**DRAFT AGENDA**

Pinniped Task Group FPOM

March 8th 2018

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Sign-in with receptionist on 12th floor

Meeting in the Celilo Room on the 5th floor

Conference line: **888-675-2535** **Access/Security code: 4849586 Attendee ID: 455**

**Objective:** Review past data and discuss plans for 2018. Address changes to the current program that may be needed.

**Brief introductions of all participants**

1. **Observation Program (USACE)**
   1. Presentation from FFU on 2017 Draft Pinniped Report
   2. Update on changes that have been made to observation period and effort
   3. Steller sea lion abundance and predation outside of the spring season
   4. Difficulty in identifying individual Steller sea lions
   5. Observations of Tower Island hazing
2. **Observations of Chum Salmon predation in 2017 (WDFW)**
   1. Update from WDFW on observations of Steller predation on chum salmon
3. **Pinniped Abundance and predation in lower Columbia (NOAA)**
   1. Michelle Rub results from past research
4. **Status of the MMPA section 120 LOA (NOAA)**
   1. Update from NOAA on LOA resulting from Task Force recommendations
   2. Update on proposed legislation
5. **Branding Tagging and Removal (ODFW & WDFW)**
   1. General plan for 2018
   2. SSL branding in 2018
   3. Adjustments to current program needed to better facilitate handling of SSL
6. **Hazing (USDA & CRITFC)**
   1. Dam-based hazing schedule
   2. Brief update from CRITFC on boat-based hazing.
   3. Planned frequency of boat-based hazing in 2018
   4. Hazing evaluation and new methods
7. **Roundtable discussion on the future of the current program**
   1. Is the current program sufficient in funding and latitude to adapt to changing conditions
   2. Future steps to reduce predation
   3. Next meeting to further discuss and address issues