



PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday May 14, 2020

1:00 pm

Microsoft Teams

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Dave Duvall, Deanne 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

Brandon Rogers, Hans Smith (alt), YN

Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Erin Harris, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

Meeting Attendees

Chris Fisher, CCT

Dave Duvall, GCPUD

Justin Yeager, NMFS

Jeremy Cram, WDFW

Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel, GCPUD

Chris Clemons, YN

Hans Smith, YN

Brandon Rogers, YN

Erin Harris, GCPUD

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Johnny Buck, Wanapum

Mike Rafferty, InterFluve, Inc.

Decisions made during May 14, 2020 meeting

1. April 9, 2020 meeting minutes **approved**.
2. "Upper Burns & Angle Point Habitat Enhancement Project" was **not approved**.
3. "Weyco (Weyerhaeuser) Mill Creek Land Acquisition" appraisal was accepted and **approved** with appraised value of \$275,000, and discussion continued of Spec Sheet required for consideration of purchase.
4. "Final Construction for k'emcniw Floodplain Re-engagement – off-channel salmonid habitat restoration" project was **approved** for up to \$140,096, from fund 602.
5. Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion - Committee **agrees** to request \$250,000 from PRCC NNI Fund.

MEETING MINUTES

- I. **Agenda Review** – Agenda was reviewed with no additions made.
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - A. April 9, 2020 – Approved.
- III. **Action Items Review from April 9, 2020 (D. Rohr)**
 1. Duvall and Rohr will follow up on duties of a review appraiser - **Completed**
 2. Duvall will check on availability of Tom Walters as a review appraiser - **Completed**
 3. Yeager will follow up on questions of remaining funding for Barkley Irrigation Company – **Completed**
- IV. **Habitat and NNI Funds Report Q1 (D. Rohr)** – Preliminary report will be sent to members after meeting.
- V. **“Upper Burns & Angle Point Habitat Enhancement Project”, Chris Clemons, Yakama Nation (B. Rogers)** – The goal of the Upper Burns & Angle Point Areas Stream & Floodplain Enhancement Project (Upper Burns Project) is to maintain productive salmon spawning habitat within the middle & Upper Middle Entiat River assessment units, improve mainstem juvenile rearing and adult holding habitat, and improve off-channel juvenile rearing habitat for Endangered Upper Columbia spring Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and threatened Upper Columbia steelhead (*O. mykiss*). The Upper Burns project is a shovel ready salmon recovery project developed by the Yakama Nation Upper Columbia Habitat Project (UCHARP) on USFS lands in the Middle Entiat & Upper Middle Assessment Units. The project area runs from river mile 25.7 to 26.1. The project proposal consists of multiple habitat restoration treatments including placement of large wood and large wood structures, side channel creation and reconnections, and floodplain reconnection. The YN is seeking funding from PRCC HSC for half of the mobilization costs, installation & hauling of the large woody material in the newly created side-channels, installation of the salvaged trees removed during clearing and grubbing, construction of the inlet log structures as well as both types of mainstem log structures and half the cost for site cleanup/straw mulch placement. The remaining construction costs will be covered by the Yakama Nation and the Chelan & Douglas Counties HCP Tributary Committee (Trib. Comm.). Chris Clemons, YN, and Mike Rafferty, InterFluve, Inc., shared a Power Point presentation that outlined the work area. Chris Fisher asked why there are restrictions on the wetland area to provide habitat, and he suggested making the area of their design larger. Chris Clemons stated the RGB-permit requires .5 acre as the max size and with their wetland area at .8 acre, it is too large. It was also noted that going through the wetland could cause damage to the wetland by grading through it. Brandon Rogers

shared it is a consideration on all flood plain regions, and you cannot do too much changing to existing wetlands if Regulatory Agencies don't see it as an enhancement.

Brandon Rogers exited the meeting and committee members continued their review of the proposal. **After further discussion, committee members voted to not approve the proposal.**

VI. Review and Update of Appraiser Information (D. Duvall, D. Rohr) – Dave Duvall and Denny Rohr have followed up on the contract status and availability of current listed appraisers. Duvall commented that he has been in communications with Kirk Dosser, Pacific Appraisal Associates, and he is currently under contract and will continue as a primary appraiser. Additionally, Duvall has been in communications with Tom Walters who is currently under contract, and he will continue as a review appraiser. Duvall also has been in communication with Mickey Fleming, CD Land Trust, who continues to have questions about the new appraisal process. Rohr reviewed the discussion of a previous Habitat SC meeting about having Fleming attend a meeting to allow for review and provide explanation, but the Covid-19 pandemic issue delayed that action. Rohr asked committee members of their thoughts of having her attend a future meeting. Brandon Rogers shared he talked to Curt Soper, Director of CDLT, and that Soper was going to talk to his staff about the new language. Rogers will reach out to Soper for more details. Duvall shared in response to Fleming, he will reach out to her on his own if needed, and Chris Fisher also offered to help clear up any misunderstandings as well. Duvall and Fisher will work together on contract language communication follow up with sponsors as needed.

VII. Review of Final Appraisal – “Weyco (Weyerhaeuser) Mill Creek Land Acquisition” (J. Cram, D. Duvall) - Committee members discussed the final appraisal received from Larry Rees, Cascade Chelan Appraisals, Inc., and voted to approve and accept the appraisal. Additionally, all agreed to Rohr sending a copy to Mickey Fleming, CD Land Trust as a listed intended user. A spec sheet is now needed to allow for further consideration of the acquisition, and Rohr will work with Cram in that regard. Committee members did note that the appraised value of the property is \$275,000 and the listed selling price is \$289,000, plus the policy of the committee is to not exceed the appraised value.

