

Governor's Salmon Workgroup Meeting
Agenda: September 20, 2019
Lewiston, Idaho

Salmon Workgroup Meeting at: [IDFG Clearwater Regional Office](#)

3316 16th St.
Clearwater Conference Room
Lewiston, ID 83501

Conference line: 1-605-313-5111/Access code: 213574

- 8:00 Introductions and Brief Opening, Katherine Himes, University of Idaho (UI)

- 8:05 Welcome to Lewiston, Senator Dan Johnson, Legislative District 6
Idaho Senator Dan Johnson will welcome the workgroup to Lewiston, ID and share perspectives on salmon and steelhead from the Clearwater region.

- 8:20 Welcome by Nez Perce Tribe, Shannon Wheeler, Tribal Chairman
Chairman Wheeler will discuss the importance of salmon to the Nez Perce Tribe. Joe Oatman, Deputy Program Manager, will present on the Nez Perce Tribe's involvement in collaborative regional fisheries efforts.

- 9:15 Nez Perce Watershed Program Activities Overview
Emmet Taylor, Director Watershed Program, (NPT) will discuss efforts in the areas of fish passage, water quality, habitat enhancement, and related areas in the Clearwater, Salmon, and adjacent regions.

- 9:45 Break

- 10:00 Highlights of the Nez Perce Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Program
Dave Johnson, Program Manager Fisheries Department, will share the broad range of efforts by the Nez Perce Fisheries Department in Idaho and regional salmon and steelhead restoration goals.

- 10:45 Nez Perce Tribal Fisheries Department Overview Continued
Jay Hesse, Director of Biological Services, will discuss the Flex Spill Plan implemented during the 2019 spring fish migration period and what 2020-2021 spill operations could look like based on the settlement agreement.

- 11:30 Question and answer session on Nez Perce Tribal operations in Idaho and beyond.

- 12:00 Lunch

- 1:00 Mission Statement Subgroup Update and Workgroup Discussion

Meeting facilitator Scott Pugrud, Administrator Office of Species Conservation (OSC), will lead the workgroup through an update from the Mission Statement Subgroup and a discussion of the statement.

- 1:30 Agenda Subgroup Update and Workgroup Discussion
Meeting facilitator, Katherine Himes (UI) will lead the workgroup through an update from the Agenda Setting Subgroup a discussion of their recommendations and framework for future meetings.
- 2:30 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 and comments will be taken on a “first come, first served basis” per the sign-in sheet. ***It is anticipated that more people will want to comment than time allows, and the Governor’s Salmon Workgroup will take written comments and all written comments will be distributed to the full Workgroup.***
- 3:00 Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) System Operations.
Rob Petty from the Bonneville Power Administration will present on the operation of the Lower Snake and Columbia River hydropower projects. Topics will include the annual Fish Operations Plan, Water Management Plan, Fish Passage Plan, and the 2019 Biological Opinion relative to system operations.
- 4:00 Group Discussion and Feedback.
Meeting facilitators, Katherine Himes (UI) and Scott Pugrud (OSC) will lead the workgroup in a discussion related to topics germane to workgroup members. Workgroup members can provide individual feedback to the workgroup.
- 4:30 Adjourn