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## PRCC Habitat Subcommittee

### FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018**

**1 pm**

### Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

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#### PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Dave Duvall, Deane Pavlik-Kunkel (alt), GCPUD

Justin Yeager, Dale Bambrick (alt), NMFS

Jeremy Cram, Carmen Andonaegui (alt), WDFW

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator

Chris Fisher, CCT

Lee Carlson, Brandon Rogers (alt), YN

Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

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#### PRCC Habitat Meeting Attendees

Chris Fisher, CCT

Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

Patrick Wyena, GCPUD

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator

Curt Soper, CD Land Trust

Dave Duvall, GCPUD

Justin Yeager, NMFS

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Mickey Fleming, CD Land Trust

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### **DECISIONS MADE DURING MAY 23, 2018 MEETING**

1. The following decisions as outlined were affirmed for the record as having received concurrence from members listed for each decision.
  - a. YN Approval of "**Improving Fish Jumping Efficiency at McIntyre Dam Project**", funding up to \$15,100, Fund 602 - Completed
  - b. YN Approval of "**Roaring Creek Hydrograph Restoration and Fish Passage Project**", funding up to \$150,000, Fund 603 – Completed

- c. HabSC Members Approval of Changing from Fund 603 to Fund 602 for “**Roaring Creek Hydrograph Restoration and Fish Passage Project**” – Completed
  - d. HabSC Email Vote Approval of “**Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion Change and Pressurization– Construction**”, Spec Sheet dated April 17, 2018; funding up to \$750,000, Fund 603 – Completed
2. Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition Proposal, HSC approved funding for an appraisal up to \$5,000, Fund 602, subject to concurrence of Carlson and Cram who were not in attendance. (Note: Carlson and Cram were contacted after the meeting by Rohr and concurrence was received from both).

**I. SAFETY REVIEW (D. Duvall)** - Completed

**II. Agenda Review** – No additions

**III. Approval of Minutes for April 12, 2018 (D. Rohr)** - Approved

**IV. Action Items Review from April 12, 2018 Meeting (D. Rohr)** –

1. Rohr to contact YN regarding HSC decision to fund “Fish Jumping Efficiency for McIntyre Dam”. **Completed**
2. Rohr to distribute amended project spec sheet of the “Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion Project” when received from TU and schedule an HSC conference call for consideration of same. **Completed**
3. Rohr to contact YN regarding HSC decision to fund “Roaring Creek Hydrograph Restoration and Fish Passage Proposal”. **Completed**

**V. Habitat Funds and NNI Report (D. Rohr)** – Rohr reviewed current reports.

**VI. Affirmation** of approval (D. Rohr)

- a. YN Approval of “Improving Fish Jumping Efficiency at McIntyre Dam Project”, funding up to \$15,100, Fund 602 - **Completed**
- b. YN Approval of “Roaring Creek Hydrograph Restoration and Fish Passage Project”, funding up to \$150,000, Fund 603 - **Completed**
- c. HabSC Members Approval of Changing from Fund 603 to Fund 602 for Roaring Creek Hydrograph Restoration and Fish Passage Project - **Completed**

- d. HabSC Email Vote Approval of "Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion Change and Pressurization—Construction", Spec Sheet dated April 17, 2018; funding up to \$750,000, Fund 603 - **Completed**

## **VII. Summary of Contract Amendments Regarding Projects Listed Above (D. Duvall)**

Duvall provided a status update on the following projects:

1. Twisp Acquisition 602-46H is in development and making progress towards closing at the end of May via wire transfer of funds.
2. McIntyre Dam Fish Evaluation HFA 602-47H is in process and will be sent to ONA for their initial review.
3. Colockum Land Development 602-48H has been sent to CDLT for their initial review.
4. Roaring Creek 602-16H Change Order 1 sent to Trout Unlimited.
5. 603-30H Barkley Construction (50%) It was determined that a Change Order could be used to amend the contract with Trout Unlimited and that is the direction being taken.

## **VIII. Decision Item -- Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition Proposal, CDLT (D. Duvall)**

1. List of Questions and CDLT – Mickey Fleming, CD Land Trust, attended the meeting to assist with a review of the questions posed by the HSC Members. Committee members have previously reviewed the answers provided electronically by David Morgan of CDLT and felt their questions had been answered. When asked about public access to the property if acquired, Fleming commented there would be some sort of regulated access if individuals wanted to enter the property. Fleming stated that while there would be no advertising of public access, plus designated parking areas would not be provided, "No Trespassing" signage would not be displayed either. Fleming stated the land has an active spring that is being managed and it would not be sold off to anyone, plus there has always been ample water for fish. HSC members had no additional questions, and Fleming exited the meeting.
2. Appraisal Activities – After additional discussion, HSC members present approved moving forward with an appraisal of the property with funding up to \$5,000, subject to Rohr contacting Carlson and Cram and getting their concurrence.

## **IX. Discussion - City of Leavenworth Fish Screen Construction (HSC / Trib Comm)** – A combined meeting of the PRCC Habitat SC (HSC) and the HCP Tributary Committees was held to discuss information received by Rohr and Tracy Hillman, Tributary Committee Chair, from Mike Kaputa, CCNRD, regarding construction of the City of Leavenworth (City) Fish Screen. Kaputa also sent email dated May 15, 2018 to Rohr and Hillman describing the proposal to "Construct the City of Leavenworth screen in 2019 using Icicle Work Group (Office of the Columbia

River) funds and city matching funds". The May 15<sup>th</sup> email from Kaputa was shared electronically with Habitat SC members prior to today's meeting. The May 15<sup>th</sup> proposal from Kaputa outlined the background and current situation. Kaputa explained that \$372,000 from the Office of the Columbia River (OCR) is available to the Icicle Work Group to be used as funding for the City screen construction, plus there is expectation that a 25% match would be available from the City. Kaputa also stated there is anticipation that the Icicle Peshastin Irrigation District (IPID) would contribute up to \$100,000 in in-kind/or cash match (for the IPID screen construction project). In conclusion, Kaputa's email outlines the question that "we would like to know if there is support from the committees for the Icicle Work Group to commit its funds entirely to the city screen project in 2019 rather than across all the projects".

