March 24, 2004

PTSC Meeting – At Lower Granite Dam

- Attendees: Joe Z, Doug M. Carter Stein, Ann Setter, Ed Buettner, Charles Morrill, Tom Hoffman
- Interested Parties: Earl Prentice NOAA, Sandy Downing NOAA, Scott Livingston, Sean Casey, Dennis Schwartz, Jessie Rivera, Jeff Johnson, Fred Mensik WDFW

Agenda and Discussion

1) Introduction

   a) This is Joe Z.'s last meeting. He introduced Tom Hoffman as his PTSC replacement.

2) Species codes for brook char and rainbow trout

   a) Brook Trout is new species code "E".

   b) "ERU" – Brook Trout, Resident, Unknown Run

3) SAR Presentation (Ann)

   a) Jason Vogel presented a new methodology Nez Perce tribe is utilizing for computing SAR's in Johnson Creek.

4) PTAGIS Dial Up Access

   a) The PSMFC Modem Number is: 503-595-3232

   b) Dave will send the "standard new account setup form letter" to the PTSC.

   c) Instructions for dial-up access to PTAGIS will be posted on the PTAGIS web site.

5) Appropriate and ethical use of data (Joe)

   a) Joe offered a five point proposal for communicating appropriate use of PTAGIS data. The proposal included a section on a tutorial to educate users of the potential pitfalls of using PTAGIS data; roles and expectations of data contributors; roles and responsibilities of data users; ways and means of making coordination efforts easy; contact peer review journals requesting assistance in preventing unethical data use.

   b) The PTSC agreed to add a statement about appropriate use of PTAGIS data to the Overview section of the PIT Tag Specification Document. "Guidelines for submission and use of PTAGIS data."

   c) Committee members will write examples of data misuse, and send to the rest of the Committee as the foundation of the tutorial on data use. These examples should be circulated prior to April 30, 2004. Carter will allocate resources to draft a 'Flash' based tutorial for web presentation.

   d) PTAGIS will develop a "Warning" popup to be displayed when a user saves a report query. The popup will have a checkbox that the user MUST check to

acknowledge the message before the report runs. If the user clicks another check box, a query is run to generate a list of coordinators and their e-mail addresses based upon the query restriction.

    e) Tom will write a letter to be sent to peer review journals.

    f) The data use and ethics rules will be sent to FPAC.

6) High Q Update (Sean Casey)

    a) Sean reported on the hydraulic testing at the high-Q flume last month. Sean shared data derived from video he took during the tests.

    b) Final construction project for installation of PIT detector is underway. Antenna wire will be wrapped April 9 – 15. Shipping by barge is scheduled for June 6. Prototype testing at Bonneville begins July 13. A Go / No-Go decision is scheduled for August 15.

    c) Installation locations are near fishing platforms 1 and 2.

    d) A FFDRWG meeting will be held in the near future to discuss potential modifications to the entrance to the flume.

7) Briefing on lab performance with mass model and super tag (Sean & Carter)

8) PTAGIS Site Support Model (Carter)

    a) Carter suggested that new Interrogation Sites should go through the same setup procedures as other codes.

    b) Carter will update the Interrogation Site Setup document.

9) Next Generation PTAGIS Model (Carter)

    a) Carter shared the G2 Data Event Model document with the committee.

    b) The Committee agreed in principal to further develop the "Event Driven" mark / recapture model described in the G2 Data Event Model.

10) Spec Doc Check List (Carter)

    a) Carter will re-generate the species code list to include the new species code.

    b) Carter will re-generate the flag code list to include the new flag code that Ed proposed. (Ed will send Carter e-mail with code and description).

    c) PTSC agreed to add new sections to the Overview section:

        i) Data Use and Ethics

        ii) New Code Setup Procedures

        iii) Sort by Code Setup Procedures

        iv) Tag Distribution Procedures

    d) Update the 2004 Changes sheet.

11) Database Structure (Doug)

    a) See Doug Marsh (

12) Survey Discussion

    a) PTSC suggests providing a drop down list of default sessions messages to choose from, and / or a tip that describes suggested content for session message.

    b) Need to be able to select Yearling or Sub-yearling flag codes from database.

13) Sort by Code request

    a) Carter distributed all of the Separation by Code request letters that were received by PTAGIS by March 23, 2004.

    b) The PTSC will distribute copies of these requests to their FPAC representatives.

14) Review of PIT Approval Process

    a) Joe completed the draft of the PIT approval process.

    b) PTSC adopted the draft by consensus and will submit to FPAC for approval.

15) Ann Setter is new co-chair person by committee consensus.