



## **PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Conference Call**

### **FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**

**3:00 pm**

### **Conference Call Meeting**

#### **PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members**

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Kate Terrell, USFWS	Chris Fisher, CCT
Dave Duvall, Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel (alt), GCPUD	Lee Carlson, Brandon Rogers (alt), YN
Justin Yeager, Dale Bambrick (alt), NMFS	Carl Merkle, CTUIR
Jeremy Cram, Carmen Andonaegui (alt), WDFW	Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator	

#### **Meeting Attendees**

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Chris Fisher, CCT	Brandon Rogers, YN
Dave Duvall, GCPUD	Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant
Justin Yeager, NMFS	Patrick Wyena, Wanapum
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator	Jeremy Cram, WDFW

- I. Safety Review (D. Duvall) - Completed**
- II. Agenda Review – No changes were made.**
- III. Approval of Minutes for July 12, 2018 (D. Rohr) - Approved**

**IV. Action Items Review from July 12, 2018 Meeting (D. Rohr) –**

- A. Rogers will work with WRC and coordinate with Rohr to schedule a tour of the Nason Ridge area. – Completed
- B. Duvall will close the contract with CDLT for the Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition Project. – In progress
- C. Rohr will add a discussion of fish tagging in the Silver Side Channel to the agenda for discussion at the next HSC meeting. Completed

**V. Habitat Funds and NNI Report (D. Rohr) –** The Draft Q2 report distributed in July is now the final Q2 Report of record.

**VI. Decision Item -- Nason Ridge Riparian Corridor, Mickey Fleming, CDLT (L. Carlson, B. Rogers)**

- A. Follow up discussion of September 13th Field Tour
- B. Discussion of CDLT Funding Request - Rogers requested a vote on CDLT proposal today, which was a \$10,000 request to help with fund raising for Nason Creek property purchased by Western Rivers. This led to questions regarding what the \$10,000 was to go towards if there were perspective buyers already interested in the property. After considerable discussion, the HSC voted to approve the expenditure from Fund 602 pending approval from Terrell. The HSC also gave Rohr and Duvall some liberty to work with Fleming on how to best make the existing spec sheet applicable to where CDLT is at in the process.

After the approving vote, the question of road density within the Nason Ridge property was brought up by HSC members. The general group consensus was the road density was very high (5 road miles per square mile) and efforts would like to be made to reduce the road density by potentially decommissioning roads among one of the options. Rogers agreed to provide more information at future meetings, potentially discussing the options with other groups. Committee members also requested Rohr contact Jennifer Hadersberger, CCNRD, and request her attendance at the next HSC meeting to discuss their interest and involvement in the project including road densities.

**VII. Decision Item -- Review of Contract Regarding Fish Tagging / Monitoring in Silver Side Channel between 2014 and 2017 (J. Cram)**

- D. Discussion of Project Continuation – Cram asked about using unspent funds from the current Silver Side PIT Tag Contract (HFA 602-27H) for upgrading modems at the PIT tag arrays at Silver Side Channel. After discussion, it was agreed that without procuring upgraded modems, there really was no point in having the sites operating and therefore it was agreed to use existing funds (if possible) or setup a new agreement to purchase the equipment (subject to Terrell's concurrence). Duvall will work with Grant PUD contracting to move forward with the best approach but reminded the HSC that there is language

within all HFA contracts that any items costing over \$300 goes back to Grant PUD after the project is complete for possession on behalf of the HSC.

#### **VIII. Potpourri (D. Rohr) –**

##### **A. UCSRB Request**

### **Project Updates**

- A. McIntyre Dam - Fish Jumping Efficiency (C. Fisher) –** No new updates.
- B. Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher) –** ONA sent email stating the lower portion of creek went dry. This fact has led to growing interests as to the future of the creek and project.
- C. ORRI Update –** Status of Penticton Spawning Bed #4 (C. Fisher) – Construction as generally been completed; working on final site cleanup.
- D. Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell) –** Significant progress was made the Roaring Creek project in the month of August. The end of August marked the end of diversion on Roaring Creek. After many years the goal has been reached. August started by bringing RCWUA irrigation system on line the first week in July. The system was started to flush out the entire system. With the flushing completed the contractor tied in the RCWUA shareholders to the new pressurized system. Final tie-ins occurred the second week of July. The crew ran into a few setbacks during that were handled in over several days and now the system is up and running. There were some fun moments with neighborly water management and historic family relationships, the RCWUA family is happy again. A few adjustments to the pressure settings the system is running smoothly. Concurrently TU continued to jam the ERV side of the irrigation system through the final phases. TU held a team meeting the first week in August regarding the timing of the ERV pump station switch over and tie-in to the existing irrigation system. Several items that needed to be addressed. 1) New parts needed to be ordered to hook up the fish screen to the new suction line. 2) Coordination with WDFW for instillation of the fish screen, including a HPA amendment and 3) timing the switch over with the ERV folks, who would shut down Roaring Creek for good as the new pump system was brought online. During the last week in August the contractor and other team members brought the ERV orchards existing system on line and it runs nicely. The contractor and TU are finishing up the last pieces of the project and look to fine tune the system with a wrap up the project in September.
- E. Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram) –** No new updates.
- F. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram) –** No new updates.
- G. Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array (J. Cram) –** See agenda item VII above.
- H. Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager) –** Nine phases on the project have been developed to contract out over the next three years. The first phases will include the satellite well system, we are also contemplating several

other pieces for bids by the close of 2018. Efforts by the project team remains focused on various construction elements, TU continues to work the permitting, funding, coordination, easements and general project management. TU leads weekly meetings with both the Barkley and MVID directors. We work with MSRF and WSDOT aviation to get permissions for the various project attributes on the WSDOT property where MVID's current diversion sits. The approach on this conversation with DOT seems to be gliding into a good place and we have really started to get some cooperative and tangible dialogue. Incremental progress with Ecology and expect the water right changes will be finalized soon. There is no going back on this and we are priming the pump for construction of this project, stay tuned.

- I. Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher)** – No new updates.
- J. Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager, D. Duvall)** – A report was distributed electronically from Yeager. There may be some cultural sites near the project boundaries, which may cause the diversion to be moved to the Lower Icicle River. More details to come as available.
- K. Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal – CCFEG (K. Terrell)** – No new updates.

**Next Meeting** - Thursday, October 11, 2018, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee

**Action Items from September 18, 2018 Conference Call Meeting**

1. Rohr will contact Jennifer Hadersberger to request attendance at the next meeting for discussion of the Nason Ridge Project.

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