

## **Working Group on Salmon Tagging (WGST) Terms of Reference**

The working group is composed of one or more members from each Party, and subject to approval by CSRS designates one official chairperson who shall preside over the working group and act as the primary representative for the working group. The working group will report annually to CSRS on progress of its work that will include proposed changes in membership.

The primary goal of the Working Group on Salmon Tagging (WGST) is to manage high seas Pacific salmon and steelhead trout tags (physical tags e.g., disk tags, archival tags) release and recovery data and activities to increase knowledge of anadromous stock-specific ocean distribution and migration.

Subject to approval by CSRS:

The WGST shall on an annual basis

- coordinate high seas tagging experiments and future tagging activities;
- collect release and recovery information and distribute it among the Parties;
- provide an annual summary of the high seas Pacific salmon and steelhead trout tag releases and recoveries to the CSRS;
- coordinate with the Secretariat for managing and providing timely updates to the tag release and recovery databases;
- encourage reporting of tag recoveries from the public and encourage working group members to coordinate recoveries of tags in their own countries;
- provide information for outreach materials for the website and other media, as required.

In addition, the WGST shall:

- cooperate with other working groups to examine stock-specific ocean distribution and migration behavior of Pacific salmon and steelhead trout;
- promote publication of results of Pacific salmon and steelhead trout tagging contributing to knowledge of their ocean distribution and migration behavior;
- complete tasks appropriate to the working group identified in the current Science Plan.