

# Fish Screening Oversight Committee

DATE: October 23, 2018  
TO: Fish Screening Oversight Committee (FSOC)  
FROM: Neil Ward  
SUBJECT: July 26, 2018 FSOC Teleconference Draft Action Notes

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Portland, OR

## Draft Action Notes

**Attendees:** Neil Ward (QW Consulting)

**By Phone:** Jeff Brown (NOAA), Paddy Murphy (IDFG), Eric Leitzinger (BPA), Mark Fritsch (NPCC), Brian Zimmerman (CTUIR), and Ken Loffink (ODFW)

<b>ITEM 1</b>	<b>Introductions</b>
<b>ITEM 2</b>	<p><b>Fish Screen Inventory – Template and Prioritization Criteria Updates</b> Eric Leitzinger (BPA) and Mark Fritsch (NPCC) provided updates regarding BPA’s progress reviewing IDFG’s inventory template and the status of the strategic plan that will allow for screen maintenance needs to be addressed beyond the projects’ basic operations and maintenance budgets.</p> <p>Mark informed the participants that the O&amp;M Subcommittee will review the Asset Management Strategy Plan in August. In addition, Mark indicated that a review of FY2020 needs will occur in late-2018 or early-2019. Finally, he confirmed that the FY2019 Westland screen renovation effort is on schedule for funding.</p> <p>Regarding BPA’s progress, Eric informed the participants that IDFG and BPA were in a “holding pattern,” relative to the MOU, while a new attorney was being assigned to the process (BPA attorney availability was limited due to ongoing Fish and Wildlife Program Accord negotiations).</p>
<b>ITEM 3</b>	<p><b>NOAA Screen Criteria – Update</b> Jeff Brown informed the participants that NOAA would be releasing the draft of the revisions to their 2011 Criteria within two weeks (draft was released on August 16, 2018). Jeff also informed the FSOC that he had accepted a new position with the NRCS-OR and that he would be starting in mid-August. As for a NOAA FSOC replacement, Jeff indicated that an individual had yet to be identified.</p>
<b>ITEM 4</b>	<p><b>DOE and BOR Fish Screen Contest</b> Jeff Brown indicated that Dana McCoskey (DOE) had contacted him regarding a potential fish screen contest, sponsored by DOE and BOR, focusing on improved fish screens. During his conversation with Dana, Jeff learned that she was not familiar with FSOC. Subsequently, Jeff informed Dana that the FSOC would be an ideal audience to vet the idea and potentially recruit some judges. Neil Ward will work with Dana to ensure she has an opportunity to present DOE’s concept during the October 25<sup>th</sup> FSOC meeting.</p>
<b>ITEM 5</b>	<p><b>FSOC Participant List</b> Neil Ward presented the updated participant list (includes individuals not included during the initial compilation). As was determined during the April FSOC meeting, the list would not be posted to the FSOC website.</p>
<b>ITEM 6</b>	<p><b>2019 FSOC Fish Screen Workshop</b> Planning and organizing for the 2019 Workshop are in the early phases. Neil Ward informed the</p>

	participants that the event will be convened in Walla Walla during mid-September. The WDFW is looking forward to jointly hosting the workshop with the BOR in Walla Walla, as the area presents fish screening challenges that should provide ample opportunities for dialogue among the participants.
<b>ITEM 7</b>	<p><b>Project Budget Reductions – Discussion</b></p> <p>Meeting participants expressed concerns about potential budget reductions as BPA has been indicating that that they intend to reduce their Fish and Wildlife Program budget by up to \$30+ million. The participants suggested drafting a letter emphasizing the need to maintain the current funding levels for the screen programs. Participants expressed the belief that individuals not associated with the daily operations of fish screens and the associated programs are not well informed regarding the benefits of the on-the-ground efforts as they relate to meeting RPA needs, conserving and restoring fish populations, and contributing to the continued harvest opportunities.</p>
<b>ITEM 8</b>	<p><b>Review and Approve Action Notes from the July 26, 2018 FSOC Meeting</b></p> <p>The action notes were reviewed and approved with no changes.</p>
<b>ITEM 9</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, October 25, 2018</b> <b>8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Pacific)</b></p>