



PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, December 11, 2014
1:00 – 5:00 pm
Grant PUD Wenatchee Office
11 Spokane Street, Suite 205B

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

Kate Terrell, USFWS	Chris Fisher, CCT
Dave Duvall, GCPUD	Lee Carlson, YN
Carl Merkle, CTUIR	Jeremy Cram, Carmen Andonaegui, WDFW
Justin Yeager, Dale Bambrick, NMFS	Denny Rohr, Facilitator

Attendees:

Justin Yeager, NMFS	Chris Fisher, CCT
Lee Carlson, YN	Jeremy Cram, WDFW
Kate Terrell, USFWS	Dave Duvall, GCPUD
Denny Rohr, Habitat SC Facilitator	

Action Items:

1. Carlson will request Rogers meet with Squadroni.
2. Carlson will make offers for acquisition of Newby Narrows property, and Duvall will follow up on HAZMAT survey at same location.
3. Duvall will contact WDOE regarding White River Staff Gage.
4. Terrell will follow up on questions outstanding regarding Icicle Work Group – Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery Groundwater Investigations.
5. Yeager will contact Aaron Penvose and request his attendance at the January HSC meeting
6. Rohr will conduct an email vote of ORRI – Penticton Channel Spawning Bed No. 3 proposal.
7. Duvall will contact ONA regarding ORRI – Phase II.

Final Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Agenda Review. Fisher requested that the Spec Sheet dated December 11, 2014, "ORRI – Penticton Channel Spawning Bed No. 3, be added to the agenda. Rohr requested a discussion of Tyee Ranch also be added to the agenda.

Action Items Review. Rohr informed the HSC that the Action Items from the November 13th meeting were either completed or being addressed at today's meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2014. Rohr informed the HSC of two edits to the draft meeting minutes; after discussion, the November 13, 2014 draft meeting minutes were approved.

Habitat Funds and NNI Report. As of October 31, 2014, the unencumbered balances for Fund 601, 602, and 603, respectively are \$2,890,486, \$3,365,604, and \$792,495 for a grand total of \$7,048,585.

Entiat Restoration Projects. HSC members briefly discussed the design information received from the project sponsor. HSC members commented that the design information is in the early stages, but at this time the HSC has no disagreement with the current design parameters being followed. Additional discussion will take place as the project design information moves forward.

Upper White Pine Restoration Proposal. HSC members commented that they thought the design concept was a good idea, but again they were concerned that the cost figures were too high. They felt it important to encourage the sponsor to move forward on the power line changes being discussed, but they also would like to have the sponsor reassess the cost figures. Rohr will follow up with the sponsor regarding the HSC discussion.

Update of Squadroni Property Discussions. A brief discussion took place at the November 13th HSC meeting, and the HSC agreed that it would be worthwhile to visit John Squadroni once again and see if there was any project worth considering on his property. Accordingly, Carlson agreed to ask Brandon Rogers, Yakama Nation, to meet with Squadroni and report back.

Newby Narrows Property Acquisition. Carlson and Duvall updated the HSC on the status of the acquisition. Duvall commented we can pay earnest money in the acquisition without having a signed contract. HSC discussion continued regarding information received and that one of the two property owners may want to exceed the appraised value of their property. Accordingly, this information resulted in discussion of the question about exceeding the appraised value of the property. After discussion, HSC members commented that they did not want to go over the appraised value. A second question posed was if HSC members felt it alright to share the HSC appraisal with the property owners, and HSC members concluded that would be alright to do. HSC members concluded that offers should be made to both property owners and try to move the acquisition forward. The HSC discussion regarding a HAZMAT survey also raised additional questions. The HSC discussion concluded with the agreement that Carlson will pursue the acquisitions with offers to the property owners, and Duvall will follow up regarding the HAZMAT questions and report back at the next meeting.

