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FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee

Thursday, April 12, 2018

1:00 PM

Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

Kate Terrell, USFWS	Chris Fisher, CCT
Dave Duvall, Deane Pavlik-Kunkel (alt), GCPUD	Lee Carlson, Brandon Rogers (alt), YN
Justin Yeager, Dale Bambrick (alt), NMFS	Carl Merkle, CTUIR
Jeremy Cram, Carmen Andonaegui (alt), WDFW	Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator	

Meeting Attendees

Chris Fisher, CCT	Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel, GCPUD (Via Phone)
Dave Duvall, GCPUD	Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant
Justin Yeager, NMFS	Patrick Weyena, GCPUD (Via Phone)
Jeremy Cram, WDFW	Kate Terrell, USFWS
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Decisions Made During the April 12, 2018

1. Committee voted to not approve January 8, 2018 proposal for "Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District and City of Leavenworth Fish Screens".
2. Committee voted to approve up to \$15,100 from Fund 602 for "Improving Fish Jumping Efficiency at McIntyre Dam", subject to YN approval.
3. The Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II, will be reviewed at the end of the internal water rights evaluation which is expected to be completed in approximately 6 months.
4. Committee voted to approve up to \$150,000 from Fund 603 for the "Roaring Creek Hydrograph Restoration and Fish Passage Proposal", subject to YN approval.

- I. Agenda Review – Addition of “Roaring Creek Hydrograph Restoration and Fish Passage Proposal” (K. Terrell)
- II. Approval of Minutes for March 6, 2018 (D. Rohr) – Approved
- III. Action Items Review from March 6, 2018 Meeting (D. Rohr)
 1. Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition, CDLT – Rohr was to gather and distribute a comprehensive list of questions while Duvall was to gather temperature data and work with Grant PUD cultural personnel on those items. **Completed**
 2. Hancock Springs Restoration, Methow Conservancy – Rohr will send letter to Heide Anderson and Jason Paulson, Methow Conservancy, informing the proposal was not approved. **Completed**
 3. Terrell and Rohr will coordinate to schedule Trout Unlimited for the April 12th HSC meeting to provide an update of the Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II. **Completed**
- IV. Habitat Funds and NNI Report (D. Rohr) - Will be distributed later this month.
- V. Discussion - Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District and City of Leavenworth Fish Screens Proposal, Jenni Novak, WDFW (K. Terrell) – Committee members briefly discussed the January 8th spec sheet for this proposal and related activities. After discussion, committee voted to not approve the January 8, 2018 spec sheet proposal.
- VI. Proposal – Improving Fish Jumping Efficiency at McIntyre Dam (C. Fisher) Fisher explained the proposal to improve fish jumping efficiency at McIntyre Dam, noting that the proposed surveys to evaluate the fish jumping success would be implemented 2018-2022. The requested funding is \$15,100 over the 5-year period. After review and discussion, committee members present voted to approve the proposal for up to \$15,100 from Fund 602, subject to approval of the Yakama Nation representative who was not in attendance for this meeting. (Note: after the meeting, Rohr contacted YN representative Carlson regarding this proposal, and email was received on April 13th concurring with approval of the proposal).

- VII.** (2:00 pm) Update Review of Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II, Dan Jaspers, Aaron Penvose, Trout Unlimited (J. Cram, K. Terrell) – Trout Unlimited project sponsors were asked to attend today’s meeting to provide an update for this project. The pace of the project in moving toward completion has been slow, and committee members wanted some discussion and explanation. Penvose reviewed the project activities with the committee members, including comment that an internal water rights evaluation is taking place which has contributed to a delay in progress. The evaluation is expected to be completed in 6 months after which more details surrounding the project would become available. After further discussion, committee members decided to wait until the conclusion of the water rights evaluation and review the project again at that time.
- VIII.** (Addition to Agenda) Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (C. Fisher) – Fisher informed the committee of a deadline of late June regarding Colville funding for an approximate \$1.5 million funding expenditure to purchase pipe for this project. Additionally, it was noted there is a \$750,000 shortfall to complete the project. Aaron Penvose, Trout Unlimited and Project Sponsor, remained in the HSC meeting and participated in the discussion of the project status and provided additional explanation (See TU report in Project Updates below). After discussion, the committee agreed to consider funding the \$750,000 shortfall and requested Penvose provide an amended project spec sheet outlining the specific request. Accordingly, upon receipt Rohr will distribute the amended project spec sheet to committee members for their review, and he will schedule a near-term conference call of the HSC to consider the funding request.
- IX.** (Addition to Agenda) Roaring Creek Hydrograph Restoration and Fish Passage Proposal (K. Terrell) – Terrell reviewed the proposal with the committee members. After discussion, committee members approved the funding request of up to \$150,000 from Fund 603, subject to approval of the Yakama Nation representative who was not in attendance for this meeting. (Note: after the meeting, Rohr contacted YN representative Carlson regarding this proposal, and email was received on April 13th concurring with the approval of the proposal).
- X.** Update – Contracting, Liability, Indemnification Activities (D. Duvall) – Nothing new to report.
- XI.** Potpourri (D. Rohr)
- A Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition - Update/Review List of Questions – David Morgan, CDLT, provided some answers to

the committee's list of questions regarding this proposal. The questions will be reviewed by committee members and discussed in detail at the May meeting.

- B Silver Side Acquisition - Letter sent to Chris Johnson, MSRF – A letter has been sent to Chris Johnson informing him of the HSC's decision regarding this project proposal.
- C Hancock Springs Restoration, Phase 2 – A letter has been sent to Heide Anderson and Jason Paulson, Methow Conservancy, informing them of the HSC's decision regarding this project proposal.

