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**TO:** Steelhead and Cutthroat Policy Advisory Group Members

**FROM:** Bob Leland

**SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION IN PUGET SOUND STEELHEAD RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSIONS**

As you know, WDFW is in the early stages of creating draft steelhead hatchery, harvest and monitoring plans for each watershed in Puget Sound (Puget Sound Resource Management Plan), in response to NOAA Fisheries' proposed steelhead listing. These plans (which need to be in draft form by October, so they can be reviewed at meetings with our tribal co-managers in early December) will be informed by WDFW's steelhead science paper. WDFW would like them to also be informed by independent scientific findings (such as the HSRG's), as well as the views and recommendations of SCPAG members.

For this reason, we are hoping to convene an ad hoc group of SCPAG members for informal, monthly meetings in Olympia with members of WDFW's steelhead management plan project team, to provide advice and exchange information.

Please let us know if you are interested and able to commit to monthly meetings throughout the summer and early fall. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 12 and will be focused on receiving input from our SCPAG members. You are more than welcome to make a presentation regarding your ideas for the Puget Sound Steelhead Resource Management Plan.

Please get back to me as quickly as you can, if you would like to participate and/or make a presentation (360.902.2817; [lelanrfl@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:lelanrfl@dfw.wa.gov)). If you have questions and I'm not around, please contact Amilee Wilson, Project Team coordinator (360.902.2856; [wilsoalw@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:wilsoalw@dfw.wa.gov))

Thanks a lot!

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