



## PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2014  
Grant PUD Wenatchee Office  
11 Spokane Street, Suite 205B

### PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

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

### Attendees:

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Justin Yeager, NMFS	Chris Fisher, CCT
Lee Carlson, YN	Jeremy Cram, WDFW
Kate Terrell, USFWS	Dave Duvall, GCPUD
Debbie Williams, GCPUD (Via Phone)	Denny Rohr, Facilitator

### Distributed Items:

1. Lower Nason Side Channel RM 2.4

### Action Items:

1. Duvall will request a breakdown of appraisal cost from Strickland.
2. Duvall will talk to Grant PUD staff in the real estate department to see if the Natapoc appraisal cost seems reasonable.
3. HSC members will review the Natapoc appraisal, determine if a review appraisal needs to be conducted, decide to approve or deny purchase of the three properties, and email vote to Rohr by June 26<sup>th</sup>.
4. Duvall will discuss the \$50,000 for 5 years offer to fund the White River Staff Gage, with Mike Anderson, WDOE.
5. Rohr will notify Fleming that the HSC has requested additional time to review the CDLT proposed Lower Nason Creek project.
6. Rohr will send Mike Kaputa, Chelan County Natural Resources a letter notifying him that the \$160,000 encumbered for the Nason Creek LWP Flood Plain Reconnection Project, has been terminated.

7. Cram will send the following to Rohr for HSC distribution: Wenatchee Nutrient Enhancement Proposal report on macroinvertebrates and nutrient enhancement report from Jason Lundgren.

## Final Meeting Minutes

- I. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – April 10<sup>th</sup>, approved. May 8<sup>th</sup>, approved subject to Duvall's approval. May 14<sup>th</sup> – Approved with amendment to read "HSC agreed to pay up to \$38,000 for Cascadia Conservation District expenses associated with the Tye Conservation Easement."
- II. **Habitat Funds Report** – Duvall reported that Grant PUD has a dedicated accounting staff person that will be responsible for providing regular Habitat Fund Reports on a consistent basis.
- III. **Review of Projects' Tour** – HSC members discussed biological pros/cons of proposed projects they toured on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- IV. **Update of Property Acquisition Appraisal Process** – Duvall reported that he had received the Natapoc appraisal from Fred Strickland, and that it showed there is no appreciable timber on the property. Members appreciated the turnaround time on this appraisal but questioned that \$20,000 fee, which did not include the Hazmat appraisal that was conducted and paid for by the Yakama Nation. **Duvall will request a breakdown of appraisal cost from Strickland.** The committee agreed that the appraisal process needs the following issues defined:
  - Larry Rees is the Primary Appraiser, but which of the backup appraisers (Fred Strickland, Michael Gentry, Peter Shorette) will be contacted first?
  - Who will conduct Hazmat appraisals?
  - Average cost of appraisals. **Duvall will talk to Grant PUD staff in the real estate department to see if the appraisal cost seems reasonable.**

**HSC members will review the Natapoc appraisal, determine if a review appraisal needs to be conducted, decide to approve or deny purchase of the three properties, and email vote to Rohr by June 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Duvall said that he had received an email from Larry Rees stating his discomfort with Grant PUD's 30 day net payment policy, and asked for a 15 day turn around, citing his arrangement with the Tributary Committee. Grant PUD agreed to set Rees up with a direct pay account in order to remit payment as soon as possible. If Rees agrees to these terms, the contract, which includes a \$600.00 daily rate + mileage and lodging, will be signed.

- V. **Affirmation of NNI Funding Approval by PRCC - Methow Valley Irrigation District Instream Flow Improvement Project** – Rohr affirmed the PRCC's approval of 1.4 million from the NNI Fund for this project. The PRCC asked that project updates be provided.

*Update provided by Kate Terrell - The Department of Ecology published the draft Report of Examination (ROE) for the Methow Valley Irrigation District Trust Water Rights on April 2. The 30 day review period ended the first week in May with no letters or comments received. We are waiting for the additional final 30 days so they can be stamped final. The new water right applications are in the process of being developed*

*and should be posted in the next couple of weeks. Ecology is currently undergoing the impairment analysis. BOR recently completed the 90% design work for the east canal and it is currently out for review. BOR contracted an outside contractor for the west side design; these designs should be at 30% in the next month. A Threshold Determination for SEPA is being finalized and published. Other permitting is moving forward, specifically with the Town of Twisp, and phase II archeology. The laterals are being staked for the archeology. TU and their attorney are starting work on multiple contracting documents including construction, easement, landowner, etc.*

