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Meeting Minutes

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

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

ATTENDEES: (*denotes PRCC HSC members)

Dale Bambrick, NMFS*
Chris Fisher, CCT*
Lee Carlson, YN*
Dennis Beich, WDFW*

David Morgan, USFWS*
Ben Lenz, GCPUD*
Debbie Williams, GCPUD
Denny Rohr, Facilitator

Action Items:

- **Williams will e-mail updated NNI Funds spreadsheet to PRCC Habitat members to include encumbrances for each account.**
- **Beich will review the Cashmere Pond grant application and provide more details to the PRCC HSC at the next meeting.**
- **Rohr will notify PRCC HSC members of the next meeting date.**

Decision Summary:

- **PRCC HSC members approved of Fisher reviewing the ORRI project proposal submitted by Associated Engineering and advising B. Lenz of any significant changes in the implementation schedule.**

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – Rohr welcomed attendees, including Dennis Beich, WDFW, who will fill Chris Parsons position as she has left WDFW, and Lee Carlson, Yakama Nation, who is attending today as an alternate to Bob Rose.
- II. **Agenda Review** – Agenda items were reviewed. Morgan added Mission Creek Habitat Improvement to the agenda.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** –
 - April 10, 2008 – Approved by members.
- IV. **Action Items Review** – Rohr reviewed action items.
- V. **Funds Review** – Williams will request that Julie Yount update the NNI fund spreadsheet to show encumbrances for each account. **Williams will e-mail updated NNI Funds spreadsheet to PRCC Habitat members.**
- VI. **Project Proposals Status**
 - A **Entiat River Knapp/Wham-Hanan Detwiler Irrigation System Consolidation (Lenz)** – **PRCC HSC members approve \$40,000 from the 603 Habitat Fund be allocated for the Entiat River Knapp/Wham-Hanan Detwiler Irrigation System Consolidation project.** – Lenz noted the funding agreement is in place with construction starting in July.
 - B **LiDAR Workshop, Joseph Jones, USGS (Rose/Lenz)** – Lenz questions why, per the USGS funding agreement the PRCC Habitat Subcommittee (HSC) would have Jones complete further work if he is able to accomplish all assigned tasks in federal fiscal year 2008. The funding agreement provides for \$20,000 worth of work in 2009. Lenz explained there is a clause in the funding agreement that gives the committee 60 days to withdraw from the contract. Bambrick stated that if Jones has analyzed all areas of interest to the PRCC HSC, there is no reason to continue with the contract in 2009, Morgan

agreed. PRCC HSC members will discuss further at the next meeting.

- C **Cashmere Pond** - Parsons originally proposed approaching the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) for a portion of the \$900,000 needed to complete the project. The PRCC HSC was asked to fund \$330,000. Beich stated a third funding source was possible but could not remember who. Lenz questioned if SRFB money isn't allocated to the project, if the PRCC HSC would be asked to provide more money than originally proposed. Beich stated he is new to the project, and will have more details at the next PRCC HSC meeting. **Beich will review the Cashmere Pond grant application and provide more details to the PRCC HSC at the next meeting.**
- D **McIntyre Dam (Chris F. /Lenz)** – Lenz explained the first payment from the NNI Fund was issued for the McIntyre Dam project in May 2008.
- E **ORRI (Okanagan River restoration Initiative) Project** – Kari Long, ONA Project Manager has asked Fisher to review a proposal from Associated Engineering. **PRCC HSC members approved of Fisher reviewing the ORRI project proposal submitted by Associated Engineering.** Fisher does not foresee any issues relating to the given timeline. He noted that oversite drawings are 50% complete, and will cost \$240,000. Fisher thought that cost seemed a little high, but not outlandish. Task table in agreement, part of proposal, Lenz would like Fisher to review the task table in the agreement, and notify him if he sees anything that will change the table.
- F **Blackbird Island (David M.)** - Morgan explained the \$10,000 approved at the April Habitat Committee meeting for large tree roots wasn't used. Mike Rickle, Cascadia Conservation District had money received from another source to be used on this type of project. The City of Leavenworth is storing the trees on their property. Morgan has talked to the City of Leavenworth and the Leavenworth Parks and Recreation Committee regarding this project, and he noted they are in support of this project. Morgan has not heard of any opposition to the project, but will continue to do more outreach with local people, including rafting companies. One rafter has suggested ideas to make the project less risky, Morgan will try to incorporate the suggestions into the project. Morgan questioned if the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) has \$15,000 additional funds to pay consultant Jones and Stokes for final project designs. Mike

Rickle was able to get funding from the BOR for coordination and permitting. Morgan stated the funding request from the PRCC HSC will be less than originally proposed.

- G Lake Wenatchee to Tumwater Canyon Habitat Restoration Strategy (Rose)** – Carlson explained the Yakamas obtained a reach scale tribal pack grant for \$25,000 for this project. The PRCC HSC will be asked to fund \$45,000 to complete the three tasks outlined in Phase 1. Carlson stated that because of tribal contract issues, if the PRCC Habitat Subcommittee would like to fund Phase 1, the Yakamas would then use the \$25,000 to fund Phase 2. Bambrick expressed concern with the lack of budget detail outlined in the proposal. Carlson stated more budget detail can be provided by the consultant, Herrera Environmental Consultants. Bambrick stated he didn't get a sense of what methods would be used, or how they would be determined acceptable, and questioned who would have the ultimate vote of acceptability. Carlson stated that because of contracting difficulty, the Yakamas will probably not meet the June deadline outlined in the proposal. To date, no work has been completed. Bambrick supports the concept of work in this portion of the Wenatchee, but commented that this proposal leaves him with more questions than answers. Morgan questioned if the Wenatchee Watershed Habitat Subcommittee, BOR or CENRD have been contacted regarding the proposed project. Bambrick questioned if a human safety risk assessment would be done, and who would decide if the risk was going to be taken. Carlson questioned how state agencies will handle risk. PRCC Habitat members will discuss this topic at the next meeting.
- H Mission Creek Habitat Improvement (Morgan)** – Mike Rickle, Cascadia Conservation District asked if Morgan would consider sponsoring a habitat project in Mission Creek. Morgan and Rickle met with four landowners (4 orchard owners, and one welder). Three of the projects would involve annual push up dams for irrigation diversion, and rock structures would create habitat pools at the fourth site. Both steelhead and coho typically spawn at these sites. Morgan noted that one land owner is willing to donate equipment time to complete the projects. Approximate cost to the PRCC Habitat Subcommittee would be \$10,000. Morgan will submit a two page proposal at the next meeting.

- VII. Next Meeting:** Bambrick will notify Rohr of the schedule for the next HCP meeting. **Rohr will notify PRCC HSC members of the next meeting date.**