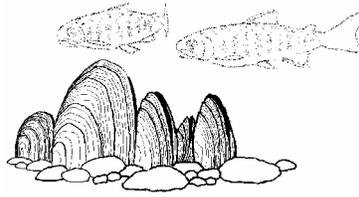


# Pacific Northwest Native Freshwater Mussel Workgroup



## **Workgroup Charter**

### *Purpose of the Workgroup*

The purpose of the Workgroup is to provide an open forum for discussions focusing on native freshwater mussels, dissemination of related information, and to provide guidance on integrated planning of mussel research, management, and education. The goal of the Workgroup is to ensure that freshwater mussel research, management, and educational activities are coordinated, prioritized, and are consistent with information needs identified.

### *Workgroup Composition*

The Workgroup is divided into two committees. One committee focuses on outreach and education activities and the other focuses on research, monitoring, and management activities. Each committee consists of one chair and several members. Members serving on the Workgroup will be those having a vested interest in mussel research, management, and educational issues.

### *Process*

Members of the Workgroup will hold an annual freshwater mussel conference for the purpose of reviewing the state of mussel research, management, and education and this conference may be attended by anyone. This conference may be sponsored to defer associated costs. The location of the annual conference will rotate throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Members of the Workgroup will meet at least four times per year (either in person, via teleconference, or by proxy) to review projects, coordinate work, discuss research priorities, and conduct other associated activities. The expectation is that members of the Workgroup will spend time throughout the year participating in Workgroup activities. Workgroup meeting locations will rotate throughout the Pacific Northwest.