke, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Supervisory Research Fisheries Biologist, will discuss salmon and steelhead estuary and ocean ecology. Brian will also talk about how ocean conditions are evaluated and communicated topics include: Pacific Decadal Oscillation,

El-Nino Southern Oscillation, upwelling, the Blob, and sea surface temperatures. This includes 30 minutes for Q&A and group discussion.

10:00 Break

10:30 Middle Fork Salmon River

Russ Thurow, United States Forest Service (USFS), Fisheries Research Scientist, will discuss central Idaho Chinook salmon habitat and the status and trends of wild populations in those habitats. For the past 25 years, Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG), Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Nez Perce Tribe and the USFS have annually, continuously mapped and georeferenced the distribution of Chinook salmon redds in about 700 miles of the Middle Fork Salmon River basin.

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Harvest Panel Presentations, Discussion, and Q & A

The speakers listed below with their affiliations will each present on various topics pertaining to ocean and downriver harvest issues. Topics include ocean harvest, international treaties (Pacific Salmon Treaty, North of Falcon), Pacific Fishery Management Council, Pacific Salmon Commission, who manages Columbia Basin Fisheries, 2008 Chinook Agreement, Select Area Fisheries (SAFE), Columbia River Compact, treaty fishing in the Columbia River (US v Oregon: structure and process, harvest, and hatchery production commitments), and monitoring. There will be a question and answer period.

- Guy Norman, Washington State Governor's Office, Northwest Power and Conservation Council Member
- Stuart Ellis, Fisheries Harvest Manager, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

4:00 Policy: Path Forward

Meeting facilitator, Dr. Katherine Himes (UI) will lead the Workgroup through a discussion of policy formulation and potential steps the group can work through to develop policy recommendations for Governor Little.

5:00 Adjourn

The public is encouraged to submit written comment directly to the Workgroup:

<https://species.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/82/2019/09/Public-Comment-Form-Salmon-Workgroup.pdf>