

# *Columbia River Basin Lamprey Technical Workgroup*

March 9, 2004

*Minutes*

Attendees were as follows: Jen Stone, Aaron Jackson, Mike Meeuwig, Debbie Docherty, Mary Moser, Gary James, Matt Mesa, Christopher Claire, Molly Hallock, Dave Close, Bao Lê, Jennifer Graham, Dave Ward, David Clugston, Doug Hatch; on conference call was Mike Gray.

Jen Stone opened the meeting by initiating introductions from attendees and asked for any additions to the agenda.

Comments regarding March 8, 2004 Lamprey Workshop: Many people informed Jen Stone that the presentations were well done, professional, and useful. Jen Stone requested abstracts from presenters in typical AFS format for website posting and asked for permission to post PowerPoint presentations. Members in attendance agreed that posting the PowerPoint presentations in .pdf format would be acceptable. All agreed to get the abstracts to Jen Stone by March 30. Dave Ward suggested that discussion after three 20 minute presentations on a similar topic might be a good format for the next workshop and Mary Moser agreed.

David Clugston suggested the group should have a list of individual member's expertise made available. Jen Stone suggested adding this information to the current members list on the webpage. Members in attendance agreed. Workgroup members will email their 1-2 sentences regarding their expertise to [Jen.Stone@rl.fws.gov](mailto:Jen.Stone@rl.fws.gov) by March 30th.

Mary Moser thought it might be interesting to have more presenters from the coast at the next meeting, or to have them host the workshop. Mike Gray responded that the work on the coast had just started. Dr. Markle has students working on genetics and sampling techniques for juveniles. Stewart Reid has folks to work in Coquille as well as Klamath Basin. Stan VanWetering has also done quite a bit of work in the past.

Voting: Jen Stone brought to the Workgroup's attention that the group had not decided on a how it would handle a voting situation. The Workgroup decided that it will proceed in such matters striving for a consensus decision.

Membership: Mary Moser asked if the group would be open to other technical expertise, aside from who was already a member. She will follow up on locating the organizer of the Oregon AFS Lamprey session in 2000 to see if they would be interested in joining the group. Doug Hatch stated that membership should be open to all CBFWA members. Members in attendance agreed. David Clugston pointed out that it is important to differentiate the group as technical vs. political. Molly Hallock queried why Yakima pulled out. Jen Stone said that they did not have anyone available. Members in attendance agreed that if anyone wants to be involved Jen Stone will put the request out

to the group for a consensus decision, with the caveat that members should provide the Workgroup with technical expertise.

Statement of Purpose: Jen Stone provided the group with the most recent version of the Statement of Purpose for final revision. After discussion, members in attendance agreed to add the words ‘and evaluating’ to “disseminating technical information” and to change “summary development, etc.” to ‘planning’. In addition, it was decided that the workshop would be an every other year event and that the workgroup would meet twice per year, and more frequently as needed. The final Statement of Purpose document is posted on the website at: <http://columbiariver.fws.gov/lampreywg/docs/sop.pdf>

Lamprey Program Summary: Jen Stone said that comments received from various Workgroup members reflect that the entire document is in need of updating. After discussion, members in attendance agreed that updates to the document will focus on critical needs and uncertainties and the project tables. The remaining portion of the document will be updated if requested.

After discussion, members in attendance agreed to the following revisions to the critical needs and uncertainties:

- Lamprey status
- Basic Biology/Ecology, including but not limited to:
  - species and gender
  - migration
  - aging
  - reproduction
  - growth
  - feeding
- Genetic Structure
- Adult/Juvenile Passage
- Survival estimates
- Limiting factors
  - environmental stressors
  - habitat requirement/availability for life history stages
  - host availability
- Restoration Actions
- Education and Outreach

USFWS request for culvert passage guidance: Jen Stone requested members to read the memo if they have not already done so. Matt Mesa suggests starting with Lamprey “swimming” report. Gary James asks if we are referencing studies or trying to determine passage criteria ourselves. After discussion, Jen Stone summarizes that the Workgroup will respond by providing the USFWS with known information, and highlight that which is currently unknown. Matt Mesa and Mary Moser volunteered to be on an ad-hoc committee dedicated to forming a draft response by the next meeting, or sooner if possible. Jen Stone will find out from Tom Iverson what the Workgroups process for

response should be (Follow up: Tom Iverson suggested sending our response through CBFWA to have it be a CBFWA recommendation and to attempt to tie it in with existing salmon criteria). Via email shortly after the meeting, Mike Gray informed Jen Stone that there might be a contact on the coast who could also be on this ad-hoc committee.

Miscellaneous: Jen announced that there will be a Public Meeting for lamprey harvest at Willamette Falls on March 12 at the ODFW Clackamas Office. Dave Ward will represent Workgroup. Jennifer Graham said someone would be there from Warm Springs as well.

Workgroup meeting schedule: Next meeting will be in September—please email Jen Stone with your **unavailable** dates.

Meeting Adjourned