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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NMFS Willamette/Lower Columbia River TRT Members

**FROM:** Paul De Morgan, RESOLVE and Paul McElhany, NMFS

**SUBJECT:** Brief Summary and Action Items from the September 24 TRT Meeting

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Thank you for your participation and efforts at the NMFS Willamette/Lower Columbia River Technical Recovery Team meeting held on Tuesday September 24, 2002. This memo includes a brief summary of items discussed during the meeting including:

- Scheduling/Planning for the Next TRT Meetings
- Viability Report Revisions
- Schedule for Finalization of the Viability Report
- Brief Updates (i.e., All-H Paper, TRT Membership)

In addition, a list of the agreed-upon action items can be found at the end of the memo. Please feel free to contact either of us with any questions, concerns, or forgotten next steps.

### **Scheduling/Planning for the Next TRT Meetings**

The next TRT meeting was proposed as a two-day meeting sometime between October 7 and October 18. Based on consideration of TRT member availability and the tasks ahead, **meetings have been scheduled for October 9 and October 22**. The agenda will focus on revisions to the Viability document and in particular, the introduction to the report and the factors for decline section. The focus of the October meeting had previously been the Lewis River Watershed Case Study, however the group agreed the amount of work needed on the Viability Report meant the shift was necessary. If time is available there will be some time for at least a small discussion on the case study.

The group also agreed that they should schedule another two-day meeting for November in order to ensure the November 27 deadline for delivering the next version of the draft report to the Excom was met. **The group agreed on November 12-13**. The agenda for the meeting will be determined based on the results of the October meetings and the work on revision up until that point.

## Viability Report Revisions

The group had time to discuss the following sections: Adult Population Growth Rate and Abundance, the ESU-level, Juvenile Outmigrant Production, and Spatial Structure (though the last two were not discussed in as much detail as the first two). Neither the Factors for Decline or Diversity sections were discussed. The goal of the deliberations had been to finalize as many “criteria bullets” as possible and then determine a timeline for finalizing any remaining ones, however for the most part the group indicated they were unable to achieve this goal without a better understanding of how the sections were going to change.

Another theme, explored throughout the day, was the report’s introduction. The group agreed that the report needed a revised introduction that clearly expresses why the document is being developed and the flow of the sections. Two specific ‘issues’ needing further elaboration in the introduction were first, the rationale for having the ESU-level criteria discussion come first and second, a description of how the group suggests the six criteria should ‘interact.’ As one member suggested, the group needs to consider whether there is necessary criteria, sufficient criteria, or a combination of the two.

## Schedule for Finalization of the Viability Report

- October 2 – Next version of some documents to be distributed
  - Selina and Dan – ESU-level criteria options
  - Alec (with assistance from Cleve and others) – factors for decline section
  - Paul M and Jim – revised introduction to the report
- October 9 – TRT meeting on criteria
- October 22 – TRT meeting on criteria
- October 25 – Revisions to all sections distributed to all
- November 7 – Major comments, from individual review, shared with the group
- **November 12-13** – two-day TRT meeting
- November 20 – Final versions to Paul M. (no editing at this point, just document production)
- November 27 – Due to Ex Comm.

## Brief Updates

TRT Membership – Paul informed the group that per the last meeting and subsequent email, Ashley Steel with NOAA Fisheries had agreed to join the TRT as a member. He also explained that Tim Whitesell with USFWS, who had also been asked to participate, was still determining whether he would be able to do so.

Paul also reminded the group that given the TRT’s new tasks in “phase II” recovery planning, there is a potential need for additional expertise. He noted that the group had expressed the need to target expertise specifically related to fish-habitat interactions, estuary, and harvest. It was also noted that more representation from Oregon would be useful. Paul McElhany agreed to work with the other TRT members to begin the process of identifying nominees who would help fill these needs.

All-H Paper – Paul distributed a copy of the most recent version of the Puget Sound TRT’s paper, indicating that if anyone had comments, they should send them to Jim Scott, WDFW. He explained that for the time being, no efforts to obtain joint TRT ‘approval’ of the document were underway, but that the issue would be revisited.

Lewis River Case Study – Paul distributed copies of the most recent case study overview which had been prepared in advance of the September 20 workshop in Kelso, WA. He noted it had been distributed by email previously and suggested that if anyone had comments, they should send them to the group for consideration. He also mentioned a meeting taking place on September 26 between representatives from Cramer and Co., LCFRB, PWI, Steward and Associates, and the WLC-TRT. He agreed to send an email out after the meeting to let everyone know the proposed next steps.

**Action Items**

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
1. Draft and distribute a new ‘introduction’ to the report that captures why the document is being developed and the flow of the sections.	Jim Myers and Paul McElhany	Wednesday, October 2
2. Draft and distribute a revised ‘factors for decline’ section.	Alec Maule working with Cleve Steward and others as appropriate.	Wednesday, October 2
3. Draft and distribute the ESU-level criteria options discussed during the meeting.	Selina Heppell and Dan Rawding	Wednesday, October 2
4. Schedule the October and November TRT meetings	JJ Westfall and Paul McElhany	ASAP
5. Email group with JOM options and ask for comments from other members.	Selina Heppell	ASAP
6. Respond to Selina’s email regarding JOM options.	All TRT members	ASAP
7. Review one-page overview of spatial structure section (sent out in advance of meeting) and send suggestions on monitoring options to Craig.	All TRT members	ASAP
8. Complete and distribute revised draft of ALL sections.	All TRT members	Friday, October 25

**TRT Members in Attendance:**

- Tom Backman
- Craig Busack

- Selina Heppell
- Steve Kolmes (only part of the time, by phone)
- Alec Maule
- Paul McElhany
- Jim Myers
- Dan Rawding

**Others in Attendance:**

- Paul De Morgan, RESOLVE
- Patty Dornbusch, NOAA
- Robin Waples, NOAA
- J.J. Westfall, NOAA