

Governor's Salmon Workgroup

Agenda: July 30-31, 2019

Salmon, Idaho

July 30 Tour of Projects in the Lemhi Basin

1:00 Habitat Improvement Tour

The workgroup will tour a complex of habitat improvement projects located near Salmon, ID and discuss the various facets that go into and support habitat improvement actions. The workgroup will explore the flow agreement passed by the Idaho Legislature and the fish screening program that delivers irrigation water. The workgroup also will view and discuss ways to measure habitat improvement.

Please RSVP to Irina Voyce if you plan on attending the tour at irina.voyce@osc.idaho.gov

1:40 Shoshone-Bannock Welcome

Chad Colter, Director, Fish and Wildlife, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, will welcome the Governor's Salmon Workgroup and share perspective on the land.

1:50 Direct Habitat Improvement

Tour Eagle Valley Habitat Restoration Project on the Lemhi River. Jeff Diluccia, Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) and Jen Smith, Lemhi Regional Land Trust, will walk the workgroup through Eagle Valley restoration efforts and talk about the importance of flood plain connectivity, off channel habitat, large wood, and complexity. Juvenile rearing both summer and winter will be the focus of this portion of the tour. These projects are only possible through strong partnerships with land owners, the community, resource managers, and participating non-governmental entities such as Lemhi Regional Land Trust, Trout Unlimited and The Nature Conservancy.

3:30 Habitat Connectivity and Fish Screening

Tour a fish screen on the Lemhi River. Amy Cassel, Idaho Department of Water Resources, will discuss habitat connectivity and the Lemhi flow agreement. Paddy Murphy, IDFG will demonstrate the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) criteria fish screen located here and share with the group details of the Idaho fish screening program, which is the cornerstone of the partnership's habitat improvement and fish recovery efforts in the Upper Salmon Basin.

4:15 Monitoring Habitat Improvement

Tour screw trap. Mike Edmondson, Office of Species Conservation (OSC), will discuss monitoring via fish sampling, share monitoring results, and describe strategies around habitat improvement in the Upper Salmon Basin. Juvenile fish monitoring also will be the emphasis of this stop.

5:00 Return to Salmon

July 31 Salmon Workgroup Meeting at: [IDFG Headquarters](#)
99 Highway 93 N.
Jo Wenger Conference Room
Salmon, ID 83467

Conference line # 1-720-279-0026/Guest passcode: 453580

- 8:30 Welcome to Salmon
Idaho Representative Dorothy Moon will welcome the workgroup to Salmon, ID, discuss Idaho's rural values, and share perspectives on salmon and steelhead from rural Idaho communities.
- 8:50 Feedback from the Workgroup
Meeting facilitators, Katherine Himes, University of Idaho McClure Center, and Scott Pugrud, OSC, will summarize feedback from the workgroup regarding the mission statement. Workgroup members' responses to the comment cards from the first meeting will be reviewed and discussed.
- 9:20 Quantifying Habitat Capacity
Chris Beasley, salmon biologist and biometrician from Biomark, will lead a presentation and question and answer session on the adult to smolt portion of the salmon lifecycle and the various roles habitat plays in producing fish. Tom Curet will present the Lemhi as a microcosm of what habitat looked like historically, how it has changed, and what to do to get it back.
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Panel: Funding for Habitat Improvements
A panel of speakers will talk about the sources of funding for improving salmon habitat to support recovery and growth to abundance and answer workgroup questions. This panel is comprised of Hannah Dondy-Kaplan, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Fish and Wildlife program, Jennie Franks, NOAA Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund, and Kira Christensen, Bureau of Reclamation.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Panel: Types of Habitat Improvements
A panel of speakers from entities implementing salmon habitat improvement projects will share examples of projects, ranging from conservation easements to direct improvement of habitat and the roles and places where particular approaches are most appropriate. The panel will answer workgroup questions. This panel is comprised of Mark Davidson, Nature Conservancy, Rob Richardson, Rio Applied Science and Engineering, Jeff Diluccia, Idaho Fish and Game, and Jim Gregory, Lost River Fish Ecology.

- 2:00 Shoshone-Bannock Presentation
Chad Colter will discuss the Shoshone-Bannock's Salmon River Habitat Enhancement Program as well as their efforts on Bear Valley Creek, Pole Creek, Panther Creek, the East Fork of the Salmon River, and the Yankee Fork of the Salmon River. SBT often partners with other implementors in the Lemhi and Pahsimeroi. The tribe also works in the areas of production and monitoring.
- 3:00 Public Comment
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 or as time permits.
- 3:30 Open Discussion
Meeting facilitators, Katherine Himes and Scott Pugrud will lead the workgroup in a discussion related to habitat actions, funding, and coordination. The workgroup will address other needs connected to the workgroup's charge.
- 4:30 Adjourn