



MEETING

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee

Thursday, May 14, 2009

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Chelan PUD Auditorium

Leavenworth, WA

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

Dale Bambrick, NMFS
Chris Fisher, CCT
Bob Rose, YN
Dennis Beich, WDFW

David Morgan, USFWS
Ben Lenz, GCPUD
Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Attendees: (*Denotes PRCC member)

Dale Bambrick, NMFS*
Chris Fisher, CCT*
Ben Lenz, GCPUD*
Lee Carlson, YN*

David Morgan, USFWS*
Casey Baldwin, WDFW*
Dennis Beich, WDFW*
Denny Rohr, Facilitator

Action Items:

1. Baldwin to provide edits to Section 2.3 of the draft Habitat Plan and send to committee members for their review.
2. Beich will provide a report of the details and status of the Dryden DOT property purchase.
3. Morgan will contact the Methow Conservancy to direct the return of the \$250,000.
4. Morgan and Baldwin will look for more information and clarification regarding Large Woody Debris Work Sessions.

Decisions:

1. Committee members unanimously agreed to authorize Beich to inform the WSL that the PRCC Habitat SC would commit \$100,000 toward the purchase of the Dryden DOT property.
2. Committee members unanimously agreed to increase the dollar amount for the construction phase of the Blackbird Island project up to \$102,000.

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – Rohr welcomed attendees.
- II. **Agenda Review:** Morgan added a discussion on Large Woody Debris Work Sessions.
- III. **Action Items Review** – Action items were reviewed.
- IV. **Habitat/NNI Funds Review:** The committee reviewed the Habitat Funds Report dated April 30, 2009. The ending balance for all funds was \$8,543,701.
- V. **Habitat Plan** – Rohr discussed the expected schedule for review of the draft Habitat Plan by the PRCC and reminded the committee of the July 1st deadline for submittal of the draft to FERC. Additionally, the committee discussed the proposed language in section 2.3, Habitat/Hatchery Coordination, of the draft Habitat Plan. After extended discussion of Section 2.3, which included committee members opinions that clarification was needed as to the intent of the proposed language, it was agreed by the committee for Baldwin to provide some editing of this section and send it to committee members for their review and consideration. After review of the language to be received from Baldwin, committee members will forward their comments to Rohr for action as needed.
- VI. **Project Status**
 - A. **Dryden DOT Site Discussion** – Beich reviewed the history and previous discussions that had occurred at previous Habitat SC meetings regarding the Washington State Department of Transportation (DOT) site. He stated that WDFW is interesting in purchasing this property, as is the YN. Additionally, Beich informed the committee members that the Washington State Legislature (WSL) had directed the DOT to sell the property to WDFW for not less than \$600,000. Beich stated that WDFW was also directed by the WSL to have a planning process in place and report to the WSL by July 1, 2009 as to how they plan to purchase and develop the property. After further committee discussion, committee members unanimously agreed to authorize Beich to inform the WSL that the PRCC Habitat SC would commit \$100,000 toward the purchase of the Dryden DOT property. Beich will provide a report to the Habitat SC members at the June meeting regarding the status of the property purchase.
 - B. **McIntyre Dam Project** – Fisher updated the committee on the status of the McIntyre Dam project.

- C. ORRI (Okanogan River Restoration Initiative) Project –** Fisher updated the committee on the status of the project, stating that a fall site visit would be appropriate for this project, including the McIntyre Dam Project as well. Committee members agreed and a schedule will be determined as the fall period approaches.
- D. Blackbird Island –** Morgan reviewed with committee members that previously the Habitat SC members agreed to fund up to \$100,000 for the construction phase of the Blackbird Island project. The current dollar amount provided by the contractor (Jansen, Inc.) to complete the construction phase is \$98,949.62, which does not include the re-vegetation work. Increasing the total amount to include the re-vegetation work would raise the amount to \$102,000. After discussion and consideration, the committee members unanimously agreed to increase the dollar amount for the construction phase of the Blackbird Island project up to \$102,000.
- E. Hardesty Property –** Morgan shared with the committee members that the sale of the Hardesty Property had closed. Accordingly, committee members reviewed the Final Closing Statement which included language directing “Proceeds Due Seller” of \$250,000. Committee members approved Morgan contacting the Methow Conservancy and directing the “Proceeds Due Seller” to Grant PUD through committee member Lenz for return to the appropriate Habitat Funds account.
- VII. Nason Creek Site Visit –** Committee members toured the Nason Creek Squadroni Property site at River Mile 11 regarding potential habitat rehabilitation. Lenz will provide additional information at the June meeting.
- VIII. Large Woody Debris Work Sessions –** Information has been received and the committee members discussed the scheduling of Large Woody Debris Work Sessions. After committee discussion, Morgan and Baldwin agreed to look into getting more information and clarification regarding the work sessions and the intent.
- IX. Approval of Meeting Minutes –** Meeting minutes were deferred for review at the June meeting.
- X. Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 11, 2009, 1:00 – 4:00 pm.