

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Minutes for the 17 October 2018 HMT meeting.

The meeting was held in the large conference room, ODFW Adair Village Office. In attendance:

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On the phone: Boyd, Garletts, Grenbemer, Kovalchuk, Kruzic and Walker.

All documents available at: http://pweb.crohms.org/tmt/documents/FPOM/2010/Willamette_Coordination/

1. Final decisions made at this meeting.

1.1. August meeting minutes were approved. Traylor will send out the final August minutes with the draft minutes from this meeting.

2. Action Items.

2.1. Willamette Hatchery Broodstock Pond – No Action. Updates on funding and progress. The 2020 budget has \$500K allocated for the Broodstock Pond. Couture would like to know if the funds will be allocated in a contract or through ODFW. Traylor said it would be separate from the regular hatchery contract. Couture thinks it would be easier to run through ODFW. The funds will be available in October 2019. The performance period can be extended beyond one year. The whole project will be in phases but the construction would most likely have to be all at once. Kruzic would like the designs posted to the HMT website. **ACTION: Traylor will post the Broodstock pond documents.**

2.2. Leaburg Property Transfer Update – No Action. Update on progress. The lease is still forthcoming.

2.3. Willamette Hatchery Genetic Clips – No Action. Update on funding and progress. This contract was awarded to Oregon State which will be sub-contracted to ODFW.

3. Updates.

3.1. Marion Forks/Minto (Grenbemer) – At Marion Forks, crews are pulling weirs in Marion and Horn Creeks this week. Eggs are being shocked and picked. At Minto, Chinook collection has slowed way down and none have been collected for October. October totals are 19 Summer Steelhead and 13 Coho. Staff have been working on the safety/environmental findings. Traylor said that a recommendation of materials for the extension to the JFR were sent. Grenbemer sent this information to The Dalles screen shop for a cost estimate and proposed date. They would like to install between releases of spring chinook and summer steelhead.

3.2. South Santiam/Foster (Boyd) – Chinook collection has ended for the season. They are working through CH eggs and should be finished up next week. All steelhead collected have been saved for Khan's study but they will save a few more for brood stock. Hatchery personnel will be

working with Foster maintenance about how and when repairs will be made, especially the valves that have started to malfunction. Maintenance is behind because the labor is charged to a separate labor account that ran out of money. Traylor will review the funding of maintenance for Foster with budget staff. The bulkhead issue will be discussed with maintenance also. Crews are working on safety/environmental issues.

3.3. McKenzie (Kremers) – The trap is now closed but they had a total of 5,369 adult spring chinook returned. EWEB drew down the Leaburg Canal last week. All smolt production was moved to Leaburg. The drawdown could be as long as 3 months. ODFW is renting pumps to keep water supplied to the incubators. There is some gravity water but not much. ODFW was able to successfully outplant above Cougar by taking the long way around. The final numbers were in the report that Couture sent out. The staff from McKenzie are working at Leaburg feeding fish and cleaning ponds each day. The COE has to proceed with a modification that will add Leaburg as a facility for use but Traylor doesn't think it is necessary to add a specific transport clause. Paying for the smolt transportation round trip up front and one month of pumping costs in this first modification would be cost efficient instead creating a second mod. Couture thinks two months of pumping would be safer. A large diesel pump can be rented but it is very expensive. Traylor would like someone from EWEB to call in next month for an update on their project.

3.4. Cougar Trap (Helms) – Due to the rock slide and the fire threatening the facility, the return numbers and operations were abnormal for this year. Crews were able to release 68 adult Chinook upstream of the dam; 38 were released directly into the reservoir and 30 fish at Hard Rock camp ground. A little less than half were females. Four bull trout were released into the reservoir.

3.5. Fall Creek (Garletts) – Low returns this year with 94 non-marked Chinook transported above the dam (43 males, 36 females, 15 jacks), 24 winter steelhead (14 females/10 males) and 5 lamprey (4 released above the dam and 1 escaped). Spawning ground surveyors were denied access due to last year's fire. The District ranger said there was too many hazardous trees. The water supply line will be relined with epoxy this winter.

