

IMST
May 12-13, 1999
May 12 – Public Services Building, Room 251B
May 13 – Capitol Building, Room 167
Salem, Oregon

Wednesday May 12 (Public Services Building, Room 251B)

- 8:30 Adopt Agenda
Approve Minutes
Report on Developments

- 9:00 Discussion with Senator Ted Ferrioli, Representative Ken Messerle and Oregon Plan Manager Roy Hemmingway on Team operations, and maintaining independence
Scope of the gravel mining issue

- 10:30 Briefing by GWEB Director Ken Bierly on
Review of Watershed Assessment Manual
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
Scope of gravel mining issue

- 11:45 Public Comment

- Noon – Lunch, on your own

- 1:00 Forestry Project – Logan
Briefing on status of project by Katy, Jim, Logan
Discussion of key thrusts, issues with Team

- 4:45 Public comment

- 5:00 Adjourn

Thursday, May 13 (Capitol Building, Room 167)

- 8:30 Escapement Project, status report and discussion— Stan

- 11:45 Public Comment

- Noon – Lunch on your own

- 1:00 Escapement Project, status report and discussion, continued

- 3:00 Team Business

- 3:45 Public comment

- 4:00 Adjourn

MINUTES

**Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team
Wednesday, May 12, 1999
Public Service Building, Room 251 B
Salem, Oregon**

**Thursday, May 13, 1999
State Capitol Room 167
Salem, Oregon**

Members in Attendance:

Logan Norris, Chair
John Buckhouse
Stan Gregory
Kathleen Kavanagh
Jim Lichatowich, Vice Chair
Wayne Elmore (May 12)
William Percy

Members Not in Attendance:

Wayne Elmore (May 13)

Others Participating:

May 12

Roy Hemmingway, Oregon Plan Manager
Ken Bierly, Governor's Watershed Enhancement Board (GWEB) Program Manager
Kelly Moore, Governor's Natural Resources Office (GNRO)
Chuck Tracy, ODFW
Ann Hanus, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)
Jim Paul, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

May 13

Sam Sharr, ODFW
Chuck Tracy, ODFW
Mike Burner, ODFW
Kelly Moore, Governor's Natural Resources Office (GNRO)

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May 12, 1999

The meeting was convened by Chair Logan Norris at 8:35 AM.

AGENDA

Chair Norris noted that Senator Ferrioli and Representative Messerle would attend the meeting if their legislative duties allowed.

MINUTES

The April 14 - 15 and April 29 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENTS

Stan Gregory distributed the draft scoping paper on the Escapement Project. He said the Team would discuss the timing of the report, whether to hold workshops and the conclusions.

ACTION: Team members were asked to review it and be prepared to make comments when the meeting reconvenes on May 13.

Jim Lichatowich said he has just begun a scoping report on the Hatchery Report, Phase II. Chuck Tracy, ODFW, said the agency would appreciate IMST's comments before the end of May when the final edition of the Hatchery Audit is due out.

PRESENTATIONS

Team Operations and Independence—Roy Hemmingway

Roy Hemmingway, Oregon Plan Manager, said it is very important to the Governor to have an independent scientific review of Oregon Plan issues. The strength of the Oregon Plan is diversity. There was discussion about how the Team can carry out its responsibility to be independent without being isolated from the actual players in the Oregon Plan.

It was discussed that under SB 294, responses to IMST reports should be received by the appointing authorities (the Governor's Office, Senate President and the Speaker of the House). The appointing authorities may decide if they wish to have clarification from the IMST on an issue. Otherwise, the IMST will respond to state agencies' comments and may respond, or not, at its own discretion to other comments.

Logan noted that the Team wishes to have a clear idea how state agencies must function and so would like to discuss their draft recommendations with the agencies involved before completing the reports. There was further discussion about open meeting laws, access to the most accurate information and the responsibility of the agencies to respond to recommendations.

There was discussion concerning gravel extraction.

Public Comment

Chuck Tracy, ODFW.

Oregon Watershed Assessment Manual—Ken Bierly

Ken reviewed the history of the Watershed Assessment Manual and the current draft which will be widely distributed. He said there have been workshops around the state on the use of the manual. Suggestions from the Team included: addition of a table of contents, use of a website and

development of a central repository of the information gathered. Ken said GWEB hopes to have a website within a year and is working with GIS to develop a repository. He said IMST's review of the manual and the products produced through its use would be helpful. Any further suggestions would be appreciated also.

ACTION: Ken will brief the IMST when there is a product and the Team will decide if a review is appropriate.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)—Ken Bierly

Ken reviewed the history of the CREP program and Oregon's involvement to date and answered questions from the Team. There was discussion concerning monitoring, a focus on areas of quick recovery, and the noxious weeds program.

ACTION: IMST will develop ideas for a report discussing the effectiveness of the monitoring proposal, the kind of monitoring, and whether to recommend the prioritization of the most effective regions/locations.

Gravel Mining—Ken Bierly

There was further discussion about areas to protect from gravel removal, because of their importance to fish, push-up dams, effects on flood plains and the effects of gravel accumulation.

Project 3, Forestry-Logan

Logan reviewed the forestry draft report with the Team and noted their suggestions. The Team wishes to confirm with ODF that their recommendations are based on correct and current information. There was discussion about the report covering the only the westside forests at this time and whether there will a subsequent report on the eastside. Ann Hanus, ODF, noted that the Executive Order 99-01 expanded the Oregon Plan to include all of Oregon.

ACTION: Stan will provide a graph from a report by Dr. Norm Johnson for possible reference in the report.

ACTION: The subcommittee will meet with staff from the Oregon Department of Forestry on May 28 from 10:00-3:00 to discuss the IMST report draft recommendations. The agency will not receive a written copy of the draft report prior to its completion.

Public Comment

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

May 13, 1999

The meeting was convened by Chair Logan Norris at 8:45 AM.

Project 8, Escapement—Stan

Stan reviewed the draft escapement report. There was discussion concerning Amendments 13 and 14, climatic events, life history sites, harvest management, hooking mortality and precautionary principle.

ACTION: Jim will send a bibliography on Precautionary Principle to Suzie.

Proposed Timeline

June Meeting—Discuss new draft with edits reflecting Team comments

July Meeting—Refine new draft

August Meeting—Adopt final report to meet the SSC September deadline.

Logan noted that IMST would like to bring its draft recommendations to ODFW staff to confirm the accuracy of information before adoption of the report at the August meeting. There was discussion about developing a formal mechanism for interaction between the IMST and ODFW and the internal barriers within an agency.

ACTION: Stan will make the revisions discussed and e-mail the new draft to the Team. The Team will get their written comments to Stan and/or Bill within a week.

Kelly noted that the Monitoring Team would work on a response to the IMST Monitoring letter report at its May meeting.

Public Comment

Sam Sharr, ODFW

Logan noted that the Team intends to discuss the report process at the next meeting and is committed to increasing its dialog with agencies to which it makes recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.