- VI. **White River Staff Gage** – Duvall talked to Mike Anderson, WDOE, who said other funding sources hadn't been sought and the gage will be discontinued after October 2014, unless the HSC funds it. Annual costs are approximately \$16,000. After discussion, HSC members agreed to fund \$50,000 for 5 years. **Duvall will discuss the offer with Anderson.** If WDOE is interested, a project spec sheet will need to be submitted to the HSC.
- VII. **Review of Potential Project in Lower Nason Creek Area** – Mickey Fleming, CDLT, submitted this project for HSC review. If the HSC is interested, Fleming will request \$5,000 for background investigation of the potential project. HSC members asked for additional review time. Rohr will notify Fleming.
- VIII. **Project Updates**
  - A. **McIntyre Dam – Improving Fish Jumping Efficiency** – Monitoring will start on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - B. **Nason Creek LWP Flood Plain Reconnection Project** – Due to no activity on this project, the HSC agreed that the \$160,000 encumbered for this project will be terminated. **Rohr will send a letter of notification to Mike Kaputa, Chelan County Natural Resources.**
  - C. **Wenatchee Nutrient Enhancement Proposal** – Cram reported that Heather Bartlett, WDOE, questions the fish benefit of this project and how it will be documented, expected change in fish size to be detected, and whether that change is a reasonable outcome of this project. Cram said that he had responded to Bartlett's questions, but hasn't had a response from her yet. Cram said there is a project related report on macroinvertebrates, as well as a nutrient enhancement report from Jason Lundgren that he will send it to Rohr for HSC distribution.
  - D. **Icicle Creek Boulder Field Assessment Project** – Update provided by Kate Terrell - *Completed an on-site review (Pat Powers, Steve Toth and Aaron Penvose), and developed a Project Management strategy for the site survey, permit issues for the proposed site Geotech assessment and coordination with stakeholders. In addition, Waterfall surveyed the water surface elevations through the project reach (stream flow 520 cfs) for inclusion in the hydraulic model and input this layer into the existing drawing. Also as part of the work we completed research on property lines and parcels and Waterfall created an overlay on the existing CAD drawing to instruct the surveyors where to focus the bench mark and property lines relative to site features. Lastly the contractor updated the CAD drawings for surveyors so the current survey date can be rotated and matched with the new survey on state plane coordinates. The next phase is a full blown survey and cultural resource consultation. In*

*May the SRFB determined that though previously exempted, because of the Geotech testing we hope to conduct this fall we would need to do consultation.*

- E. **Tyee Ranch Project** – Duvall reported that Cascadia Conservation District has provided detailed expenditures to Grant PUD (not to exceed \$38,000) and that a contract has been developed to pay the invoices.
- F. **Shuttleworth Creek Project** – Fisher reported that Kari Long, ONA, is having Norton Irrigation draft a spec sheet to request additional funds needed to complete this project and have it operational in 2015. The spec sheet is expected in August. ONA did secure \$35,000 and are seeking an additional \$25,000 from another source. The local power company will be installing electricity to the well sites in the foreseeable future.
- G. **Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project** - – Update provided by Kate Terrell - *In May TU focused our efforts on permitting and review of the Roaring Creek Design documents. This included working to submit the JARPA the county. The county issued a shoreline exemption on the project and the initial HPA review was made with WDFW. WDFW is requiring some additional information about the diversion removal work, but TU believes that has been addressed at this time. Permit information has also been provided to the Army Corp and USFWS. The hatchery manager and TU have been working closely on the project and TU is preparing information for the Hatchery Managers meeting in Portland on the 26th of June. This is an important step that will determine if the easement will be granted on the hatchery ground for the new Roaring Creek Water Users facility. At this time this is the critical path for the project. The final water right changes are being reviewed at ecology currently and we anticipate having them posted in June. Onward and upward!*
- H. **Bremer Property, Phase 3** – Mickey Fleming, CDLT, indicated to Rohr that closing could possibly take place prior to July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- I. **Barkley Irrigation Company, 2012 – 2014 Diversion Change** – Ongoing.
- J. **Chewuch River Permanent Instream Flow Project** – Update provided by Kate Terrell - *The final punch list items remaining for the construction contractor were almost entirely completed in May, with only small portions of two items still remaining to complete in June, at which point the construction project will be complete. These two items are tidying up the fence around the intake structure, and installing the replacement stem for the valve that was difficult to operate at substantial completion. This constitutes approximately one half to one full day's work, which is pending the arrival of the replacement valve stem. In addition, we consulted with WDFW on the state of Lake Creek and Pearrygin Lake near the intake structure post-construction, and modified and fixed the silt fences protecting the water bodies as per their requests. The silt fences will remain in place until vegetation becomes established, expected to be by fall 2014. As well, the last portions of re-vegetation and mitigation work were completed on landowner staging and construction access areas. The project is for all intents and purposes complete and functional!*
- K. **Peshastin and Icicle Irrigation Districts Pump-back System Options Feasibility Study** – Ongoing.

- L. **Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array** – Cram reported that materials are being ordered.
  - M. **Penticton Spawning Platforms** – Fisher reported that all permits are in place and ONA will try to install on August 15<sup>th</sup> with completion slated by September 2014.
  - N. **Natapoc Habitat Restoration Properties Strategic Acquisition** – See discussion above, Item IV.
  - O. **Trout Unlimited – Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II – Jones Shotwell** – Update provided by Kate Terrell - *Trout Unlimited (TU) continues to move forward with the Jones-Shotwell Ditch Company (JSDC) on Phase II of the Lower Wenatchee River Instream Flow Enhancement Project. TU worked on several different tasks in May, with a focus on due diligence regarding annual water use and number of acres irrigated. TU held three meetings with the ditch manager, including tours of the ditch and adjoining parcels, to determine what land is currently provided irrigation water by the JSDC. This information was integrated into a geographic information system to conduct geospatial analyses and create cartographic products. TU's findings were presented to the Washington State Department of Ecology and Washington Conservation Commission for their review, and TU continues to refine its analysis of JSDC water use and acreage irrigated. In addition, TU has scheduled a cultural resources assessment for June. The archaeologist will conduct surveys of the proposed pipeline alignment, construction material staging areas, and areas to be excavated around the existing pump station. TU maintains excellent correspondence and a robust working relationship with the JSDC Board and shareholders. We continue to receive positive feedback in terms of confidence in the project and a desire to move to the next step. Holding hands is nice.*
- IX. **Next Meetings:**
- A. July 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office