



2025 Pacific Coast Steelhead Management Meeting

The Riverside Hotel

Boise, Idaho

December 9–11, 2025

Monday, December 8, 2025

3:00 – 6:00 pm	Registration
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Tuesday, December 9, 2025

6:30 – 8:00 am	Registration
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6:50 – 7:50 am	Breakfast
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8:00 – 8:10 am	Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping Items
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Barry Thom, Executive Director - Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
Kitty Griswold, 2025 Steelhead Meeting Chair

8:10 – 10:10 am	Session One – Steelhead Stock Status Review
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Chair: Kitty Griswold, Idaho State University

8:10	California – Erin Ferguson, California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW)
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8:30	Alaska – Jeff Rice, Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADFG)
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8:50	Idaho – Marika Dobos, Idaho Department of Fish & Game (IDFG)
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9:10	Washington – Bethany Craig, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)
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9:30	British Columbia – Kenji Miyazaki, Fish and Wildlife Branch, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (MWLRS) (virtual)
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9:50	Oregon – Jamie Anthony, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) (virtual)
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10:10	Discussion/Questions
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10:25 – 10:45 am	Break
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10:45 – 12:05 pm	Session Two – Collaboration and Co-Management
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Chair: Marika Dobos, IDFG

10:45	Upriver summer steelhead fishery management in the Columbia River basin – Chris Donley, WDFW
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11:05	Steelhead Management in Columbia River Fisheries: The Role of the USvOR Technical Advisory Committee – Chris Sullivan, IDFG
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11:25	Steelhead Management in the Lower Snake River Basin and the Recent Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) Review Process – Rod Engle, USFWS
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11:45	Collaborative Efforts to Balance Hatchery Program Needs and Popular Sport and Tribal Fisheries – Jason Vogel & Bill Young, Nez Perce Tribe (NPT)
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12:05 – 1:05 pm	Lunch
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1:05 – 2:35 pm	Session Two – (Continued) Collaboration and Co-Management <i>Chair: Marika Dobos, IDFG</i>
1:05	Everything but the kitchen sink: the challenges and adaptive management of the upper Salmon River B-run steelhead program – Katie McBaine & Brian Leth, IDFG
1:25	Impacts of Pink Salmon on other Pacific Salmon and other Marine Species – Gregory Ruggerone, Natural Resource Consultants
1:45	Large River Aquatic Community and Food Web Changes: How Can We Manage Introduced Species? – Marika Dobos, IDFG & John Erhardt, USFWS
2:05	Contributions of Natural and Reconditioned Repeat Spawning Female Steelhead to Spawning above Lower Granite Dam, Washington – Laura Jenkins, University of Idaho
2:25	Discussion/Questions
2:35 – 2:50 pm	Break
2:50 – 5:00 pm	Session Three – Fresh Water Conditions <i>Chair: Roger Harding, ADFG (retired)</i>
2:50	Restoration of freshwater habitats and flows for steelhead in the Potlatch watershed – Brian Knoth, IDFG
3:10	Predicting steelhead salvage numbers at the Delta export facilities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin delta – Chase Ehlo, USBR
3:30	Using PIT detections to account for juvenile steelhead escaping screw traps – Derrek Faber, ODFW (virtual)
3:50	Fifteenmile Action to Stabilize Temperature (FAST) – update on program to voluntarily curtail water use to maintain stream temperatures for steelhead – Derrek Faber, ODFW (virtual)
4:10	Elwha Dam removal – George Pess, NOAA retired (virtual)
4:50	Discussion/Questions
5:30 – 8:30 pm	Evening Social and Poster Session
Poster Presenters	• Genomic patterns associated with age-at-maturity in Steelhead from the Snake River Basin - John Hargrove, PSMFC/IDFG • Another Decade of Scales: An Updated Longitudinal Assessment of Growth and Age Structure of Idaho Steelhead - Micah Davison, PSMFC/IDFG • Evaluating identification methods for steelhead and fluvial/resident Rainbow Trout redd in the Lemhi River - Amber Young, IDFG • Does tank geometry matter? Evaluating juvenile rearing of summer steelhead at Winthrop National Fish Hatchery - Charles Frady, USFWS • South Fork Clearwater Localized Broodstock: Evolution and Impacts of the Program, Alex De Los Rios, IDFG

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

6:30 – 8:00 am	Registration
6:50 – 7:50 am	Breakfast
8:00 – 9:55 am	Session Four – Ocean, Climate and Migration

