



Meeting Minutes

Fall Chinook Work Group

Tuesday, May 12, 2009
10:00 – 3:00

Grant PUD Natural Resources Division
Conference Room - A

Technical Members

Paul Wagner, NMFS
Robert Heinith, CRITFC
Roger Schiewe, BPA
Keith Truscott, CPUD
Bill Tweit, WDFW
Marcie Mangold, WDOE
Russell Langshaw, GCPUD
Steve Hemstrom, CPUD

Joe Skalicky/Dan Diggs, USFWS
Paul Ward/Bob Rose, YN
Brett Swift, American Rivers
Tom Kahler, DPUD
Paul Hoffarth, WDFW
John Clark, ADFG
Todd Pearsons, GCPUD

ATTENDEES:

John Clark, ADFG (on phone)
Paul Hoffarth, WDFW
Joe Skalicky, USFWS (on phone)
Paul Wagoner, NMFS (on phone)
Todd Pearsons, GCPUD
Tracy Hillman, Facilitator

Bob Rose, YN (on phone)
Tom Kahler, DPUD (on phone)
Marcie Mangold, WDOE (on phone)
Russell Langshaw, GCPUD
Debbie Williams, GCPUD
Steve Hays, CPUD

Action Items:

- 1. Hillman, Langshaw and Mangold will provide FCWG protocol edits by May 22, 2009.**
- 2. Langshaw will distribute the Flow Fluctuation Report on May 22, 2009 with a 14 day review and comment period. Comments are due to Langshaw by June 5, 2009.**
- 3. Skalicky and Clark will provide Study Plan objective clarifications to Langshaw.**
- 4. Langshaw will distribute the draft Study Plan by May 22, 2009.**

Final Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – Attendees introduced themselves around the table and on the conference line.
- II. **Agenda Review** – No additions were made to the agenda.
- III. **Action Items Review** – Action items were reviewed and discussed.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - April 07, 2009 – Approved with changes.
- V. **Draft Meeting Protocols** – Protocols edited by Langshaw were distributed. He explained that entities and roles for the following were added to define participant's roles and responsibilities: FCWG, Members, WDOE, Fisheries Co-Managers, Grant PUD, Signatories to the Hanford Reach Fall Chinook Protection Program Agreement, Facilitator, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Members discussed the rights, responsibilities and authorities to be addressed in language outlining entities and roles. Rose suggested the definition of Fisheries Co-Managers be removed. Hillman proposed that the roles and responsibilities of Members, WDOE, Grant PUD and the Facilitator be included in the protocols. Members agreed.

Langshaw would like the FCWG to work within a consensus decision-based environment because of potential contentious issues in the future. Rose explained that the protocols document doesn't address dispute resolution, and it would need to if consensus decisions are mandated.

Members questioned which committee(s) oversees the FCWG. It was suggested that technical disputes be resolved by an independent scientific review board. Water quality disputes would be settled by WDOE. Implementation disputes would be referred to the Hanford Reach Working Group, and any other technical dispute would be referred to another work group determined by WDOE.

After discussion, it was decided that **Hillman, Langshaw and Mangold will provide FCWG protocol edits by May 22, 2009.**
- VI. **Flow Fluctuation Report**
 - A **Draft Update** – Langshaw is working to summarize flow fluctuation and ramping rate data using the new analyses. Battelle should have modeling review complete by May 22nd. **Langshaw will distribute the Flow Fluctuation Report on May 22, 2009 with a 14 day review and comment period. Comments are due to Langshaw by June 5, 2009.** Battelle is starting to work on revisions requested by WDOE and hope to complete the draft within one month. The FCWG will be given a 14 day review period prior to the report being sent to WDOE.

- B Finalization timeframe** – The final plan will be sent to WDOE by June 2009.

VII. Study Plan –

- A Draft Update** - Langshaw is currently clarifying objectives from USFWS, and ADFG. **Skalicky and Clark will provide Study Plan objective clarifications to Langshaw. Langshaw will distribute the draft Study Plan by May 22, 2009.**

- B Comment Deadline** - **Study Plan comments are due to Langshaw by June 5, 2009.**

VIII. Next Meeting: June 02, 2009 at the Grant PUD Natural Resources Office, Ephrata, WA.