

## The OECD Fish Testing Framework Project

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OECD Project 2.30 on a Fish Testing Framework was initiated in mid-2009, with the United States as the lead country. The objectives of the project are to review the regulatory needs and data requirements for fish testing and review the currency of existing OECD Test Guidelines. In addition, the project aims to support animal welfare concerns by identifying unnecessary test methods, minimizing the number of in vivo fish tests, and ensuring the optimal use of data derived from in vivo studies. A September 2010 workshop with participation from 50 experts was organized with the goal of producing a Fish Testing Framework guidance document that provides a detailed discussion of issues, relevant endpoints, and the recommendation for a harmonized testing framework for fish. The workshop participants also reviewed existing and proposed OECD fish-related Test Guidelines and proposed recommendations for deleting, adding, and updating these tests. This presentation will highlight the conclusions of the October workshop and discuss the developed framework document.