



PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday January 10, 2019

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 Harris, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

Meeting Attendees

Chris Fisher, CCT

Dave Duvall, GCPUD

Justin Yeager, NMFS - Absent

Jeremy Cram, WDFW

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator

Brandon Rogers, YN

Erin Harris, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

Patrick Wyena, GCPUD (Phone)

Kate Terrell, USFWS - Absent

Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel, GPUD (Phone)

Decisions from January 10, 2018 Meeting

1. The committee discussed the "Bosket Nason Creek Acquisition Proposal". Project development funds requested for \$5,000 was previously approved for Chelan Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) on December 13, 2018, plus there was committee agreement for Duvall to proceed with securing a property appraisal. Accordingly, during the January 10, 2019 meeting, the committee reviewed the appraisal received and project description and voted to not approve the "Bosket Nason Creek Acquisition Proposal". (See discussion below at agenda item VII).

MEETING MINUTES

I. **SAFETY REVIEW** - Completed

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- II. **Agenda Review** – Duvall added a discussion of “PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Approved Definitions for Chelan Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) Contracts”, and a discussion of “Habitat Funding Agreements (HFA)” and “PRCC Habitat Funds Project Specifications Sheet Information (Spec Sheet)”

- III. **Approval of Minutes for December 13, 2018 (D. Rohr)** – Approved.

- IV. **Action Items Review from December 13, 2018 Meeting (D. Rohr)**
 - A. Duvall will contact Mickey Fleming and the property appraiser regarding appraisal activities of the Lower White River Flood Plain (Martinson) Phase 1 Project. **Completed.**
 - B. Duvall and Rohr will follow up with development of PRCCHSC letterhead and keep committee members advised. **In progress.**

- V. **Habitat Funds and NNI Report – Q4 (D. Rohr)** Rohr will distribute 2018 Year-End Report when received from Grant PUD.

- VI. **Lower White River Floodplain (Martinson) Phase 1 – Land Acquisition (D. Duvall)**

Update of Landowner Sales Activities – Duvall commented the Martinson Appraisal was received today. Rohr will distribute a copy to committee members. Committee members discussed the property zoning change and questioned if there would also be a change in the property value. PRCCHSC requested time to review the appraisal before further discussion. **Action: Rohr to send copy of the appraisal to PRCCHSC for review and they will discuss during the next meeting of February 14th.**

- VII. **Bosket Nason Creek Acquisition (J. Cram, D. Duvall)**
 - A. Update of CDLT Activities – Rohr commented that the October 4, 2018 Spec Sheet for this proposal included a \$5,000 request for project development funds PLUS an Option for CDLT to assist WDFW with PIT-tag Array work. Rohr noted that his understanding regarding the \$5,000 requested in the Spec Sheet, and approved during the December 13, 2018 meeting, was the decision to approve did not include the Option to assist WDFW with PIT-tag Array work. Committee members concurred that it was not included. Rohr continued that the appraisal for this acquisition was distributed to committee members prior to the meeting. He also noted that after receiving approval from committee members, a copy of the appraisal was delivered to Mickey Fleming, CDLT. Committee

members discussed the appraisal and project description in detail, and there was some skepticism regarding moving forward with this acquisition for various reasons, including questions relative to the riparian habitat opportunities, plus lack of knowledge regarding distribution of fish in this area and specifically steelhead. Further discussion included the possible installation of PIT-tag arrays to determine if there is steelhead activity in the area. Cram agreed to follow up with additional information with regard to the potential future installation of PIT-tag arrays, including perhaps the development of a Spec Sheet for committee consideration. After further discussion, the “Bosket Nason Creek Proposal” was not approved, and Duvall was requested to contact CDLT and direct them to cease all project development activities. **Action: Cram will notify the Project Sponsor/CDLT of the decision to not approve; Duvall will notify CDLT to cease additional work on this proposal; Cram will move forward to obtain information regarding the possible installation of PIT-tag arrays.**

- VIII. **Icicle Creek Fish Passage – Wild Fish to Wilderness / Boulder Field Proposal (K. Terrell)** – (discussion tabled from December 13th meeting) – Committee members discussed the Boulder Field Proposal. The funding request to the PRCCHSC is \$375,000, and other sources of funding are being explored for an additional \$1,900,000. The stated objective outlined in the proposal is to improve access into the upper Icicle Creek watershed for Steelhead and Bull Trout. The finalization of an Annual Operating Plan (AOP) between tribes and federal agencies involving fishing activities in the area also needs to be completed.

Moreover, a separate project in the area is anticipated to occur with respect to the Icicle Peshastin Irrigation District (IPID) water diversion fish screen, and coordination of the Boulder Field Proposal with this project, including information related to the timing and work window involved, needs to be considered. Committee members concluded that more information is needed regarding the anticipated IPID water diversion fish screen work, and Cram agreed to follow up with IPID in regard to this conclusion. There were also questions related to the Boulder Field Proposal and Grant PUD contracting details of which Duvall agreed to follow up on. Accordingly, committee members agreed to continue the discussion during the next meeting on February 14th.

Action: Cram will follow up with respect to the anticipated IPID water diversion fish screen work, and Duvall will follow up regarding Grant contracting details and the questions involved related to the Boulder Field Proposal.

