

Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Habitat Subcommittee

Statement of Agreement

Methow River 1890s Side Channel Acquisition

Submitted to PRCC Habitat Subcommittee: November 8, 2012

Approved by PRCC Habitat Subcommittee: November 8, 2012

Approved by PRCC: Not applicable

Statement: The PRCC Habitat Subcommittee approves a funding request by the Yakama Nation for \$75,000 plus closing costs (not to exceed \$15,000) from Habitat Fund 603 for the acquisition of 2 parcels totaling 16.82 acres and 1,350 feet of river frontage in the Methow Basin near Twisp, WA. The following caveat must be adhered to:

Acquisition and implementation of this project will not restrict the option of dike removal on the adjoining property (The Sugar Dike Property). This dike removal promotes natural process restoration. Additionally, the approval of the acquisition of the Sugar Dike Property was agreed upon with the understanding that it was the first step toward dike removal.

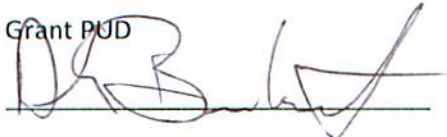
Background: The Yakama Nation first presented the Methow River 1890s spec sheet to the PRCC Habitat Subcommittee during the May 2012 meeting. The proposal includes land acquisition to allow extensive side channel restoration that will improve winter rearing habitat for juvenile salmonids. After completing the land appraisal, the Yakama Nation modified the original spec sheet dated May 7, 2012 to exclude one parcel and reduce the overall acreage. After confirming this project will be coordinated with the Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation and will not affect or impact the Sugar Dike Project, the PRCC Habitat Committee approves the Methow River 1890s Side Channel Acquisition.



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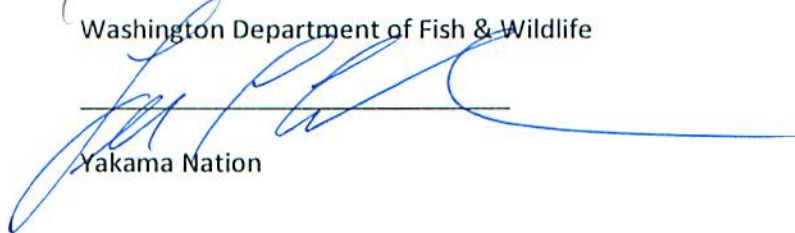
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