



PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday February 11, 2021

1:00 pm

Microsoft Teams

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Dave Duvall, Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel (alt), GCPUD

Justin Yeager, Dale Bambrick (alt), NMFS

Jeremy Cram, Carmen Andonaegui (alt), WDFW

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator

Chris Fisher, CCT

Brandon Rogers, Hans Smith (alt), YN

Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Erin Harris, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

Meeting Attendees

Chris Fisher, CCT

Dave Duvall, GCPUD

Justin Yeager, NMFS

Jeremy Cram, WDFW

Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel, GCPUD

Steve Cox, USGS

Andrew Spanjer, USGS

Brandon Rogers, YN

Erin Harris, GCPUD

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Catherine Seguin, USGS

Chris Curran, USGS

Patrick, Moran, USGS

Decisions/Action Items – February 11, 2021 meeting

1. ACTION: Nason Ridge Acquisition: Members will email their questions to Rogers and he will respond at the April 2021 meeting.
2. ACTION: Review and Update -- Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project - Rohr and Yeager will discuss Greg McLaughlin, (Washington Water Trust) attending the April 2021 meeting.

MEETING MINUTES

- I. **Agenda Review** – Two items added to the agenda under item X. Potpourri: A. Discussion on Bremer Property and B. Contract Boiler Plate - Land Acquisitions Language

II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2021** – Approved.

III. **Action Items Review from January 14, 2021 Meeting**

A. Action: Methow Beaver Project - Students in the STREAM Watershed Steward Program, Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation - Duvall will notify Johnson of the committee's decision. - COMPLETED

B. Action: Rohr will follow up on creation of a list of questions. Also, Rohr will follow up on Terrell's request for the Martinson and Sugar Dike Deeds of Right to be distributed to committee members for review. Additional review and discussion of Deed of Right subject will continue during the February meeting. -IN PROGRESS

C. Action: Duvall, Rohr and Fisher will meet with Mickey Fleming. - COMPLETED

IV. **Habitat and NNI Funds Report** – 2021 deposits will take place on 2/15/2021. Expecting the Q4 report before the end of February. Yeager asked Rohr to report on the future of NNI funding. Rohr reported PRCC is addressing this subject, and he would like to hold off until there is a final answer. Yeager shared there might be changes on future funding and for committee members to be aware of this possible change.

V. **Nason Ridge Acquisition** - Rogers shared that in September 2018 the PRCC Habitat Subcommittee took a field trip to the Nason Ridge property. The Yakama Nation is no longer involved with it. Rogers emailed committee members a copy of the Nason Ridge Community Forest Management Plan in addition to a spec sheet. Yeager asked to know what the timeline is for the vote by the committee. Rogers shared there is not an immediate urgency and he will find out if it is a concern. Yeager asked if additional protections can be added to the existing plan? Rogers shared he did not know. Yeager wants a deed restriction or a better understanding of what is required. Fisher asked if a management plan is available, how quickly the decision needed, and are other funding sources available? Rogers shared \$3,000,000 from State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) has not been secured. Terrell shared the \$3,000,000 is in RCO's capital budget but is not a done deal. Rohr asked about CDLT and Rogers shared CDLT funding is secured. Rogers shared the Habitat Conservation Plan Tributary Committee (HCP) has not pledged funding. **ACTION: Members will email their questions to Rogers and he will respond at the April 2021 meeting.** Rohr asked Rogers if a vote on this can take place during the April 2021 meeting and Rogers shared it should be fine to wait until the 4/8/2021 meeting.

