



## CALIFORNIA FISH PASSAGE FORUM

### Science and Data Committee Meetings

**Present:** Holly Steindorf, Anne Elston, Neal Scheraga, Van Hare, Sandra Jacobson.

**Absent:** Tim Loux, Bob Pagliuco, Andrew Hampton, Holly Eddinger, Gena Lasko, Emily Siegel, Mark Guard.

Meeting attendance:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NApL93PWEhVy2thUfWbRoe0ILJVuIlm5\\_YTjQfazKil/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NApL93PWEhVy2thUfWbRoe0ILJVuIlm5_YTjQfazKil/edit?usp=drive_link)

### 3/6 Agenda

- Discuss 2024 Combined Work Plan  
([https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WlpJLz13dpL20xc5nxv5Hiviudc4aP5FABAvCPVFWyA/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WlpJLz13dpL20xc5nxv5Hiviudc4aP5FABAvCPVFWyA/edit?usp=drive_link))
- March 20th Region 2 PAD Webinar Updates and Planning
- April 5th Funding and Resources Webinar, Need help with “monitoring” session or other resources.
- Update on Statewide Effectiveness Assessment

### 3/ 6 Meeting Minutes:

#### Work Plan

Group consensus that the 2024 work plan on Google Drive is an improvement over past work plan structure for the forum. It’s nice seeing everything in one place and trimming the work plan down to things that are achievable for that year. Feeling good about the work plan.

Holly took the group through the work plan and each task with ownership of the science and data committee. First item (task 1.6) is PAD plan. Neil confirms that the pad plan for Region 2 and 1 can be completed in 2024, which completes the first pass of all CDFW regions for a pad QA/QC.

Next the group discussed the fish passage incidental form (Taks 1.7). Van confirms that it is functional the mobile version is housed on ArcGIS survey 123, users need to have a ArcGIS account to access the fish passage incidental form. Outreach to advertise the availability of the online form would be good, but only to forum signatories agencies, not to the general public . The consensus is that it is fine in its current state though Anne has gotten feedback from people that some edits would be good. Group will revisit this as an action item in future meetings to determine how to make those edits.

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Another discussion from the group is on Task 3.3, which is about providing regular webinars for practitioners within each CDFW region (not just CDFW people, any practitioners, through grouped by region) to network and discuss fish passage issues, including prioritization, monitoring, and updates to the PAD (as a bonus item, not the focus of discussion). We will discuss and develop this idea more with Andrew to determine if it's its own work plan item, or grouped in with the next round of pad focused webinars.

### **March 20<sup>th</sup> PAD Webinar**

We have 60 people registered for this webinar, which is two weeks from today on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm. Anne, Neal and Holly have a meeting plan for next week to develop the plan and logistics. Everything here is going according to plan.

### **April 5<sup>th</sup> Funding and Resources Webinar**

We have 38 people registered so far for this webinar. Holly has been largely planning this by herself, with input from the Governance Committee, and could use some additional support. The first session of the webinar will be funding sources, from feds and state opportunities. Andrew's idea from CDFW was to provide information in advance for FRGP since the deadline is shortly after the April webinar.

Solution is an advanced QNA session with FRGP coordinator Tim Choi, which is set for Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>, and has 15 people registered.

The afternoon session is resources for projects, which will include permitting, and hopefully some information on monitoring. Holly reached out to Audrey Dean at CDFW CMR team, got this response "Thank you for reaching out! I appreciate the invitation to present. Unfortunately, I don't think CMP would be the best fit for the Forum. CMP projects are focused on population-level monitoring to inform ESA status reviews and recovery plans. However, CDFW is a part of the Monitoring and Evaluation of Salmonid Habitat Restoration (MESHR) team, which is focused on independent monitoring and assessment of restoration projects. Chris Ramsey (chris.ramsey@wildlife.ca.gov) is our agency lead, and I think she would be a better fit given the Forum's interests."

Holly did reach out to Chris Ramsey, who was initially agreeable to presenting monitoring at the webinar, but then later replied that their team didn't feel they could put together the information before April 5<sup>th</sup> and declined the invitation.

The group's suggestion was to reach back out to CMP specifically Robin at CDF W who works closely with Neil and and Andrew. See if Robin has information on monitoring that could be presented at the webinar or if she has ideas for who might be a good fit. Additionally, Ann mentions that Bob speaks often about the NOAA NMFS monitoring programs, and that he would likely be a good resource for discussing monitoring at the webinar.

### **Update on Statewide Effectiveness Assessment**

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Sandi provided an update on the status of the statewide effectiveness assessment which is task 5-6.1 through 5-6.4 on the 2024 forum work plan. The effectiveness assessment, discussed at the fall steering committee meeting in Santa Rosa. Is designed to examine the effectiveness of built structures across the state originally focusing on many different types of structures. After input from CDFW and NOAA NMFS, it has been suggested to narrow the scope of the effectiveness assessment to only roughened channels and technical fishways. Sandi is taking this suggestion and editing the work plan and budget.

Next steps are to use work plan to solicit funding and advertise project to consultants who would work with a graduate student to complete the work. We will be hearing more about this effectiveness assessment throughout the year, so far there seems to be a lot of support for it, and Sandi feels like we can find funding for it based on this broad support.

### **Action Items:**

- Holly, Neil, and Anne to plan and complete March 20<sup>th</sup> pad expert review webinar.
- Group to continue to refine 2024 work plan, with the goal of finalizing work plan within the next few meetings.
- Holly to reach out to Damon Goodman about the history of the fish past our code to find the best person to help us successfully run the program.
- Holly to reach out to Robin at CDFW about resending monitoring information at the April 5<sup>th</sup> funding webinar.
- Sandi to continue editing the work plan for the statewide effectiveness assessment.