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Meeting

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee

Friday, December 14, 2007
Conference Call

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

Dale Bambrick, NMFS
Chris Fisher, CCT
Bob Rose, YN
Chris Parsons, WDFW

David Morgan, USFWS
Ben Lenz, GCPUD
Carl Merkle, CTUIR
Denny Rohr, Facilitator

Attendees (*Denotes PRCC HSC member):

Chris Fisher, CCT*
Chris Parson, WDFW*
Ben Lenz, Grant PUD*
Debbie Williams, Grant PUD

Dale Bambrick, NMFS*
Denny Rohr, Facilitator
Shannon Lowry, Grant PUD

Action Items

- **Fisher will gather vertical drop height of fourteen structures downstream of McIntyre Dam**
- **Letter to Town of Oliver to be electronically distributed to PRCC HSC members. Letter will be mailed to Town of Oliver.**
- **Fisher will contact Carlon; Parsons will contact Andonaegui regarding the ORRI project.**
- **Parsons will contact the Forest Service regarding Kahler Glen property.**
- **Lenz will distribute LiDAR mapping to PRCC HDC members.**

Meeting Minutes

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Rohr welcomed attendees.
- II. Agenda Review – No additions were made.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - November 16 - approved
- IV. Action Items Review - Rohr reviewed actions items.
- V. Project Proposals Status
 - A Antoine Creek Culvert Replacement (Chris F.)
 - Water will be diverted on Tuesday, Dec.18, 2008. Culvert replacement should be complete by next week. Fisher will provide updates.
 - B Goodfellows Fish Enhancement (Dale) – No update.
 - Bambrick noted a meeting was held on Dec. 13, 2007 between Mike Kaputa, Chelan County Natural Resources and the HCP. Kaputa asked members of the HCP to discuss developing project cost and permitting timelines, noting that the permitting process can take longer than expected for habitat projects. He recommended involving resource agencies early in the application process to facilitate quicker permit implementation. Tom Scribner, Yakima Nation was asked to update the HCP Habitat Subcommittee on acclimating hatchery fish in potential Nason Creek habitat side channels. Scribner stated he would rather see several acclimation sites in the White River than several distributed throughout the water shed. The Habitat and Hatchery Subcommittees should coordinate which properties are being considered for purchase.
 - C McIntyre Dam – contingencies status (Chris F.)
 - PRCC HSC members received Bryan Nordlund's recommendations for design review of McIntyre Dam. Bambrick stated Nordlund was reluctant to recommend funding of \$1,700,000.00 based on the proposed jump height of McIntyre Dam. Nordlund recommended Fisher find the vertical drop of the fourteen downstream structures because Sockeye are jumping them without issue. Fisher stated that associated engineers looked at jump heights and different configurations less than four

feet. Nordlund had suggested a jump height of two feet could be too great for a sockeye when they are this far upstream. Bambrick stated that if downstream jump structures are greater than what is being proposed at McIntyre Dam, then the PRCC HSC shouldn't worry about Sockeye jumping the proposed height. Rohr stated his support of the project.

D Blackbird Island (David)

- Morgan distributed updates to the members on Dec. 3, 2007. He stated Bob Stroup; director of the Icicle chapter of TU was supportive of the concept. He thinks it will compliment a back channel project they completed nearby a few years ago. Stoup will bring it up at their next board meeting, and get back to Morgan regarding the possibility of sponsorship.

E ORRI (Okanagan River Restoration Initiative) project (Chris F.)

- The PRCC HSC approved this project and submitted it to the PRCC for approval on Nov. 28, 2007. The PRCC delayed approval until the PRCC Predator Study subcommittee recommendations were given and a dollar amount was settled upon for the predator study. The balance of the NNI fund and whether this project was appropriate were issues of the PRCC. Fisher stated that if ORRI is approved, the total dollar amount wouldn't be requested all at one time from the NNI fund. Fisher noted an eighteen month time frame to complete the project, but expressed concern that if permitting wasn't initiated now, the project would be delayed. Construction wouldn't be initiated until winter 2008. Rohr stated that Carlon and Andonaegui had questions regarding this project. Fisher will contact Carlon and Parsons will contact Andonaegui to provide project clarification.

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VI. Current Projects Status

A Godwin Property (Chris P.)

- No updates. Lenz and Parsons will meet in Ephrata in January to discuss the property. Lenz stated a reply was received from Kahler Glen property owners declining the purchase. They commented they are working with the Forest Service to get access to the property at this time. Parsons questioned why access would be allowed to the property, stating it would be contrary to what the HSC

wants. Parsons will contact the Forest Service regarding this matter.

B Monitor Irrigation Diversion Improvements (Ben)

- Lenz hasn't received an invoice, but in-stream work is done.

C LiDAR Contract Update (Bob)

- Lenz has received the Nason Creek and Icicle Creek LiDAR mapping. It included isolated, disconnected and inactive channels. The Methow and Okanagan will be mapped next. Fisher will provide particulars of the Okanagan mapping that needs to be done. Lenz suggested sharing the Icicle Creek mapping with the Wenatchee Watershed Planning Unit stating the work done by the HSC compliments work done by other groups.
- Two \$15,000 invoices have been received. The first is due in December, the second due in January. Lenz stated it troubled him the way the USGS contract was finalized. He thought the PRCC HSC should have received more for the amount of money spent, stating a report should have been included for the portion of mapping that was complete. Bambrick agreed with Lenz's statement.

VII. Next Meeting: Friday, January 11, 2008, 1:30 p.m. conference call.