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Meeting Minutes

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee

Wednesday, January 14, 2009
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Conference Call

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

Dale Bambrick, NMFS	David Morgan, USFWS
Chris Fisher, CCT	Ben Lenz, GCPUD
Bob Rose, YN	Carl Merkle, CTUIR
Dennis Beich, WDFW	

ATTENDEES: (*denotes PRCC HSC members)

Dale Bambrick, NMFS*	David Morgan, USFWS*
Chris Fisher, CCT*	Dennis Beich, WDFW*
Bob Rose, YN*	Ben Lenz, GCPUD*
Debbie Williams, GCPUD	Denny Rohr, Facilitator

Action Items:

- 1. Bambrick and Fisher will take a more in depth look at substantial changes and cost associated with the Cashmere Pond project and report back to the committee at the next meeting.**
- 2. Morgan will contact Lee Carlson, Yakama Nation regarding additional funding sources for the Blackbird Island project in case the proposed expenditure for Phase 2 (construction) exceeds \$100,000.**

Meeting Minutes

- I. Welcome and Introductions** – Rohr welcomed attendees.
- II. Agenda Review** – Rohr asked that Beich give an update on the Washington Department of Transportation (WDOT) property.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes** –
 - December 19, 2008 – Approved with changes.
- IV. Action Items Review** – No action items were reviewed.

V. **Habitat/NNI Funds Review** – Rohr informed members of fund balances, and reminded them that additional funds will be deposited by Grant PUD on February 15, 2009. An updated fund balance sheet was e-mailed to all members on January 14, 2009.

VI. **Project Status**

- A **Cashmere Pond** –At the December HCP, members approved spending \$249,110.00 to fund their portion of the Cashmere Pond project. The PRCC Habitat Subcommittee (HSC) deferred their vote until the January meeting. Rose explained that the Yakama Nation will not be funding this project because of current funding problems with the Bonneville Power Association (BPA) that may continue long enough to affect completion of this project in a timely manner. Bambrick expressed concern that the budget proposed by Jones and Stokes is dramatically inflated. Lenz attended a planning review meeting with project consultants, Jones and Stokes, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and Chelan County Department of Natural Resources. Jones and Stokes have proposed that the outlet channel configuration be elongated to lessen the risk of closure from sediment deposits, but that the risk of closure still remains. The different configuration (longer) has attributed to increased cost of the project. \$382,000 is being requested from Chelan County for this project. Beich explained that if the HSC doesn't fund this project, most likely, the HCP will not either. The HSC is not ready to approve this project today. **Bambrick and Fisher will take a more in depth look at substantial changes and cost associated with the Cashmere Pond project and report back to the committee at the next meeting.** Mike Kane, Chelan County Project Manager would like an update from Bambrick or Fisher after this meeting.
- B **McIntyre Dam** – The January project meeting was postponed to February 02, 2009.
- C **ORRI (Okanagan River Restoration Initiative Project)** – No discussion took place.
- D **Blackbird Island** – Morgan explained that designs are moving along and consultants hope to have final designs next month. PRCC members previously approved \$67,000 for Phase 1, permitting and design of the project. The construction phase is budgeted not to exceed \$100,000. If the project exceeds that amount, another funding source will need to be sought. **Morgan will contact Lee Carlson, Yakama Nation regarding additional funding sources for the Blackbird Island project in case the proposed expenditure for Phase 2 (construction) exceeds \$100,000.** Members will vote to approve the construction phase of the project after receiving final cost projections from the contractor.
- E **Hardesty Property** – No discussion took place.
- F **Modified Lower Bonaparte Creek Livestock Exclusion Proposal** – No discussion took place.

G Dryden WDOT Site – Beich explained that since this project wasn't funded by the Resource Conservation Office (RCO) he approached the Washington Department of Transportation (WDOT) to ask how this project could be saved. WDOT is undergoing a transition of their regional manager and wasn't interested in making a decision on this parcel until a replacement has been hired.

VII. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2009, time and location to be determined.