After discussion, the HSC concluded that Kaputa needs to coordinate with WDFW regarding the City and IPID screening projects. A proposal had previously been received from WDFW in January regarding these two screen projects, and while the HSC did not approve the proposal, there is some expectation that an amended WDFW proposal may be forthcoming. Accordingly, the HSC feels Kaputa's coordination with WDFW would be appropriate. Additionally, for the HSC to give consideration to the 2 screen projects, a 25% match must be received from each entity, and Kaputa's proposal does not include that request. The HSC also commented that additional details would need to be clearly defined in order to give consideration to these two screen projects, including integration of the outstanding Boulder Field Project.

Rohr will share the committee's discussion with Kaputa and keep the HSC members advised of any additional comments and/or information received. Rohr will also share this discussion with Carlson and Cram who were not in attendance for today's meeting. Some committee members stated that a Specification Sheet clearly outlining the details of the proposal would need to be submitted prior to any consideration to occur.

- X. Update – Contracting, Liability, Indemnification Activities (D. Duvall)** – Duvall reported that he continues to work with the Grant Risk Department regarding details of habitat projects and the associated risk level involved. He will keep committee members advised of these ongoing activities as information and conclusions are developed.

**XI. Potpourri (D. Rohr)**

- A. Purpose of Spec Sheets in WORD FORMAT – Rohr reminded members that a Specification Sheet being submitted for consideration needs to include 2 documents, one in WORD format and one in PDF format. Grant contracting specifically needs the WORD format document to be used in their contract template.

**Project Updates**

- A. **McIntyre Dam - Fish Jumping Efficiency (C. Fisher)** – No new information.

- B. **Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher)** – ONA is continuing to meet with those involved with this project. Questions regarding project direction are under review. Fisher will keep the HSC advised of information received after the next near-term meeting.
- C. **Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell)** – Trout Unlimited reports that in April they received 4 bids back from local contractors for the Roaring creek project. The bids were 25% to 100% higher than the engineers estimate, which was a bit of a drag. However, TU was able to work quickly with our partners and cobbled enough money together to get a contract, PRCC stepped up with \$150K, which sealed the deal. Smith Excavation of Wenatchee was the winning bidder and was brought on Board as a result. TU spent significant time going through the contract and submittals process, and this all went very smoothly. The pre-construction meeting was held the third week in April to walk through the whole project covering everything from the county road crossing to the well and pump station installation. Outreach to local neighboring land owners to inform them on what to expect during the construction phase of the project has also been completed. Smith Excavation mobilized the last week in April and will start constriction the first part of May. TU is pleased to be working to finalize this project and put all the effort over the years on the ground!
- D. **Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)** – No new information.
- E. **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram)** – Trout Unlimited reports that this project remains on hold while the Jones Shotwell Ditch Company Board of Directors conducts an internal water rights evaluation.
- F. **Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)** – No new information.
- G. **Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager)** – Trout Unlimited reports that Barkley was the same as the past several months, with tremendous effort and resource being expended as they push the project forward. Much of the month was spent on final design reviews and final modifications to the plans. The team also spent exorbitant time working through the easement issue near the diversion. Progress was made and all signs are leading to securing the private landowner easement/permissions by mid-May! TU spent many hours coordinating and facilitating the various Barkley/MVID directors for project decisions. This daily effort is paying off and we are making incremental progress. As such we have bid two smaller project components, which will be teed up upon completion of all the administrative tasks. The hope is that we will have everything in place for issuing pipe purchases and the first major phase of construction the end of May or early June. Construction is close.

- H. **Stormy Creek Fish Passage Project (K. Terrell)** – Construction planned for summer.
- I. **Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher)** – PIT tag antennas are to be installed on both ends.
- J. **Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager, D. Duvall)** – Duvall reported that David Rice's update was distributed to the HSC. A conference call is scheduled for next week and an update will be provided. The project is ongoing and there is work being done on the preliminary design.
- K. **Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal – CCFEG (K. Terrell)** – Finishing up work on the prioritization.
- L. **Twisp River Flood Plain Lower Acquisition Phase II (K. Terrell)** - In closing the Twisp Acquisition Phase II, MSRF wanted to know which documents the committee wanted for their records. Duvall presented the question to the HSC members to which the committee responded that the following documents should be provided: Contaminates survey level one, appraisal, cultural resources, water rights (if not included in the appraisal), Purchase and Sale agreement. Action: Rohr to put as an additional agenda item.
- M. **Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition (D. Duvall)** – See discussion at agenda item VIII above.

**Next Meeting** – Thursday, June 14, 2018, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

**Action Items from May 23, 2018 Meeting**

1. Duvall will start the appraisal process for the Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition proposal.
2. Rohr will share the HSC discussion with Kaputa regarding the City of Leavenworth Fish Screen Construction information. Rohr will also share the discussion with Carlson and Cram who were not in attendance for the meeting.
3. Rohr to include noticing of the documents to be provided for the record, Twisp River Flood Plain Lower Acquisition Phase II.

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