

## **Highlights, Decisions and Tasks**

### **LTMS Science Group Meeting 3/6/08**

#### **Future Meeting Dates**

April 10, 10:00 – 12:30 (note change from previously scheduled meeting date)

May 8, 10:00 – 12:30 at BCDC

May 13: Science Symposium

#### **Status of Herring Study**

The draft reports are ready for review by the LTMS Science Group members. One is to be submitted to a technical journal and another is for LTMS use. It was agreed that a formal peer review will not be required for the LTMS draft as a similar report will receive peer review as part of the journal publication process. Comments or requests for draft documents should be sent to Peter LaCivita and Bill Brostoff by March 31. Copies are available upon request

#### **“Work Plan” for remainder of year: Tasks**

It was agreed that leads for each of the major items in progress (Salmonid Tracking, Herring Study, Science Symposium, the Framework document, Science Study Implementation, and the Sturgeon study; Bremner/LaCivita, LaCivita, Hamburger/Brostoff, Delaney, Goeden, and Brostoff respectively) will prepare sequential tasks and milestones for the April meeting.

#### **Status of FY07/08 contracts**

Bill Brostoff will continue sending out notices of availability of the FY07 reviews (Water Quality, Suspended Sediments, Fish Behavior, Tools for Fish Behavior, Sturgeon Study Plan) to the stakeholders as they are received; the resource and regulatory agencies will be sent copies for comment.

FY08 contracts for the Salmonid tracking study are in process of being distributed by the Corps Contracting Office.

#### **LTMS Science Symposium**

Co-leads for the Science Symposium are Bill Brostoff and Jessica Hamburger who will be working with Ellen Johnck, Brian Ross, and Mike Connor (as last year). In the event that there is insufficient time for all papers which are submitted and accepted to be presented orally, the distribution of white papers on pertinent topics will be considered.

#### **Salmonid Tracking Study**

The tagging and release of the first group of fish was completed Tuesday (3/4/08). The remaining fish will be tagged and released on the upcoming Monday (3/10/08).

This year VR2 and VR2W hydrophones were placed at the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, Petaluma River (at navigation aids G3, G5 and the Railroad Bridge), Richmond Harbor, and San Pablo Bay (at buoys 7, 8, 9 and 10). There were 12 subsurface units set out at Raccoon Strait, Alcatraz, and SF-10. There are eight of these units left and they will be

used to replace the hydrophones in San Pablo Bay (at buoys 7, 8, 9 and 10) and some at the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

The possibility of using FY08 funds to buy the FY09 equipment was discussed to help avoid delays in deployment of equipment in the FY09 season. This would have to be approved by the full LTMS Science Group and other groups since it would involve a change in funding priorities previously decided on.

#### **LTMS Peer Review guidelines**

This document was distributed for comments and no additional comments were received by February 1, 2008, the document has been finalized and will be sent to the other LTMS groups for approval.

#### **Science Group Charter/Work-plan**

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#### **Framework Update**

Deferred until next meeting pending internal review

#### **“Translating Science to Policy”**

Deferred until the April Meeting or when there is sufficient time to address the issue in detail (one hour was requested).

#### **Attendees**

Bill Brostoff (USACE), Heather Belichsky (USACE), Jessica Hamburger (BCDC), George Isaac (CA DFG), Beth Christian (RWQCB), Pete LaCivita (USACE), Allison Bremner (USACE), Rob Lawrence (USACE), Samantha Leskie (Weston Solutions), Max Delaney (BCDC), Mike Connor (SFEI), Christine Boudreau (DCS), Brenda Goeden (BCDC), Ellen Johnck (BPC).