

PTSC August 2023 Meeting

August 4, 2023 - Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees: Scott Putnam, Brandon Chockley, Tiffani Marsh, Pat Keniry, Will Simpson, Gordon Axel, Brady Allen, Jeff Fryer, John Tenney, Don Warf, Daniel Wilson, Craig White, Nicole Tancreto, Sebastian Dudek

Action Items

- Update Marking Procedures Manual with information about using 9mm tags, tagging lamprey, tagging software edits and potentially a section on AQUI-S.
 - Nicole/John will email 9mm tag recipients for information.
 - Will S. will contact Lamprey Work Group for lamprey tagging information.
 - Tiffani will contact PNNL about lamprey tagging and work on an updated draft of the document.
- Update PTSC Charter
 - Scott will talk to FPAC members about the process they used to update from old charter to new guidelines and work on a draft document.
 - John will coordinate with Charlie and Tiffani on a new draft and circulate to the committee
- PTAGIS will mock up proposed changes to Tag Mask Validation Code request page and display page, send to PTSC for review
- PTAGIS will publish 2024 PIT Tag Workshop Abstract Submission page the week of August 7, send out email and post news item

Update Marking Procedures Manual

Last update to the document was in 2014 and at that time a sentence was included about adding information related to using smaller PIT tags in the future. Tiffani identified these potential updates to the document:

- Guidelines for using 9mm tags
- Guidelines for tagging lamprey
- Edit to Software section to remove reference to P3
- Guidelines for using AQUI-S 20E

John asked if the 9mm guidelines should include information on the different performance of those tags. Jeff indicated that when he used 9mms about 10 years ago that the performance in fish ladders was very close to 12mms, but not at instream sites. Both Will and Gordy confirmed that 9mm performance at instream sites is lower by about 30-40%.

Will recommended contacting the Lamprey Working Group to see if they already have lamprey tagging guidelines the manual could reference.

Tiffani recommended contacting recipients of 9mm tags distributed by PTAGIS.

All agree to move forward with an update.

Update PTSC Charter

The PTSC charter still references CBFWA, an organization that has not existed for about 10 years. FPAC recently updated its charter for a similar reason.

Scott learned of the FPAC revision from a member and thought PTSC could do something similar. Tiffani talked to Charlie about the FPAC process and they agreed that the PTSC could be a working group underneath FPAC and create guidelines instead of a charter.

Brandon thought that updating the PTSC charter to guidelines and forwarding it to FPAC approval should work for PTSC.

Scott and John will talk to FPAC members about the process and work on a draft.

Proposed Changes to Tag Mask Validation Codes

John proposed making a change to Tag Mask Validation Codes to associate the researcher's contact information when they request a tag be added so other researchers could contact them about the tags and any performance testing they may have done.

Other recommendations from the group:

- Emphasize it should be a researcher making the request, not a distributor or manufacturer
- If tag is subsequently tested for RFO, update information about the performance
- Add link to information on the Validation Codes page that describes more about performance testing

Review PIT Tag Workshop Abstract Submission Process

PTSC agreed on submission deadline of September 8 and notification to presenters on September 22. Abstract submission will be on the PTAGIS website and will collect abstract information into tables, which can then be used to build a program for the workshop. Once all submissions are in, PTAGIS will create a PDF document with the submissions for PTSC to review.

Recommendations for the page:

- Add indication of character limit on Abstract field
- Move Submit Abstract button so it doesn't get lost at bottom of page
- Publish page on Monday, send email out to newsletter list and publish news item