



## **PRCC Habitat Subcommittee**

**Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2006**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Conference Call**

### PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

Chris Fisher, CCT  
Carl Merkle, CTUIR  
David Morgan, USFWS  
Ben Lenz, GPUD

Bob Rose, YN  
Dale Bambrick, NMFS  
Chris Parsons, WDFW  
Denny Rohr, Facilitator

### **FINAL meeting minutes**

**Attendees: Chris Parsons, WDFW; Bob Rose, YN; David Morgan, USFWS; Ben Lenz, Grant PUD; Chris Fisher, CCT; Denny Rohr, facilitator; Shannon Lowry, Grant PUD**

### **Action items:**

- Fisher will send subcommittee members CCT-requested streams for LiDAR funding.
- Rohr will follow up with PRCC Habitat Subcommittee members with information on the Salmon and Steelhead Settlement Agreement language and how it pertains to developing a habitat funding plan.

### **Decision summary:**

- **WDFW, YN, Grant PUD, USFWS and CCT agreed to funding of LIDAR project contributions (up to \$120,000) for the following streams: Okanogan, Mainstem RM~50 (Tonasket) to Okanogan Lk., Salmon RM 0-5, McIntyre Creek, Inkaneep Creek, Shuttleworth Creek, Park Rill Creek, Methow River, Mainstem Carlton \*Lost R., Lower Twisp RM 0-17, Lower Chewuch RM 0-14, Wenatchee - Lower mainstem RM 0-24 and Upper mainstem RM 35.5-54, White River (to the falls so ~ RM 0-8), L. Wenatchee, lower Chiwawa R. In addition, the subcommittee agreed to a \$10,000 contingency fee. Finalization is based on approval from NOAA Fisheries. Rohr and Rose will contact Bambrick concerning the proposal (Bambrick later approved this proposal).**

1. **Continued LiDAR discussion:** Morgan questioned who would be analyzing the data and whether or not there could potentially be data that would not be analyzed. Rose stated that there are sufficient monetary resources to direct the analysis, based on commitments from identified agencies and tribes. Watershed Sciences has suggested a workshop in November to identify uses of the data. Parsons noted that the SSA includes a requirement for the PRCC Habitat Subcommittee to put together a plan for funding, and expressed a desire to prioritize funding as outlined in the SSA. Parsons noted her support of doing as much LiDAR as possible during the upcoming fly window and desire to have DNR and USGS involved with analyzing the data. Rohr noted he would get back to members on developing a plan.

Fisher stated that shape files will be submitted to Watershed Sciences. CCT has requested that four streams (tributaries to the Okanagan River in Canada) be added to the proposal. All four are similar in size to Tonasket Creek (5 to 6 miles each), and should not cost more than \$5,000 each. The four were identified by Okanagan Nation Alliance, based on work planned in those streams in the next decade. Morgan asked why the streams in the upper Wenatchee basin (Chiwawa, White River, Little Wenatchee) were dropped from consideration. Rose noted his support of funding those streams. Parsons noted her support of looking at the data for the upper Wenatchee basin tributaries to identify possible opportunities for restoration and preservation projects. Morgan noted that the USFS would likely feel the same and that if there is the possibility that anyone would find the data useful, then LiDAR should be flown. Parsons noted her support of that philosophy, and requested that the Chiwawa, White River and Little Wenatchee be added back in for funding. Fisher noted that work would probably not be done on the Tonasket, Similkameen, Ninemile, and LoupLoup in the next five years and that is appropriate not to consider them for funding. Fisher reiterated his concern that the data will be paid for, but not used. Rose offered a new proposal allowing for a \$10,000 contingency (exceeding the cap of \$100,000), with the PRCC Habitat Subcommittee authorizing Rose, Lenz and Fisher to spending the extra 10% if necessary. Fisher will send e-mail detailing which additional four streams are being proposed by CCT.

**WDFW, YN, Grant PUD, USFWS and CCT agreed to funding of \$100,000, which includes all previously agreed upon projects, in addition to the Chiwawa, White River, Little Wenatchee; the newly identified Okanagan streams with an estimated cost of \$20,000; and a \$10,000 contingency fee. Finalization is based on approval from NOAA Fisheries. Rohr and Rose will contact Bambrick concerning the proposal.**

Rose added that costs for ortho-imagery data storage would like be covered under the \$10,000 contingency.

2. **Next meeting is scheduled for September 14 from 1-5 p.m.**