

TRRP MEETING SUMMARY – FISH WG

Meeting Summary: FWG met to develop prioritized fish work plan for FY13. Discussion started with concerns with what occurred with the FY12 work plan when some project that were critical to some of the higher priority assessments/projects were initially below the funding line. The WG wanted to pursue developing complete assessments from the list of assessments/project that we currently have. Coordinator to contact Ernie (Science Coordinator) to see about doing this.

Date: October 5, 2011
Time: 1:00-4:00 pm
Location: Conference Call
Number: N/A
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Coordinator: Joe Polos (FWS)

Note Taker: Joe Polos

Desired Outcome: Develop recommendations for fisheries related projects to be incorporated into the FY13 TRRP work plan.

Attendees: Seth Naman (NOAA), George Kautsky (HVT), Tim Hayden (YT), Nina Hemphill (BOR), Wade Sinnen (CDFG), Joe Polos (FWS)

Minutes

Agenda item: FY13 TRRP fisheries work plan.

Presenter: Group discussion.

Discussion: Group started discussing the FY12 work plan process and what occurred with the overall prioritization/budget process where two projects (age comp and CWT) ended up below the funding line which would have led to incomplete assessments. Discussion focused on creating a list of complete assessments rather than the mix of assessments and tasks/projects that currently make up the list. This has been discussed before but the FY13 process was started too late, should have started in July. There were still questions concerning the adult disease monitoring primarily focused on if the TRRP should fund this project and if there had been clarification from our request last year if this project was in line with the ROD (there hasn't been an official response yet).

Two projects were removed from consideration of by the WG, monitor water temperature (being addressed by the Temp WG) and Monitor the degree of thermal heterogeneity (being addressed by the Wildlife-Riparian WG). Other projects that were being addressed by subgroups were also removed from consideration and maintained in a separate list. One assessment, Macroinvertebrate assessment, was added to the list.

Discussion then focused on the categories of projects that the WG was considering as part of the work plan. There were 4 categories identified: Habitat, Juvenile, Adult, and Other. It was recognized that there were dependencies across these categories (e.g.: hatchery fish marking is needed for both the adult assessment and juvenile production assessment to separate hatchery and natural fish). The WG wanted to pursue the ability to continue the assessment development exercise that we started and tasked the coordinator with discussing this with Ernie Clarke. The fall back recommendation, if the FWG could not reach consensus, would be to use the FY12 prioritization. Several WG member were concerned with this considering what happened with the FY12 work plan and the "orphaned" projects.

Other miscellaneous comments concerning the development of the work plan were:

1. Needs to be better integration and coordination across disciplines – will allow for multi-disciplinary assessment of channel rehab sites, restoration strategy, flow actions, etc.
2. Timely reporting and what assessments/studies have fulfilled their purpose.
3. Need to have better coordination of projects to ensure that there is no or little overlap.
4. list keeps growing but when are assessments over/complete
5. Process for multi-partner proposals to address assessments – how will the program implement this if the development of complete assessments, made up of several projects conducted by different agencies, is implemented.

Conclusions: FWG would like to pursue developing assessments to prioritize rather than the collection of assessments and projects that we currently have.

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Other Information

Observers:

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Special notes:

