



CALIFORNIA FISH PASSAGE FORUM

Science & Data Committee Meetings

Present: Gena Lasko, Adrienne Chenette, Van Hare, Ted Masters, Andrew Hampton, Anne Elston, Stephanie Falzone (guest), Theo Claire (guest)

Absent: Marisa Parish Hanson, Tim Loux, Mark Guard, Emily Seigel

10/7/25 Agenda

- Presentation from Salmon River Restoration Council (Sophie Price)
- Update on new meeting time (Holly)
- International Fish Passage Workshop Planning (Ross Taylor)
- Follow-up on connecting with SARP
- Follow-up with utilizing FishPass for Eel River (Anne)

10/7/25 Meeting Minutes:

Presentation from Salmon River Restoration Council (Sophie Price)

Sophie Price, Fisheries program manager for the Salmon River Restoration Council, gave a 20 minute-presentation on their annual project in collaboration with the mid-Klamath watershed council to bring field crews to tributary mouths on of the salmon and Klamath, assess and manually treat seasonal barriers such as swimmers dams, boulder aggregations, and other structures that create low or insufficient flow for fish passage.

The presentation slides and recording can be found on the Science and Data committee files on the Forum Intranet.

New meeting time (Holly)

There is a regular conflict with current meeting times for some committee members. The committee is interested in moving the meeting to the second week of the month, as the first week of the month tends to be crowded with meetings. Holly has sent out a poll to solicit a new meeting time. Once we have enough responses, Holly will indicate a new meeting time and send out calendar invitations.

International Fish Passage Workshop Planning (Ross Taylor)

The committee shared again how successful the SRF workshop was, and Holly shared the participant feedback survey with the committee.

Ross Taylor is interested and available in partnering on a workshop for the International Fish Passage Conference in Davis in May 2026. Andrew Hampton and Mark Guard took up the task and have submitted a workshop proposal already. Mark Guard would co-lead the workshop, focused on assessment, where the field portion would involve doing a full passage assessment at a barrier around Davis, likely on Puta Creek.

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AT up to 35 attendees, having 2 leaders (Ross and Mark) would be ideal. Anne, Gena, Ross, Mark, are have confirmed involvement in the workshop, Holly will likely be there to help facilitate. Van, Ted and Adrienne are also interested in being involved but will confirm later. The committee discussed the preliminary plan for the workshop. Mark was not present at the meeting, so Holly will email the workshop team and discuss the workshop plan. Preliminary Workshop Structure:

Day Before Workshop

- Video record assessment protocol and collect sample data

Morning Classroom Portion

- Forum Overview (Holly)
- Fish passage Overview (Ross)
- Section 9 and full survey protocol (Ross)
- Rapid Assessment Protocol (Anne)
- Modeling assessment data (Mark)

Field Portion

- Lead participants through full assessment protocol

Afternoon Classroom Portion

- Modeling sample data in HECRAS or FISHXing (if time allows)
- Wrap up

Kat Hoenke, data manager for the National Barrier Prioritization Tool, is interested in submitting a workshop as well for the International Fish Passage Conference. The committee believes that our workshop is finer resolution detail than an overview of the National Tool and therefore should be covered in two separate workshops. Holly will communicate this to Kat.

Connecting with SARP

Brendan Ward and Kat Hoenke have incorporated the baseline fish habitat layer as a filterable option and added data from Oregon and Washington. Both parties have up-to-date data as of this time.

FISHPass Eel River

CalTrout and Stillwater Sciences Abel Brumo are working on a recovery plan for the Eel River. Anne reached out to Abel with questions about the status of the baseline fish habitat layer and PAD data in the Eel River, to assess the quality and completeness of the input data, and is awaiting response:

10-14-25 Update:

Anne has heard from Abel, their intention is to recommend specific subwatersheds that would benefit most from more focused fish passage work, based on the existing information in the PAD, and some metric of upstream habitat being blocked. They are working on a basin-wide restoration plan, and will connect with us again in a few months.

Agenda suggestions for Future Meetings

- Finalize new meeting time
- Review and finalize 2026 work plan
- Review and advance 2025 work plan tasks
- Fish Passage Conference assessment workshop development
- Presentations from project sponsors