Project Updates

- A **McIntyre Dam** - Fish Passage Efficiency (C. Fisher) –Nothing new
- D **Shuttleworth Creek Projects** (C. Fisher) – Fisher reported that ONA is continuing to work with the landowners involved with the Shuttleworth project and addressing the issues that prevent completing the project, particularly with Allendale Dam and the peat moss bed. ONA continues to monitor stream flow with the hopes that Shuttleworth Creek can eventually achieve perennial flow to the Okanagan River, providing fish passage and rearing opportunities.
- E **Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project** (K. Terrell) – In March TU's focus was on finalizing project plans and preparing to take the project out for bid. Final reviews and revisions to the engineering designs were made, and technical specifications were developed. A bid package was put together consistent with other TU projects and following pertinent state, federal, and internal procurement guidelines. The project went out to bid in early March and was advertised publicly through the Wenatchee Plan Center and also via direct communications with approximately 20 regional contractors and subcontractors. A mandatory pre-bid conference and site walk was held on March 21 with excellent turnout. Since the pre-bid conference we have received many questions from contractors and suppliers and anticipate a competitive bid process. We are excited to review submitted bids during the first week of April. The project is currently still on schedule for summer 2018 completion.
- F **Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array** (J. Cram) – Cram informed the committee that a juvenile was detected as having passed the Boulder Field. Current flow level of 1000 CFS.
- G **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II** (J. Cram) –Wait for water rights evaluation completion

and proceed with additional committee review at that time. (See agenda item VII above).

- H **MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District (K. Terrell)** – Done. Put leftover money back into HFA fund.
- I **Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)** – The spring effort complete, data not received yet. Two years pre and post phase 1. On hold on phase 2. Will continue to review and discuss.
- J **Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) (J. Yeager)** - March was mostly the same as February on the Barkley. TU continued to facilitate and coordinate the weekly team meeting with Barkley and MVID on the project. Each week we have made progress, but for those of us who are anxious to get along with it, progress seems slow. As an example, in February we solicited bids for a portion of the pipeline with the intent to procure the pipe in advance of a construction contract to save money and time (there is currently a 3-month lead time on large diameter pipe). However, we were unable to pull the trigger on the pipe because of funding concerns and the bids expired. Hopefully we will be able to pull the trigger on something tangible soon. Each week we continue to discuss the projects phasing and make adjustments to the schedule based on weekly progress and current constraints. We have also been in daily conversations with the boards, the engineer, partners, funders and landowners adjacent to the project area in an effort to maintain momentum. The major constraint at the moment is that we are around \$750,000 dollars short on funding. TU worked really hard and was able to get the shortfall included in the states final supplemental budget, however it was removed prior to the governor's signature. As such, TU is now working multiple angles to close the gap on the funding and will be aggressively trying to do so over the next couple months. Unfortunately, if we can't fill the funding gap, we are at risk of losing more as time goes on, with over a million going away the end of June, if not spent beforehand. In general, here is a list of other activities which are mostly the same as February.
- TU has been working on both DOT and WDFW right-of-way/easements as well as WDFW access.
 - TU prepared a funding request additional funding for the Project.
 - TU staff attended four project team meetings in Twisp with Barkley and MVID Directors.
 - TU staff had daily meetings with Forsgren to review and move forward engineering plans for the project.

- TU staff, their consultant, and their attorney provided expertise to Barkley's attorney
- TU met with representatives from the Colville Confederated Tribe, BOR, the NRCS, SRFB, Ecology, and BPA to provide status updates, work on contracting and funding.

K **Stormy Creek Fish Passage Project (K. Terrell)** - Completed

L **Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher)** – ONA reports monitoring will be resumed later this summer when sockeye arrive at Skaha dam fish passage. The results show that fish were successfully passing and there appeared to be preferred passage routes as fish were using some significantly more than other routes. No PIT tagged fish have been detected to date even though ONA is ramping up their tagging efforts every year. Fisher will keep the committee informed as the monitoring program starts up again.

M **Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager, D. Duvall)** – No updates

N **Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal – CCFEG (K. Terrell)** –Done by the end of April 2018.

O (Project Review and Status) **Boulder Field (D. Rohr)** – Committee members reviewed the status of this project in relation to the Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District and City of Leavenworth Fish Screens Proposal listed above (agenda item V). The Icicle Work Group continues to hold meetings wherein this project and the screens proposal have been discussed. The YN have voiced concerns with this project, and information has been received that questions the availability of funding from BPA. Trout Unlimited, project sponsor, is continuing their coordination work. Committee members will continue to monitor this project.

P **Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition (Duvall)** – Answers to the list of questions sent to David Morgan were received and distributed to committee members. Wyena reported that he has reviewed the information and also discussed with Rex Buck. Duvall summarized that the Wanapum Band did not have any concerns with project development. Further discussion will take place at the May HSC meeting.

Q (Addition) **Twisp River Floodplain Lower Acquisition Phase II (Buckley) (K. Terrell)** – Duvall reported that development of a funding contract is in progress.

XII. Next Meeting – Thursday, May 10, 2018, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office – Rohr will check on scheduling to see if there are any potential conflicts. (Note: discussion occurred after the meeting

that resulted in changing the next meeting to May 23, 2018 due to scheduling conflicts).

Action Items from April 12, 2018 Meeting

1. Rohr to contact YN regarding HSC decision to fund "Fish Jumping Efficiency for McIntyre Dam".
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.
3. Rohr to contact YN regarding HSC decision to fund "Roaring Creek Hydrograph Restoration and Fish Passage Proposal".