VI. **Review and Update -- Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project** - Yeager reported the draft spec sheet is completed and he is working with Greg McLaughlin, Washington Water Trust, on this project. SRFB funding has been approved with many other sources being considered with a current price tag of just under \$6,000,000. Terrell asked why the cost increased, and

Yeager was not completely sure, but a revised spec sheet will be available soon. Fisher shared he is not comfortable with the current spec sheet with a pump installation of \$600,000 and asked if the PRCC-HabSC members are okay with spending that on a pump installation. Yeager has asked for a detailed list multiple time of what Greg McLaughlin requested and what funds he has received, but McLaughlin has not responded. Rogers asked about water acquisition costs and Yeager will look into it. Yeager asked members if having Greg McLaughlin attend a future meeting would be helpful? Members said yes. **ACTION: Rohr and Yeager will discuss arrangements to have McLaughlin attend the April 2021 meeting.**

VII. 2-3:00 – USGS, Chris Curran, Discussion of Enloe Dam Activities Fisher reported that USGS was contracted to collect sediment samples in 2019 and the PRCC-HabSC requested additional samples. Covid-19 pandemic slowed down work in 2020 and today USGS is here to share their report of the sediment samples they tested. Steve Cox presented the chemistry results with a presentation titled: Elemental Composition of sediment deposited in Enloe Reservoir, Similkameen River, WA. USGS members and PRCC-Habitat members discussed the results. Chris Curran shared a few slides on the geo-referencing information/volume calculation.

VIII. Deed of Right – Follow-Up Review and Discussion

Duvall, Fisher and Rohr meet with Micky Fleming (CDLT) and Michelle Tiegel (CDLT). Duvall shared they talked about the new language that goes into all future land acquisition contracts. Mickey Fleming expressed concerns over the new language. Duvall and Fisher both shared with Fleming the reasoning for the new language and specifically to avoid discussions with appraisers that might influence the appraisal results. Additionally, the subject of Deed of Right was discussed with Fleming with a discussion and explanation of purpose and details involved. In summary,

- A. CDLT - Martinson Project – Duvall shared with committee members that the PRCC-HabSC enforces the Deed of Right and that the sooner we sign the Martinson Project, the sooner the PRCC-HabSC will have coverage on the property.
- B. Path Forward – Rohr will distribute the SRFB Deed of Right language with committee members that he will be receiving from Fleming, and Duvall asked members what their comfort level is on proceeding with the Martinson Project signing. Fisher asked to send it out to committee members for their additional review. Duvall will get it signed once he hears back from all committee members.

IX. Potpourri

- A. Habitat Policies and Procedures Document Review – Rohr explained that he and Duvall are working on a listing of the many policy and procedure actions that have taken place over many years. Having this information more readily available for review and awareness is the purpose of this action.

- B. Discussion on Bremer Property – Rohr shared that Yeager received information on the Bremer property from David Morgan for PRCC-HabSC to review. Rohr shared Mickey Fleming is available to attend a future meeting to discuss this in more detail if the committee would like.
- C. Contract Boiler Plate - Land Acquisitions Language -Duvall wants to go over additions made over the past few years and make sure everyone is on the same page when it comes to future contracts.

Project Updates

- A. **McIntyre Dam - Fish Jumping Efficiency (C. Fisher)** – No project update.
- B. **Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher)** – No project update.
- C. **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II** – No project update.
- D. **(Placeholder for April 2021) – Funding Activities of Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion – Wilson Property Options Discussion** – No project update.
- E. **Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project** – No project update.
- F. **Weyco (Weyerhaeuser) Mill Creek Land Acquisition – CDLT Developmental Funding / Final Acquisition** - Cram shared that the land exchange has been figured out, but a private buyer has a contract on the property until this spring. If that deal does not go through, then the PRCC-HabSC will be able to proceed with this acquisition.
- G. **Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District Fish Screen Proposal** – No project update.
- H. **Final Construction for Floodplain Re-engagement - Penticton Channel Culvert Proposal** -No project update.
- I. **Assessment of Sediment Chemistry behind Enloe Dam on the Similkameen River, Okanogan County, Washington – See Item VII.**
- J. **Determine volume of Sediment Accumulated behind Enloe Dam on the Similkameen River, Okanogan County, Washington – See Item VII.**
- K. **Ben Canyon Creek Fish Passage Project** - Nothing new to report.
- X. **Next Meeting** – March Meeting Postponed. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2021, 1:00 pm, Location – MS TEAMS webinar.