

USMS Zone Reports and Agendas

Northwest Zone

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Introduction

The Northwest Zone covers an area of 1,175,954 square miles (about twice the area of Alaska), which includes all of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah and Washington, and 3 counties in Nevada. There are seven LMSCs, as Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and parts of Nevada are combined to form Inland Northwest (IW), Oregon (OR), Pacific Northwest (PN), and Snake River (SR) LMSCs.

The NW Zone currently lists 85 USMS members serving on the LMSC's leadership teams. The board conducts Zoom calls in December, March, June, and prior to the USMS Annual Meeting. Meeting minutes are posted on the NW Zone and USMS websites. 17 zone members are expected to attend in person, and 5 others will attend virtually for a total of 22. As of July 31, the zone has 4,422 members and 55 clubs. Snake River is the smallest LMSC with 123 members, and Pacific Northwest is the largest with 1,838 members. The Zone publishes a newsletter four times a year. It is posted on the Zone website: www.northwestzone.org.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. Bids were approved for the following 2025 zone championships:
 - SCY – Chehalem Barracudas, Stafford Hills, OR on April 4-6, 2025
 - LCM – Central Oregon Masters, Bend, OR. This was a one-day meet on May 17, 2025
 - OW 2 mile – Sawtooth Masters, Boise, ID, Broadside Harbor, Caldwell, ID on June 14, 2025
 - SCM – Puget Sound Masters, Seattle, WA on November 21-22, 2025
2. Approval of pre-convention gatherings in Kansas City. In-person delegates will arrive on Thursday and meet for meals and a meeting on Friday morning.
3. Many thanks to the following Zone volunteers:
 - Dave Cabrey, for keeping our Northwest Zone website up to date.
 - Steve Darnell, for keeping SCY, SCM and LCM records up to date.
 - Christina Fox, for editing and publishing the Northwest Zone Chatter quarterly.
 - Ken Winterberger, for keeping our zone finances in order.
 - Sally Dillon, for taking on secretarial duties and zone award management.

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4. The 2025 USMS Summer National Meet was held in the NW Zone at the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center in Federal Way, WA. It was hosted by PN LMSC.

Action Items

1. The LMSC approved via email, the fee for reserving a meeting room in KC.

Agenda

1. Call to order:
2. Confirmation of attendees:
 - a. Actions taken between meetings:
 - i. The June 2, 2025 meeting minutes were approved via email and posted on the USMS and zone website.
 - b. Chair report:
 - c. Financial report:
 - d. Webmaster report:
 - e. Records report:
 - f. Zone Chatter report:
 - g. Secretary report:
 - h. NW Zone At Large Director report:
 - i. NW Zone Championship events update:
 - j. Election of NW Zone Chair
3. Other business TBD

Northwest Zone Meeting

[Thursday August 21, 2025 8:30pm - 10:00pm EDT | Zoom Registration Link](#)