Review of White River Staff Gage: Duvall reminded the HSC that based on a previous decision of approval by the HSC, he had offered \$50,000 for 5 years of data collection from the White River staff gage. At that time, WDOE responded that they could make no comment until after October 2014. Next, upon continuing to receive no response from WDOE, Duvall sent another email reminder in November, but he still has not received any response. After

discussion, the HSC requested that Duvall try once more, and if there continues to be no response, the offer will be withdrawn.

Red Shirt Mill Pre-proposal. Subject is on hold.

Icicle Work Group – Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery Groundwater Investigations. Terrell explained the proposal. HSC members commented they would like to see language in the Spec Sheet that defines the flow level. Also, the funding amount being requested of the HSC was not clear since apparently BOR has become involved in the funding of the proposal. The HSC expressed interest in the proposal, and they requested clarification of the funding amount being requested, plus clarification of the resulting flow benefits associated with the proposal. Terrell will pursue answers to these questions.

Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion Change and Pressurization Construction. Yeager informed the HSC that the project sponsor/TU did not get full funding as requested to the SRFB. TU is also trying to get funding from BPA and they expect an answer in March. Additionally, there is discussion taking place of restoring the side channel and pressurizing the pipe. The HSC discussion resulted in unanswered questions and a conclusion to ask the project sponsor (Aaron Penvose/TU) to attend the next HSC to continue the discussion. Yeager will contact Penvose to make the request.

Shuttleworth Basin Proposal (Discussion of Email Vote). Fisher explained the proposal. After discussion, the HSC did not reach consensus to fund the project and it was therefore withdrawn from further consideration.

(Agenda Addition) ORRI – Penticton Channel Spawning Bed No. 3. Fisher explained the proposal. The total funding amount was \$477,000 with a request to HSC for funding of \$367,000. It was noted that this proposed Spawning Bed was the same size as Spawning Beds 1 and 2 combined. After discussion, the HSC agreed to review the Spec Sheet which would be distributed, and Rohr would conduct an email vote in the interest of time.

(Agenda Addition) Tyee Ranch Conservation Easement. Rohr reported that he had been contacted again by a spokesperson for the Tyee Ranch property. The spokesperson again requested to meet with the HSC to present their side of the discussion to the committee. After HSC discussion, it was decided that the committee had already provided their response and is not interested in re-visiting the Tyee project.

Review of Property Acquisition Appraisal Process. Ongoing.

UPDATES:

- A. McIntyre Dam – No update.
- B. ORRI Phase II – The funds remaining total \$14,000. ONA is requesting they be allowed to use this money. The HSC concluded they would consider the request after receiving an explanation of how and where the money will be used. Duvall will discuss with ONA.
- C. Penticton Spawning Platforms 1 and 2 – Duvall contacted ONA and delivered the message that the HSC declined to approve the ONA request to use funds remaining on Spawning Platform 3.
- D. Wenatchee Nutrient Enhancement Proposal – Duvall reported a Contract Change Order for 10,570.79 has been completed, as previously approved by the HSC.
- E. Icicle Creek Boulder Field Assessment Project – Ongoing.

- F. Shuttleworth Creek Project – . Fisher reported at the November 13th meeting that ONA provided a modified proposal in an effort to resolve the Shuttleworth issue. However, the HSC decided to wait an additional year to evaluate any progress on development and verify if additional funding has been secured. Fisher has notified ONA.
- G. Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project – Ongoing
- H. Bremer Property – Ongoing.
- I. Barkley Irrigation Company, 2012-14 Diversion Change – See discussion above.
- J. Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array – Ongoing.
- K. Trout Unlimited – Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II – no update.
- L. Lower Nason Side Channel RM 2.4 Development on the McCarty Property – Ongoing.
- M. MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District – After discussion and some questions remaining unanswered, the HSC decided to ask Project Sponsor/Lisa Pelly attend the next meeting for further discussion.
- N. Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array – Ongoing.

Next Meeting. January 15, 2015, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office.