	<i>Chair: Brian Marston, retired ADFG</i>
8:00	Hatchery Pink Salmon Interactions in Ocean – Nick Chambers, Conservation Angler
8:20	Pink Salmon Interactions with Idaho Run Abundance – John Cassinelli, IDFG
8:40	Kelt Tagging Movements in Alaska – Michael Courtney, University of Alaska Fairbanks
9:00	Steelhead kelt movements from the Nehalem River, Oregon – Ryan Sollee, The Wilderness Calling Conservation Initiative
9:20	eDNA and Winter Habitat Use – Christoff Deeg, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (virtual)
9:40	Juvenile Salmon, Steelhead, and ecological responses to a warming Northeast Pacific Ocean – Elizabeth Daly, Oregon State University CIMERS (virtual)
9:55 – 10:10 am	Break
10:10 – 11:40 am	Session Five – Managing Sensitive Populations <i>Chairs: Bethany Craig, Toby Harbison, and Thomas Buehrens - WDFW</i>
10:10	Steelhead Management at the Southern End of the Range – Deena Hansen, CDFW
10:30	Structured Decision Making for Fisheries Management and Evaluation Plans in the Lower Columbia River – Bryce Glaser & Toby Harbison, WDFW
10:50	Is a fish a fish? Does kelt and pre-spawning fishing mortality affect populations equivalently? – Thomas Buehrens, WDFW
11:10	Improving Steelhead Forecasting – Mark Sorel, WDFW (virtual)
11:30	Discussion/Questions
11:40a–12:40p	Lunch
12:40 – 2:10 pm	Session Five (Continued) – Mobile Catch Reporting and E-Creel
12:40	Updates on Mobile Catch Record Cards in Oregon – Michelle Jones, ODFW (virtual)
1:00	E-Creel Research and Development – Brian Riggers, ODFW (virtual)
1:20	Plans for Mobile Catch Record Cards in Washington – Ben Nelson, WDFW
1:40	Use of E-reporting and E-creels for managing anadromous fisheries – Chris Sullivan, IDFG
2:00	Discussion/Questions
2:10 – 2:25 pm	Break
2:25 – 4:40 pm	Session Six – Public Engagement/Social Science <i>Chairs: Erin Ferguson & Chenchen Shen – CDFW</i>
2:25	Human dimensions of angler nonresponse in California’s recreational steelhead fishing report card program – Daniel Martinez, CDFW
2:45	New tools for Steelhead Outreach and Collaboration - Steelhead Report Card Data Dashboard – Aaron Neely, CDFW (virtual)
3:05	Braiding Indigenous management and computer-vision AI for effective, equitable and transparent fishery management – William Atlas, Wild Salmon Center (virtual)
3:45	Beyond pro-vs-anti hatchery: Understanding fishing community perceptions of salmonid hatcheries in Oregon – Megan Jones, Oregon State University (virtual)
4:05	How Public Values and Preference Influence Risk Tolerance: A Lower Columbia River Case Study – Toby Harbison, WDFW (virtual)
4:25	Discussion/Questions
5:30 – 8:00 pm	Banquet Dinner

Thursday, December 11, 2025

6:30 – 8:00 am	Registration
6:50 – 7:50 am	Breakfast
8:00 – 10:00 am	Session Seven – Contributed Papers <i>Chair: Kitty Griswold, ISU</i>
8:00	Modeling freshwater survival of wild juvenile steelhead - Ryan Vosbigian, UI
8:20	Meta-Analysis of Steelhead and Salmon Catch-and-Release Survival – Ian Courter, Mount Hood Environmental
8:40	Clearing the hurdle: How arrival timing and size influence reproductive success in steelhead returning to Fish Creek, Idaho – Audrey Harris, PSMFC/IDFG
9:00	Examining hatchery contributions to wild populations through grandparentage analysis - Matt Campbell, IDFG
9:20	Monitoring steelhead response following dam removal in the White Salmon River, Washington – Joe Zendt, Yakama Nation Fisheries Program
9:40	A Tool to Inform Management of Steelhead Fisheries in the Upper Columbia with Near Real-time Estimates of Escapement - Kevin See, WDFW
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 – 11:50 am	Session Seven (Continued) – Contributed Papers <i>Chair: Kitty Griswold, ISU</i>
10:15	Klamath River – understanding where we are going, sequencing actions and expectations for O. mykiss. – Tommy Williams, NOAA (virtual)
10:55	The distribution of neutral and adaptive genetic variation in California steelhead: Impacts of and on Central Valley water projects – Devon Pearse, UCSC & Friends of the River
11:15	Discussion/Questions
11:25am – 12:00pm	Closing Remarks & Discussion – Reflection and the Future of Steelhead Meetings <i>Chairs: Roger Harding, ADFG (retired) & Kitty Griswold, ISU</i>
12:00 pm	Boxed Lunch
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Committee Meeting

Thank You!

Save the Date: 2027 Steelhead Meeting

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