



California Fish Passage Forum

Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2015

Sacramento, California

Attendees: Michael Bowen, Melinda Molnar, Sam Akkad, Robin Carlson, Donnie Ratcliff, Bob Pagliuco, Lisa DeBruyckere, Marc Commandatore, Tom Schroyer, Kevin Shaffer, Anne Elston, Ross Taylor, Stan Allen, and by phone: April McEwen, Dan Isaak, and Candice Meneghin

ACTION ITEMS:

- Marc Commandatore will work with Anne Elston to incorporate their data into PAD.
- The Science and Data Committee will compile representative examples of case studies by inquiring within Forum members, and Lisa will produce a glossy 11x17" document that highlights these case studies.
- We need MOU signatures from Caltrans and Water Resources.
- Robin will solicit habitat assessment updates for NFHP from agencies.
- Lisa will connect with Robin to develop a listserv announcement noting that PAD is being used to inform the national NFHP database online viewer.
- Bob will contact Dave White and Kasey Simms to provide the Forum with a scope of work to advance fish jump tests at their hatchery.
- Kevin will send Ross Taylor the bundle of revised monitoring checklists.
- Robin will make arrangements for a joint Science and Data Committee phone call with PMEP this fall.
- Lisa will create a listserv announcement on the projects the Forum is funding in 2015, Ross' monitoring work and the Stream Temperature Network (including the data call).
- Lisa will add the October NFHP board meeting to the Forum website.
- Stan will extend Ross Taylor's contract through mid-August to provide adequate time for Forum review of his report.
- Ross will send the Forum his proposed final report on monitoring by the end of June with a July 15 deadline for review by Forum members.
- The Forum will assist Dan Isaak in the data call for the California stream temperature network.
- All Forum members will send Lisa their biographies and photos.
- Lisa will send a Doodle to schedule a Forum workshop in August to run FISHPass.
- Donnie will send an email to the Forum requesting contacts and contact information for specific individuals to test run FISHPass.
- Donnie will check with Jesse on questions relative to FISHPass, including the online viewer.
- Lisa will incorporate the difference between prioritization and optimization in the FISHPass Quick Guide for Newbies.
- Lisa will send a Doodle for the Forum meeting in September.

DECISION ITEMS:

- Forum members will review Ross' report, which they will receive the end of June, and will send comments to Ross by July 1. Ross' contract will be extended through mid-August to provide adequate time for Forum review. Members discussed potential peer review of Ross' work.
- The Forum will not be hosting an event during the NFHP board meeting in October of 2015 as a result of permitting delays associated with the Pinole Creek project.
- Caltrans will help kickstart the PAD data gap analysis process by providing information to Anne and Robin. Anne and Sharon Powers will continue fact checking and QA/QC associated with PAD.
- A webinar workshop will be held with Forum members in August to conduct test runs of FISHPass in the context of ecological regions and evolutionary significant units, and within the framework of funding available for fish passage barrier remediation as well as funds spent on these activities historically.
- The next meeting of the Forum will be in Arcata in September.

Agenda Items:

- 2015 Forum work plans – the [Governance, Science and Data](#) and [Outreach and Education Committee](#) Forum work plans were presented and discussed. The majority of Governance Committee items were on this agenda, the Science and Data committee has made significant progress in working with Ross and the PAD, and the Outreach and Education Committee will be tackling county involvement in the Forum and FISHPass outreach over the next several months.
- Ross Taylor gave a [presentation](#) on the work he has conducted on fish monitoring through his contract with the Forum. Ross is going to send the draft final report to the Forum at the end of July, with an expected turnaround for edits and comments by July 15. In the meantime, Stan is going to extend Ross' contract to provide for Forum review of his work. There was some discussion about the Forum considering having Ross' work peer reviewed.
- Dan Isaak of the US Forest Service gave a [presentation](#) on the stream temperature network, which he and his staff will begin working on as soon as a contract is signed with Donnie's region. The Forum will assist in outreach associated with the stream temperature data call.
- Anne and Robin talked about the PAD data gap analysis and the Word document that the Forum received describing the request. Caltrans offered to provide their dataset to Anne for groundtruth purposes. To initiate the analysis, Anne will create an anadromy polygon layer, combine railroad and road geospatial files, use LIDAR to find dams and create a vector file (if possible), detect all road/stream crossings, identify PAD records where unknown or unassessed and all road and railroad crossings and dams (if possible) without PAD ID's exist, compare results against the Coastal Monitoring Program framework and documented anadromous steelhead observations in the Aquatic Species Observation Database, and create a list of potential sites for evaluation that will be given to the Science and Data Committee.
- The status of FISHPass was discussed. Robin is noodling a logo, Liam has added the cost information from Mark Lancaster's organization, Lisa is compiling Liam and Donnie's work to draft a FISHPass for Newbies manual that includes a discussion about the difference between prioritization and optimization, Anne and Brett will recreate the tracing analysis and add it to the PAD and resubmit it to Jesse for incorporation into FISHPass prior to the next release (pending Brett's availability), and the group decided to meet via webinar in August to do some test runs to create a top X list of barriers for California. The runs will include slot information on estimated federal and state funding available in any one year as well as what is realistic to spend in one year, and will include specific themes – ESUs, ecological regions, etc. The goal is to create a "Forum recommended" prioritized list of barriers in California. Donnie will connect with Jesse in the interim to discuss an online viewer for FISHPass and a few other tasks.
- Lisa notified via phone and email all 2015 grant proposal applicants regarding the two projects that will be funded (Memorial and Arroyo Grande), and those that will not receive funding.

- The Forum discussed the October NFHP board meeting and because Pinole Creek construction will be delayed until 2016 (permitting issues), the Forum will not be hosting a special event on October 21 with the Board.
- The next Forum meeting will be in Arcata in September of 2015.