



## PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting

### FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday July 9, 2020

1:00 pm

Microsoft Teams

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

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Kate Terrell, USFWS

Dave Duvall, Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel (alt), GCPUD

Justin Yeager, Dale Bambrick (alt), NMFS

Jeremy Cram, Ben Truscott (alt), WDFW

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator

Chris Fisher, CCT

Brandon Rogers, Hans Smith (alt), YN

Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Erin Harris, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

#### **Meeting Attendees**

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#### **Decisions made during July 9, 2020 meeting**

1. Final confirmation of agenda item V, “**Funding Activities of Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion**”, approval of May 19, 2020 funding request of \$250,000 from Habitat Fund 602.
2. Final confirmation of agenda item VII, “**Determine volume of Sediment Accumulated behind Enloe Dam on the Similkameen River, Okanogan County, Washington**”, approval of June 16, 2020 funding request of \$85,739 from Habitat Fund 602.

## **MEETING MINUTES**

- I. **Agenda Review** – Hans Smith shared YN wants to share 12 project proposals with PRCC Habitat SC members at future meetings and is hopeful to begin in August. This could take 4+ hours. Hans shared Tracy Hillman will be in contact with Denny Rohr to discuss this further, including the possibility of having combined meetings for this discussion.
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
  - A. June 11, 2020 – Meeting minutes were approved.
- III. **Action Items Review from June 11, 2020 Meeting**
  1. Rohr will conduct email votes as described in Decision Items above. - **Completed**
  2. Duvall will follow up with Kirk Dosser on appraisal activities. - **Completed**
  3. Cram will follow up with Mickey Fleming, CDLT, regarding spec sheet for Mill Creek Land Acquisition proposal. -**Completed**
- IV. **Habitat and NNI Funds Report Q2** - E. Harris to ask Grant PUD for status update of Q2 Habitat and NNI Funds report.
- V. **Review and Update – Funding Activities of Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion**
  - A. **Affirmation of Vote to approve Trout Unlimited funding request of \$250,000 from Habitat Fund 602** – Email vote of June 17, 2020 was conducted regarding the Trout Unlimited proposal dated May 19, 2020. The proposal was approved for up to \$250,000 from Habitat Fund 602.
  - B. **Review of Wilson Property Sale** - J. Yeager shared he spoke with Aaron Penvose, Trout Unlimited, regarding the possible sale of the Wilson property as discussed by the HabSC during the June 11<sup>th</sup> HabSC meeting. The discussion focused on consideration of selling the Wilson Property and putting the proceeds back into a Habitat Funds account to backfill the \$250,000 approved funding request. J. Yeager sent Rohr maps of the property which were distributed to committee members for review. Yeager stated he feels there are several options to be considered, including a 65-foot easement, reduction of the size of the standard easement, removal of the existing house on the property, sale of the property outright, consideration of a 100 foot easement with removal of the irrigation line, or do nothing at this time. Rohr suggested allowing members time to review all the information and talking about this with a greater understanding at the August meeting. Duvall asked if a list of options could be generated, briefly describing each option, along with the pros/cons of each; to which Yeager will do what he can for the August discussion.

- VI. Update - Weyco (Weyerhaeuser) Mill Creek Land Acquisition** – J. Cram commented that Mickey Fleming, CDLT, is developing a spec sheet for committee consideration of the acquisition and he expects to receive it soon. The spec sheet will be distributed to committee members for review and consideration of approval.
- VII. Review and Update - Determine volume of Sediment Accumulated behind Enloe Dam on the Similkameen River, Okanogan County, Washington**
- A. Proposal dated June 3, 2020, \$85,739 from Habitat Fund 602** – An email vote of June 17, 2020 was conducted to consider the June 3<sup>rd</sup> proposal. Chris Fisher, project sponsor, was excused from the vote. The proposal was not approved.
- B. Amended Proposal dated June 16, 2020, \$85,739 from Habitat Fund 602** – An email vote of June 24, 2020 was conducted to consider the June 16<sup>th</sup> proposal. Chris Fisher, project sponsor, was excused from the vote. The proposal was approved for up to \$85,739 from Habitat Fund 602.
- VIII. Chiwawa Nutrient Enhancement Update – Email Communication from Jason Lundgren, Cascade Fisheries RFEG** - D. Rohr shared this email was sent to committee members for review. J. Cram shared there was a good discussion of this email communications during the HCP Tributary Committee meeting and received a mixed response. Duvall shared there was no proposal or spec sheet with the email communication, and if it was discussed at the Tributary committee, the Habitat SC committee might have the same response. After additional discussion and a mixed response, committee members agreed to remove the subject from consideration of possible funding. Lundgren will be notified of this action.
- IX. Potpourri**
- A. Review and update of appraiser information – No update.

### **Project Updates**

- A. McIntyre Dam - Fish Jumping Efficiency** -No update.
- B. Shuttleworth Creek Projects** -No update.
- C. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II**– (From Aaron Penvose monthly report) TU continues ongoing dialogue with the JSDC Directors regarding moving the project along. In June TU had a call with the Conservation Commission on the status of the IEGP application and where it stands with the JSDC. TU informed the commission that it is still in the review process with the JSDC Board of Directors and the application would be forwarded onto their counsel for final review. TU is hopeful that they will see a returned application in July.
- D. Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion** Please see agenda item V above.

- E. **Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project** -No update.
  - F. **(Boulder Field) Icicle Creek Fish Passage – Wild Fish to Wilderness Proposal**– (*From Aaron Penvose monthly report*). June was a productive month of construction at the Boulder Field. [Contractor] Strider’s crew continued breaking and removing boulders between the IPID access road and USFS roads and installing pipe near the City of Leavenworth Treatment Plant (WTP). Strider wrapped up boulder breaking and removal activities after having removed as much material as possible without negatively impacting work planned for August. Strider also completed installation of the remaining roughly 160 L.F. of 16” DI pipe for the COL [City of Leavenworth] Water Treatment Plant tie-in and line drain. After installation, hydrostatic pressure testing for acceptance was completed on installed pipe and no leaks were found. After completed pipe installation, Strider completed general site organization and moved equipment and supplies off the road shoulder to prepare for inactivity until work resumes in late July, when stream flows have receded.
  - G. **Entiat Stormy Project Area “A” Stream & Floodplain Enhancement, Yakama Nation** – Hans Smith reported that this project waiting for approval on the final report.
  - H. **Weyco (Weyerhaeuser) Mill Creek Land Acquisition (CDLT developmental funding)** – See agenda item VI above.
  - I. **Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District Fish Screen Proposal** - No updates.
  - J. **Final Construction for Floodplain Re-engagement - Penticton Channel Culvert Proposal** – No updates.
  - K. **Assessment of Sediment Chemistry behind Enloe Dam on the Similkameen River, Okanogan County, Washington** – No updates.
  - L. **Determine volume of Sediment Accumulated behind Enloe Dam on the Similkameen River, Okanogan County, Washington** – See agenda item VII above.
- X. **Next Meeting** – Thursday, August 13, 2020, 1:00 pm, Location TBD

**Action items from July 9, 2020 meeting**

1. Rohr will follow up on Hans Smith comments regarding YN projects.
2. Yeager will follow up with activities surrounding the potential sale of the Wilson Property.
3. Jason Lundgren will be contacted regarding the committee review and discussion of the Chiwawa Nutrient Enhancement program.