3.6. Willamette/Dexter (Peck) – Spawning went well but there was higher BKD (approx. 10%) than other places. They spawned 600 pairs. 355 adult fish were out planted in the north fork and 298 in the middle fork.

4. Willamette Valley Contract Status

4.1. Willamette Hatcheries (ODFW) – The second and final year of the current contract was awarded. The next contract may be a base year and four additional years for a total of 5 years. It will still be a sole sourced contract and will require a proposal from ODFW. Any proposed adjustments to the current contract need to be discussed at this time. ODFW wants the funding shifted from the N. Santiam summer steelhead to another basin. The current plan is to include all CH production and summer steelhead in the middle fork. Traylor is not sure about the shift in funding. With the contracts having the small business goals, ODFW is struggling to meet the requirements of the contract by buying fish food from a middle man at a big cost increase. Couture understands the idea of the small business but the requirement needs some flexibility.

ACTION: Traylor will talk to the small business section.

4.2. Trout (Desert Springs) - Awarded 200,000 pounds for delivery in 2019, 77,000 pounds less than what was stocked in 2018. For 2020 deliveries, the base option has been exercised and the remaining options need to be exercised by 31 December 2018.

4.3. Monitoring and Evaluation – Normandeau received the contract. The spawning surveys are wrapping up now. There were some access problems at south fork McKenzie and Fall Creek. There is a meeting scheduled for 30 October for trout production. M&E for 2019 is on the agenda but the people from ODFW for trout production may not be the right people for an M&E discussion. Walker said the focus is trout stocking and the M&E will be brief. ODFW will

continue to do surveys for historical baseline and interest in validating the Normandeau surveys. Walker said the COE would rather spread out the resources and not duplicate surveys. Couture suggested having a conversation with Mark Lewis about these survey procedures. The contract is a MATOC which has a list of technically capable companies that can bid on this work.

Normandeau could bid on this again but it is not guaranteed for them. The scope of work will be written this winter and the contract will be awarded in the spring. Kruzic asked about Leaburg counts for pHOS and stresses that this data is critical. Couture said up until 2018 there was real time monitoring. This year, the window was video monitored but no one has reviewed the film. ODFW would like real time monitoring. Sharpe's crew did this work through the M&E contract. Bennet funding is not secure either. Traylor would like to see these counts and Lebanon under a more secure contract. Kruzic said these counts are identified as a priority in the new BiOp.

Traylor said that will help in getting them into a contract.

- 5. Willamette Hatcheries, Environmental and Safety Findings and Resolution** – Couture sent the excel sheet with updated finding status. All lot of items are already taken care of. Some items will take more coordination. A contract to address the asbestos problems will be awarded for all the facilities this year with FY19 funding. Spring or early summer is best but it also depends on if it is a sealing operation or removal of pipes. There are some electrical issues that may need an electrical contract. The HECP and the spill plan are being worked on. Not all facilities will need the spill plan.
- 6. Detroit** – Traylor briefed the group on the status of the Detroit project to build a temperature tower and fish collector. The drawdown for construction will affect operations at Minto. Schlenker has sent emails with water levels at which the pumps will still work and it seems like the pumps will be okay. Kruzic asked about the temperatures expected during this drawdown. The temperatures have been modeled but it may be closer to the old temperature targets. The temperatures will affect when adults return to the facility.
- 7. Foster Concept Paper** – Temperatures at Foster – Comments on the MOC are still open. Couture said that the alternatives have already been worked through and there is direction in the WFOP. Traylor thought that the questions may be on how long fish are held and what the guidelines are. The operation this year was the one outlined in the WFOP. Reservoir release is still a topic that needs to be discussed. Kruzic said that these temperature issues are not going away and policy people want several tools in the toolbox to use.