



## **PRCC Habitat Subcommittee**

**Thursday, November 9, 2006**

**1:30 – 4:00 pm**

**Chelan PUD Auditorium**

**Wenatchee**

### 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**

## MEETING AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions (Ben)
- II. Agenda Review (Ben)
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Ben)
  - A. Meeting Minutes for October 12, 2006
  - B. Re Skookumchuck Creek Project, Status of YN Email Approval
- IV. Status/Review of Habitat Funds (Ben)
  - A. Review of Habitat Funds Information Sheet
- V. Status of Approved Projects
  - A. LIDAR Project: status and flight schedules (Bob/Lee)
  - B. Omak Creek Culverts: status re construction schedule (Chris F.)
  - C. Fulton Diversion Project (Ben)
  - D. Skookumchuck Creek Project: update/status re Ben, Dykstra, and Land Acquisition Contract (Ben)
  - E. Other
- VI. Discussion of Committee Members Future Projects
  - A. Discussion of Private Land Acquisitions or Conservation Easement – Update on Further Work w/Landowners (Bob/Lee) [Can We Get A Name for This Project?]
  - B. Discussion of Cascade Orchards Irrigation Co – Status of Agencies Meeting to Discuss Irrigation Diversion Proposal; Status of Contact w/Members of Cascade Orchards Irrigation Co. (David)

- C. 62-Acre Godwin Property – Discussion of Action Required of Habitat Subcommittee (Ben)
- D. 8Acre Kahler Glen Property – Status of Appraisal and Wetlands Delineation (Ben)
- E. OTHER

XIV. Next Meeting: December 2006 Wenatchee (Note: Several HCP and PRCC meetings are taking place the week of December 11 – 15; accordingly, I recommend the next meeting occur on December 7 to avoid scheduling conflicts – Denny)

**Attendees: Dale Bambrick, NMFS; David Morgan, USFWS; Ben Lenz, Grant PUD; Chris Parsons, WDFW; Chris Fisher, CCT; Shannon Lowry, Grant PUD.**

**Distributed Items:**

- **Habitat Funds summary for period ending Oct. 31, 2006.**

**Action Items:**

- **Lenz will forward the e-mail from Russ Faux to subcommittee members and discuss a meeting date and location for LiDAR data discussion with Rose.**

**FINAL MEETING MINUTES**

- I. Welcome and Introductions (Ben) – Lenz welcomed attendees.
- II. Agenda Review (Ben)
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Ben)
  - F. Meeting Minutes for October 12, 2006 - approved
  - G. Re Skookumchuck Creek Project, Status of YN Email Approval – received by Grant PUD
- IV. Status/Review of Habitat Funds (Ben)
  - A. Review of Habitat Funds Information Sheet – Habitat Account summary sheet reflects funds available as of Oct. 31, 2006. Total of all three funds is \$2,713,931.
- V. Status of Approved Projects
  - H. LIDAR Project: status and flight schedules (Bob/Lee) – Lenz read an e-mail from Russ Faux of Watershed Sciences updating the subcommittee on LiDAR progress. Orthophoto acquisitions were completed two weeks ago and LiDAR acquisitions in the John Day, Wenatchee, Entiat, Lake Roosevelt, and Okanogan were also completed. The Methow LiDAR acquisitions were first hindered by forest fire smoke and poor weather. As

soon as improved weather conditions occur, the Methow will be completed. After data collection, processing will occur in addition to the QA/QC work. Bob Rose is tentatively scheduling a brainstorm session in early December (4-5) to determine uses for the LiDAR data. Lenz will clarify with Rose details about the proposed meeting. The group discussed holding the meeting in Wenatchee and/or the Methow area sometime in February. The group discussed what sort of questions would be presented at such a meeting. Bambrick noted that Habitat Funds were approved to provide data which would be specifically useful to habitat project sponsors. Lenz will forward the e-mail from Russ Faux to subcommittee members and discuss a meeting date and location with Rose.

- I. Omak Creek Culverts: status re construction schedule (Chris F.) – Culverts will be delivered next week. Construction should be complete in about one month. The funding Agreement was sent to CCT on Nov. 8.
- J. Fulton Diversion Project (Ben) – Funding Agreement still being finalized with the Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation. High water has been an issue with the constructed cofferdam. A portion will need to be rebuilt.
- K. Skookumchuck Creek Project: update/status re Ben, Dykstra, and Land Acquisition Contract (Ben) – Funding Agreement is being finalized. Dykstra has requested the agreement be finalized by Dec. 15, 2006.

#### VI. Discussion of Committee Members Future Projects

- A. Discussion of Private Land Acquisitions or Conservation Easement – Update on Further Work w/Landowners (Bob/Lee) [Can We Get A Name for This Project?]. (YN was not present at this meeting to discuss the project).
- B. Discussion of Cascade Orchards Irrigation Co – Status of Agencies Meeting to Discuss Irrigation Diversion Proposal; Status of Contact w/Members of Cascade Orchards Irrigation Co. (David) – Morgan noted he will not discuss the issue with Cascade Orchards for at least two months. The Leavenworth Hatchery first needs to determine its water supply and is currently exploring alternatives, two of which could possibly involve tying in with Cascade Orchards or the irrigation district. The subcommittee agreed to table the item until further notice from Morgan.
- C. 62-Acre Godwin Property – Discussion of Action Required of Habitat Subcommittee (Ben) – Property owners are willing to sell for the appraised price of \$375,000. Following discussion with the Chelan Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) on land acquisition, CDLT met with Chelan County Commissioners and subsequently requested that the PRCC HSC formally present the project proposal to Chelan County. Bambrick noted that Bob Bugert has been requested to schedule a meeting with Chelan County Commissioners concerning the issue. Bambrick noted his concern with reciprocal level of coordination with Chelan County's Natural Resources Dept. The Commissioners desire that public land be converted to private ownership. Bambrick will convey to Chelan County that the PRCC HSC is focusing in certain areas because they are identified as

biologically important to the overall Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board (UCSRB) Salmon Recovery Plan, and that within those areas, the subcommittee will be pursuing appropriate land acquisition and other habitat projects that are consistent with the recovery plan and the Biological Opinion for the Priest Rapids Project. Morgan noted it is also important to convey that hatchery efforts by the PRCC Hatchery Subcommittee are different than land acquisition for habitat conservation purposes. Bambrick will speak with Commissioner Ron Walter concerning CDLT's e-mail to Grant PUD. WDFW will discuss internally whether the agency would be interested in ownership of the purchased parcel.

- D. 8 Acre Kahler Glen Property – Status of Appraisal and Wetlands Delineation (Ben) – Appraisal is not yet completed. Grant PUD is discussing internally whether to hire another appraiser.
- E. OTHER

- XIV. Next Meeting: December 2006 Wenatchee (Note: Several HCP and PRCC meetings are taking place the week of December 11 – 15; accordingly, I recommend the next meeting occur on December 7 to avoid scheduling conflicts – Denny). Members agreed to reserve the afternoon of Dec. 15 for the next meeting.