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PRCC Habitat Subcommittee

**FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
CONFERENCE CALL**

Thursday, December 14, 2017

1:30 pm

(Call Numbers Sent in Separate Email)

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, YN

Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

Meeting Attendees: Chris Fisher/CCT, Justin Yeager, Dave Duvall, Jeremy Cram, Pat Wyena, Denny Rohr; absent was Kate Terrell, Lee Carlson, Erin McIntyre.

DECISIONS of December 14, 2017:

- November 9th draft meeting minutes approved.
- HSC members approved Pacific Appraiser Associates as a primary appraiser for land acquisitions and conservation easements, including funding up to \$25,000 from Habitat Fund 602.
- HSC members approved sponsorship of the UCSRB Science Conference, including funding up to \$2,000 from Habitat Fund 602.

- I.** **Agenda Review** – No additions to agenda.
- II.** **Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2017 (D. Rohr)** – Meeting minutes approved.
- III.** **Action Items Review from November 9, 2017 Meeting (D. Rohr)** – Completed.
- IV.** **Habitat Funds and NNI Report for Q3, 2017 (D. Rohr)** – End of year report forthcoming.
- V.** **UPDATE - Silver Side Channel Acquisition Activities (K. Terrell)** – No new information; will continue to monitor.

- VI. UPDATE - Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (D. Duvall)** – Duvall reported that Anchor-QEA has signed the contract developed by Grant PUD contracting and they are moving forward on the project.
- VII. UPDATE - Contracting, Liability, Indemnification Activities (D. Duvall)** – Duvall reported that this activity continues to be reviewed and discussed within Grant PUD. Grant is entering a trial run of a new process, including a listing of milestones and deliverables, plus deliverables must be completed prior to the project sponsor receiving any compensation. Duvall will keep the HSC updated as the process continues to undergo review.
- VIII. UPDATE - Primary Appraiser Activities (D. Duvall, D. Rohr)** – As Project Liaison, a review was provided by Duvall, and HSC members discussed the Spec Sheet proposal from Pacific Appraiser Associates (PAA) dated November 8, 2017. Rohr had previously distributed an electronic copy of the proposal to HSC members for their review. The proposal included PAA being considered as a primary appraiser for land acquisitions and conservation easements and included a requested funding amount of \$25,000. After discussion, HSC members in attendance approved the proposal as presented for funding up to \$25,000 from Habitat Fund 602. Rohr will follow up with Terrell and Carlson who were not in attendance and ask for approval consideration as well, and Rohr will keep the HSC members advised electronically of their decisions.
- IX. UPDATE - Contract 602-25H - Review of Land Acquisitions and Conservation Easements (D. Rohr)** – Contract 602-25H was established primarily to fund Cascade Chelan Appraisal Company, Larry Rees, as a primary appraiser for land acquisitions and conservation easements. Currently the fund has approximately \$7000 remaining, and Rohr asked if HSC members would like to increase the dollar amount. HSC concluded they would later address the need to increase the fund when it became necessary. Rohr will inform Terrell and Carlson of this discussion.
- X. UPDATE - McIntyre Dam Fish Passage Efficiency and Monitoring (C. Fisher)** – Following up from the November 9, 2017 HSC meeting wherein this subject was discussed, a memorandum, dated November 22, 2017 and approved by HSC members, was sent to Kari Alex, ONA, regarding the question of HSC interest in monitoring fish migration success at McIntyre Dam. The memorandum expressed general support of the HSC to determine the dam configuration (discharge and gate openings) to optimize fish passage and included some suggestions and recommendations to be considered if ONA decides to submit a Specification Sheet proposal. No response to date has been received from ONA, and Fisher stated he will ask ONA about this subject as he will be meeting with them soon. Fisher will keep the HSC members advised.
- XI. UPDATE – Reintroduction of Sockeye into Lake Okanogan (C. Fisher)** – No new information.
- XII. Sponsorship Participation of January 24, 25 UCSRB Science Conference (D. Duvall)** – A request from the UCSRB had been received asking if HSC would consider participation as a sponsor of the upcoming Science Conference. After discussion, HSC members in attendance decided upon an amount of \$2,000 from Habitat Fund 602 to participate as a sponsor of the Conference. Rohr will follow up with Terrell and Carlson who were not in attendance and ask

for approval consideration as well, and Rohr will keep the HSC members advised electronically of their decisions.

XIII. Potpourri (D. Rohr) –

- A. Penticton Spawning Bed No. 4 Proposal** - Fisher commented that he had no additional information from ONA, but he is meeting with them soon and will discuss this subject further at that time. Fisher will keep the HSC advised.

Project Updates – (No additional update information provided)

- A. McIntyre Dam – Improving Fish Passage Efficiency (C. Fisher)
- B. Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher)
- C. Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell)
- D. Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)
- E. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram)
- F. MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District (K. Terrell)
- G. Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)
- H. Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager)
- I. Stormy Creek Fish Passage Project (K. Terrell)
- J. Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher)
- K. Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager, D. Duvall)
- L. Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal – CCFEG (K. Terrell)

Next Meeting - Thursday, January 11, 2018, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

Action Items from November 9, 2017 HSC Meeting:

1. Fisher will continue to monitor re-introduction of sockeye into Lake Okanogan.
2. Monitoring will continue for the Silver Side Channel Acquisition activities.
3. Contracting, Liability, Indemnification will be left on meeting agendas for continued review and update information.
4. Duvall and Rohr will continue working on securing a second Primary Appraiser for HSC use.
5. Fisher will take first cut at drafting a memo to ONA regarding options regarding McIntyre Dam and fish passage efficiency, and the memo will be sent to ONA prior to their submitting a project spec sheet to request funding.

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