

TWG Ad hoc Aquatic PEP Review

Technical Work Group Meeting

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1. Establish a water quality program

- Link to physical, foodbase and fisheries sampling
- Transition to downstream emphasis
- Conduct data synthesis and power analysis for variable selection and sampling design

2. Conduct a critical review of the foodbase program

- Need improved understanding of linkages between foodbase program and fish management goals
- Determine metrics to use, level of change detection required, and precision of estimates possible with sampling designs
- Consider use of naturally occurring isotopes
- Communicate decisions to managers

3. Expand research and monitoring program for humpback chub

- Complete the genetic study
- Finish compilation and evaluation of historic data
- Develop a fish handling protocol
- Reanalyze backwater data and evaluate utility of early life stages as real-time recruitment index

4. Develop a monitoring plan for other native fish

- Synthesize existing information and develop population model for flannelmouth sucker
- Develop explicit linkages between management goals and monitoring program
- Once all available data have been assembled, review options for monitoring

5. Extend exotic fish monitoring to non-salmonid species

- Rank species for their potential to impact native species
- Develop monitoring metrics that address potential risk to native species
- Integrate findings into sequencing of information needs

6. Address management issues

- Standardize an annual reporting cycle
- Effect tighter control of contracting process
- Consider greater ‘in-house’ capability if necessary to achieve consistency and quality in the monitoring program
- Consider longer term contracts and make conditional on satisfactory progress

Draft TWG Ad Hoc Motion

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TWG Motion

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