- IX. **Icicle Peshastin Irrigation District (IPID) and City of Leavenworth Water Diversions / Fish Screens (K. Terrell, D. Rohr)** – Comment was made that

for various reasons the City of Leavenworth will not be involved in this activity. See agenda item VIII above for discussion of the IPID fish screen water diversion activities.

- X. **(Agenda Addition) PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Approved Definitions for CDLT Contracts (D. Duvall)** – Duvall referenced the list of definitions approved January 12, 2012 with regard to CDLT activities. He commented that Mickey Fleming, CDLT, has asked to review this information with the committee members since the approval occurred several years ago. Fleming’s request for review specifically includes funding involved, plus other details in the definitions list may also need some review and possible revision as well. After discussion, committee members agreed to inviting Fleming to the next meeting on February 14th for further discussion. **Action: Duvall will contact Mickey Fleming and invite her to attend the February 14th meeting.**
- XI. **(Agenda Addition) Habitat Funding Agreements (HFA) and PRCC Habitat Funds Project Specifications Sheet Information (Spec Sheet) (D. Duvall)** – Duvall commented that questions from Grant PUD Contracting staff have been raised regarding information contained within the PRCC Habitat Funds Project Specifications Sheet (spec sheets) and the included proposals. Spec sheets are an integral part of the resultant contractual language used in the Habitat Funding Agreements (HFA), and review and clarification of the information within the spec sheets is being requested. The spec sheet becomes a part of the resultant HFA (contract) and therefore the details contained in both must match. Accordingly, committee members agreed for Duvall and Rohr to review the current spec sheet and provide any suggested edits or clarification they would recommend. **Action: Duvall and Rohr to review the current spec sheet and provide recommendations to the committee members regarding potential changes.**
- XII. **Potpourri (D. Rohr)**
- A. **PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Letterhead – update** – Work on the letterhead/logo is in progress by Duvall and Rohr. They will keep the committee members advised.

Project Updates

- A. **McIntyre Dam - Fish Jumping Efficiency (C. Fisher)** – No new information.
- B. **Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher)** -

Update from Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA): There are a variety of ongoing activities with the Shuttleworth Creek Project. Blue Mountain applied for

updated surface water and storage water license. The Nature Trust has abandoned all licenses. There is still one landowner using groundwater system and will abandon stream license in 2019. The surface water intake will be upgraded with an underground screen in 2019. Allendale Dam will be rebuilt to half the height in 2019 while Clark Meadows Dam will be breached and returned to a wetland in 2020. ONA worked closely with Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada on fish salvage and passage issues on Hody Lake and Shuttleworth Creek, respectively, for rainbow trout and Chinook salmon during drawn down events.

- C. **Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell)** - Completed.
- D. **Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)** - Nothing new reported.
- E. **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram)** – Rohr will follow up with Aaron Penvose for an update on current status of the internal water rights review.
- F. **Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager)** – Trout Unlimited reported that In December, the Barkley project continued to make good progress. They wrapped up the first construction phase for the winter, issued a contract for the second phase and released a bid solicitation for the third phase. Coordination with the project team has been critical in keeping all of the pieces moving ahead, but so far, they have managed to keep everything on track. They are also continuing the weekly project team and board meetings going and had four of them in December. They also met with the MVID (Methow Valley Irrigation District) board during their monthly meeting and provided updates on the progress. The Team had been making good progress on the required easements with the DOT/FAA, until they informed us that they no longer were considering an easement and preferred to do a shorter-term lease for the project. This is problematic for a number of reasons and they are now working to try to get a course correction on this decision by DOT (Department of Transportation). With initial construction started, several other contracts are taking shape, 2.2 million in pipe delivered and a whole lot of determination going on. Construction completion is scheduled for spring 2020.
- G. **Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher)** – Spawning platforms report to be completed sometime during the month of January. Fisher will forward when received.
- H. **Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager, D. Duvall)** - Nothing new to report.
- I. **Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal – Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (K. Terrell)** - Completed.
- J. **Nason Ridge Riparian Corridor Project – Placeholder (B. Rogers)** – Nothing new to report. Will revisit this project perhaps next summer.

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Action Items from January 10, 2019 meeting

1. With respect to the (Martinson) Lower White River Floodplain Phase 1 – Land Acquisition, Rohr to distribute appraisal and HabSC will review and discuss during next PRCCHSC meeting of Feb 14th.
2. Regarding the Bosket Nason Creek Acquisition, Cram will notify CDLT that this proposal was not approved; Duvall will notify CDLT to halt additional work on this project as it was not approved, and Cram will move forward with a review of information regarding the possible installation of PIT-tag arrays.
3. Duvall will contact Mickey Fleming, CDLT, and invite her to the next meeting of Feb 14th to outline and discuss her request for a review of funding details.
4. Cram will follow up with respect to the anticipated IPID water diversion fish screen work, and Duvall will follow up regarding Grant contracting details and the questions involved related to the Boulder Field Proposal.
5. Duvall and Rohr will continue working on development of a PRCC Habitat Subcommittee letterhead.
6. Duvall and Rohr will review the current PRCC Habitat Funds Project Specification Sheet and discuss suggested edits at an upcoming meeting.
7. Rohr will contact A. Penvose of Trout Unlimited for an update of the Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II project.

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