



Grant County  
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**PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting**  
**FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, October 11, 2018**  
**1:00 pm**  
**Grant PUD Wenatchee Office**

**PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members**

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Dave Duvall, Deane 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

Lee Carlson, Brandon Rogers (alt), YN

Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

**Meeting Attendees**

Chris Fisher, CCT

Brandon Rogers, YN

Dave Duvall, GCPUD (via telephone)

Jeremy Cram, WDFW

Justin Yeager, NMFS

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel

Denny Rohr, DRA, Facilitator

**MEETING MINUTES**

- I. SAFETY REVIEW – Completed**
- II. Agenda Review – No additions**
- III. Approval of Minutes for September 13, 2018; September 18, 2018 Conference Call (D. Rohr) - Approved**
- IV. Action Items Review from September 13, 2018 Meeting (D. Rohr) –**
  - A. Rohr will contact Jennifer Hadersberger to request attendance at the October 11<sup>th</sup> HabSC meeting to discuss the Nason Ridge Riparian Corridor Project. Completed
- V. Habitat Funds and NNI Report (D. Rohr) – No new information.**

**VI. (1:30 pm) Review of Nason Ridge Riparian Corridor Project –**

**Jennifer Hadersberger, CCNRD (D. Rohr)** – Hadersberger was unable to attend the meeting. Among other things, she was requested to attend to discuss road densities regarding this project which is of interest to committee members. Committee members discussed the project and expressed some of their thoughts and positions regarding possible next steps for this project. Positive comments were made about the project and there was general support, but questions remain to be discussed further. Of particular interest is a possible Western Rivers legacy funding grant, but other funding considerations may also exist. Committee members recently toured the project area and agreed that having Hadersberger attend a Habitat Subcommittee to discuss the project and answer specific questions would be of value. At this point during the meeting, Rogers received a communication that the Western Rivers legacy funding grant was not received. Accordingly, committee review and discussion of other funding considerations will occur before any committee decisions are made. Committee members expressed a continued desire to meet with Hadersberger to discuss Chelan County land management concepts related to this project. Meeting with Hadersberger is therefore anticipated to occur sometime after the first of the year. Comments were also made that funding requests to the Habitat Subcommittee will likely come from Chelan County with interest in the uplands area and also the Yakama Nation with interest in the riparian areas.

**VII. Affirmations of Voting to Approve (D. Rohr)**

- A. Nason Ridge Riparian Corridor, Mickey Fleming, CDLT – K. Terrell concurrence with PRCCHSC vote to approve. Affirmed, \$10,000 to Chelan Douglas Land Trust for Administration. Fund 602.
- B. Review of Contract Regarding Fish Tagging / Monitoring in Silver Side Channel between 2014 and 2017 – K. Terrell concurrence with PRCCHSC vote to approve. Affirmed.
- C. By EMAIL VOTE on September 19, 2018 and confirmed via email on October 3, 2018, PRCCHSC voted to approve WDFW request to use remaining funds in HFA 602-27H (Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array) to purchase additional modems. Affirmed.

**VIII. Proposal -- Lower White River Floodplain (Martinson) Phase 1 – Land Acquisition (J. Yeager)**

- A. CDLT Request
- B. Appraisal Review

Both A and B listed above were discussed during the October 11, 2018 PRCCHSC meeting. Several questions surfaced during the discussion and Yeager agreed to contact CDLT for answers. The agreed upon approach during the October 11<sup>th</sup> PRCCHSC meeting was to receive answers to the questions that were raised during the meeting and next have an EMAIL VOTE to consider

A and B listed above. Rohr will work with Yeager to secure answers to the questions and schedule an EMAIL VOTE accordingly.

**IX. Proposal -- Bosket Nason Creek Acquisition (J. Cram)**

- A. CDLT Request
- B. Appraisal Review

Both A and B listed above were discussed during the October 11, 2018 PRCCHSC meeting. There was committee discussion that good habitat exists along with a beaver pond on the property with good restoration potential. It was noted that part of the request includes detection equipment. The seller will dispose of the existing cabin that is on the property. Some waterfalls exist with good habitat above. Bull Trout are present and maybe Steelhead. While the gradient is substantial, comment was made that it is not a problem for fish passage as the greatest physical jump is less than 5 feet. After discussion, committee members approved both A and B above with Fisher adding that he needs to have more information before he would be able to decide to purchase the property. Rohr will discuss with Terrell who was not in attendance.

**X. Potpourri (D. Rohr) –**

- A. UCSRB – Questions that are being asked by the UCSRB regarding funding process of the PRCCHSC will be addressed by Tom Dresser, GCPUD, as he is expected to be giving a hydro presentation in the near term.
- B. Rohr reminded the PRCCHSC members of the scheduled Wenatchee Watershed Habitat Enhancement Project Tour on 29 Oct 18.
- C. Nason Creek McCarty Oxbow – CDLT. Rohr shared a thank letter received with the committee members.

**Project Updates**

- A. McIntyre Dam - Fish Jumping Efficiency (C. Fisher) –** Rohr will distribute an email report that has been received. Activities are somewhat limited due to high flows, and accordingly some of the work will be deferred until 2019.
- B. Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher) –** Fisher discussed the current activities taking place and will keep the committee advised as discussions and issues are ongoing and being addressed.
- C. (Completed) ORRI Update – Status of Penticton Spawning Bed #4 (C. Fisher) –** An email update report has been received, and Fisher reported that this project is complete.
- D. Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell) –** Email report has been received and distributed from Trout Unlimited.
- E. Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram) –** No new update.
- F. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram) –** No new update.
- G. (Completed) Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array (J. Cram).** Modems haven't been ordered yet, but the other related work is essentially done.

- H. **Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager).** No update.
- I. **Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher)** – Email report distributed.
- J. **Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager, D. Duvall)** - Discussion underway to perhaps move the point of diversion, but some potential cultural issues are being experienced and further review and study is taking place. Discussion includes possibly moving the point of diversion to the Lower Icicle. Some committee members voiced concern and commented they prefer a point of diversion on the Wenatchee River. The committee did not take a position and want to receive more information. A new Lower Icicle location has been identified, cost analyses is pending, and preliminary designs/assessment is also pending with expectation to receive in the fall or winter timeframe. The new location is a mile upriver from the mouth which removes it from the restoration work that is underway. Committee members made no decisions and will continue to monitor and discuss.
- K. **Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal – CCFEG (K. Terrell).** This project may be complete. Rohr will follow up with Terrell.
- L. **Boulder Field project update** - Icicle Creek Work Group may pull their funding consideration of the IPID and City of Leavenworth screening projects if movement does not occur soon, and these two projects have some contingency questions regarding the Boulder Field project.

XI. **Next Meeting – Thursday, November 8, 2018, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office.**

**Action Items from October 11, 2018 Meeting**

- A. Rohr will contact Jennifer Hadersberger to inform her of schedule change and request for her attendance at a future PRCCHSC meeting regarding activities involving the Nason Ridge Riparian Corridor Project.
- B. Rohr will inform Mickey Fleming, CD Land Trust, of PRCCHSC approval of CDLT Nason Ridge Riparian Corridor Proposal.
- C. Rohr will contact K. Terrell regarding PRCCHSC voting regarding approval of the Bosket Nason Creek Acquisition Proposal.

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