

**Columbia River Basin Lamprey
Technical Workgroup**

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Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2005

Present: Jen Stone, Mary Moser, Jeanette Howard, Debbie Docherty, Chris Claire, Dave Ward, Chuck Peven, Sam Lohr, David Clugston, Jen Graham, Molly Hallock, and Tom Iverson. On the conference line were Bao Le, Abel Brumo, and Doug Hatch.

Summary of past events and purpose of the meeting: On December 1-2, 2004, the Workgroup met at a facilitated retreat to amend the list of critical uncertainties developed for the 2004 Update to the Lamprey Program Summary, develop a process for prioritizing the uncertainties, prioritize them, and provide guidance on how this information should be used. The Workgroup divided the uncertainties among members and asked that they develop key strategies to address each uncertainty. This information was compiled by Jen Stone and Tom Iverson into a DRAFT report. The purpose of this meeting was to review this document and provide comment. The DRAFT document is due to the requesting party (first the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and then subsequently the Lamprey Summit Steering Committee, and the Columbia Basin InterTribal Fish Commission) on January 31, 2005.

Process: The Workgroup revised the document on a paragraph by paragraph basis. Changes were made to the document only when the Workgroup reached consensus. Due to time constraints, the Workgroup was not able to revise the Resident Species portion of Section 2, therefore another meeting will be scheduled to do so.

Miscellaneous Discussion Points: Please refer to the DRAFT Critical Uncertainties Summary for the results of this meeting. General comments made during the revision process are summarized below

- This document needs to focus its purpose on guiding research and management decisions, not just funding decisions.
- The Workgroup offered to help provide regional coordination to support the development of consistent individual management/conservation plans (drafted by the state, tribes, etc).
- The Workgroup supports the development of a Comprehensive Regional Lamprey Conservation Plan, but does not see themselves as the group responsible for developing this plan.

- The DRAFT Summary document should be sent to the requesting party for “internal distribution only”
- Once the DRAFT Summary Document is complete, it will be reviewed by the Anadromous Fish Committee of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority, and then the Members Management Group. It will then be distributed freely.

National Fish and Wildlife Authority Grant: Dave Ward and Molly Hallock are interested in pursuing an opportunity to work collaboratively on an issue related to lamprey. There is a grant opportunity that requires partnerships between states (specifically), as well as other partnerships, to work on species that are listed in the respective states’s Wildlife Conservation Plans. Dave and Molly wanted to know what kind of project they should focus on. Mary Moser suggested developing standardized protocols for sampling larval lamprey. Another suggestion was made to develop out-year proposals that would begin addressing lamprey status using these established protocols. A conference call will be held during the first week of February to discuss this grant opportunity further. Anyone interested in participating should respond to Jen Stone’s email request.

Next Meeting: Another meeting is needed to address the Resident Lamprey strategies. Jen Stone will send out an email querying Workgroup members for dates/times. The meeting should take place late February/early March.

Meeting Adjourned