

Governor's Salmon Workgroup Meeting
Agenda: October 29-30, 2019
Twin Falls, Idaho

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

Salmon Workgroup Meeting at: 315 Falls Ave.

Twin Falls, ID 83301

College of Southern Idaho

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Rick Allen Room

October 29

The Workgroup will discuss ongoing business, the Columbia Basin Partnership, Snake River Flow Augmentation, and potential policy topics.

10:00 Introductions and Brief Opening, Dr. Katherine Himes, University of Idaho (UI)

10:10 Welcome by Idaho Representative Fred Wood, Legislative District 27
Idaho Representative Fred Wood will welcome the workgroup to Twin Falls, ID.

10:15 Welcome by Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Ladd Edmo, Tribal Chairman
Chairman Edmo will welcome the workgroup and discuss the importance of salmon and steelhead to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

10:30 Agenda Subgroup
Meeting facilitator, Katherine Himes (UI) will lead the workgroup through an update from the Agenda Subgroup and a discussion of their recommendations and ideas for future meetings

11:15 Sam Eaton, Office of the Governor
Sam will provide the workgroup with an update from the Governor's Office.

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Mission Statement Subgroup
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 their proposed next steps.

1:00 Columbia Basin Partnership
Katherine Cheney, Interior Columbia Basin Office, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Paul Kline, Deputy Director, Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG).

Katherine will give an overview of the Columbia Basin Partnership and its Phase 1 Document: A Vision for Salmon and Steelhead. Paul will discuss the four Snake River stocks and how short, medium, and long terms goals were set based on data and historical records.

2:15 Flow Augmentation

Michael Bogert, Attorney, Midas Gold. Michael will discuss the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) and what the parties committed to in providing the 427/487,000 acre feet of water to assist in salmon passage.

John Roache, Program Manager, Water Management, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). John will discuss the release of flow augmentation water from the Upper Snake, Boise, and Payette systems.

4:30 Open Discussion: Policy

Katherine Himes, UI. Katherine will lead the workgroup in a discussion of initial ideas for potential policy recommendations and the process to build consensus.

5:00 Adjourn

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The workgroup will focus on a variety of topics pertaining to juvenile outmigration through the hydro system. The workgroup will hear information in a future meeting on adult returns through the hydro system.

8:00 Hydro System Performance (CSS/COMPASS)

The speakers listed below with their affiliations will each present on various topics pertaining to evaluating hydro system performance. Topics include Comparative Survival Studies (CSS), Comprehensive Passage Model (COMPASS), Snake River fall Chinook outmigration and performance, juvenile reach survival, travel time, in river environment, patterns in SARs, productivity and SARs, life cycle modeling, and SAR patterns from the mid-Columbia Basin. There will be a question and answer period.

- Ritchie Graves, Branch Chief for Columbia Basin Hydropower Branch, Interior Columbia Basin Office, NOAA Fisheries
- Steve Haeseker Ph.D.*, Fish Biologist, Biometrician, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Tim Copeland Ph.D.*, Program Coordinator for Wild Salmon and Steelhead, IDFG
- Dan Rawding*, Columbia River Salmon Recovery Policy Lead, Washington Department of Fish and Game
- Bob Lessard Ph.D.*, Quantitative Fisheries Scientist, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

**Denotes membership on CSS Oversight Group*

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Hydro System Performance Q & A Continued

1:00 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, Comments will be taken on a "first come, first served basis" per the sign-in sheet. The Governor's Salmon Workgroup will take written comments and all written comments will be distributed to the full workgroup.

2:00 Open Discussion: Return to Policy

Katherine Himes, UI. Katherine will lead the workgroup in a discussion of ideas for potential policy recommendations and the process to seek consensus.

3:00 Adjourn