VIII. Update – Funding Activities of Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (J. Yeager) – Justin Yeager commented he has been contacted by Aaron Penvose, Trout Unlimited, regarding the current funding gap of \$550,000 needed to bring this project to a close. Penvose has stated that \$350,000 will be received from the Chelan PUD HCP Mitigation Fund and the remaining \$250,000 is being requested from the Habitat SC. After review and discussion, the committee decided to ask the PRCC for consideration of receiving \$250,000 from

the PRCC NNI Fund. Yeager and Rohr will follow up with the request to the PRCC at their next meeting on May 26th.

- IX. Update – Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District Fish Screen Proposal (J. Cram, D. Duvall)** – Jeremy Cram and Dave Duvall reviewed the planning meeting of all parties involved in this project that occurred the afternoon of April 9th. Duvall shared he is working with IPID and following up on a new contract. It was a good meeting and included methods for reimbursement and also insurance coverage. The call included WDFW, IPID, and Grant Contracting and all questions were answered. The ball is currently in WDFW’s court, and Duvall has received email from Janice Jackson with additional questions regarding insurance. Review and discussion will continue as this project moves forward.
- X. Update – ONA Activities (C. Fisher)** – Chris Fisher discussed a request for funding received from ONA with a Spec Sheet dated May 14, 2020 titled “Final construction for k’emcniwk Floodplain Re-engagement – off-channel salmonid habitat restoration”. Okanagan River channelization isolated floodplains and destroyed off-channel salmonid habitat, greatly affecting native resident and anadromous fish production. This project will re-engage ~ 2 acres of historic floodplain to the Penticton Channel section of the Okanagan River, designed to optimize Chinook rearing conditions. The floodplain was excavated and re-contoured in winter 2020. This application is for final re-engagement construction via installation of a large culvert designed to accommodate salmonids. The first two stages of construction were complete by March 2020 (land clearing / preparation and floodplain excavation and re-contouring). This proposal includes a funding request for up to \$140,096 of total project cost of \$427,510 USD to complete the final stages of the construction (culvert installation phase). After review and discussion, committee members approved funding for up to \$140,096 from Fund 602.
- XI. Potpourri (D. Rohr)**
A. No updates

Project Updates

- A. **McIntyre Dam - Fish Jumping Efficiency (C. Fisher)** – Nothing new to discuss.
- B. **(Status) Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher)** - Chris Fisher spoke with Kari Long, ONA, and Department of Fisheries & Oceans. Chris Fisher and Dave Duvall recommended that ONA provide a summary report on efforts directed toward restoring perennial flow in Shuttleworth Creek. Chris Fisher shared Liquidity Vineyard uses ground water that was developed and conveyed through funding by the PRCC-HSC. The Nature Trust initially intended to use the groundwater but has decided to abandon their water license and is pursuing to dedicate that water to instream flow in Shuttleworth Creek. Blue Mountain vineyard has refused the delivered groundwater and

continues to divert from Shuttleworth Creek. Blue Mountain vineyards owns 60% and Nature Trust 40% of the surface water license in Shuttleworth Creek. During 2010, an earthen dam failed in Testalindin Creek, causing structural damage to several homes downstream. There are two earthen dams in the headwaters of Shuttleworth Creek that the provincial government is requiring the owners of the water licenses either upgrade the earthen dams, reduce the size of the dam, or remove the dams. Blue Mountain Vineyard has requested, based upon the percentage of water licenses, the Nature Trust pay for 40% of the dam upgrades. The Nature Trust has proceeded to abandon their water license (return to instream flow) and are not interested in paying for the refurbishment of the dams. The Nature Trust may be willing to contribute towards removal of the dams if Blue Mountain Vineyards foregoes the surface diversion and utilizes the groundwater system that has been constructed. Fisher will keep committee members advised of further developments.

- C. **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram)** – From Aaron Penvose, Trout Unlimited monthly email report: Our big achievement in March was completion of a draft IEGP application that, if approved, will be a big lift on the funding effort for this project. IEGP requires landowner and state agency coordination tied to water conservation. We reached out to the JSDC board to review and discuss the application and will learn more in the next week or two. There will be agency follow-up. We are working with a private funding source interested in the project – they do want to fund but their internal policies don't allow them to commit until 6-12 months before construction for this type of project. We are adding them in the range of \$100K-\$200K to the project funding portfolio.
- D. **Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (J. Yeager)** – Nothing additional, see discussion under agenda item VIII above.
- E. **Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher)** – Chris Fisher shared, ONA tagging 30-100 adult sockeye that are collected at the fishway at the outlet of Okanogan Lake. The ONA will track the tagged fish and identify what tributaries the fish have entered and where within the tributary the fish have spawned. This information will be used to protect spawning areas and support future restoration actions to increase the capacity (quality and quantity) of spawning habitat.
- F. **(Boulder Field) Icicle Creek Fish Passage – Wild Fish to Wilderness Proposal (K. Terrell)** Kate Terrell shared under construction, pipes installed under Snow Lake area and continuing piping work. Additional information provided by Aaron Penvose monthly email report: Early in the month we finalized the bid package, address an outstanding design issues, then advertise for bids on the 13th. We're excited that feedback from construction contractors is promising with considerable interest in the project. We should receive several competitive bids from qualified local contractors. On the permitting front, the USFS access agreement for required closure of the Snow Lakes parking area and lane closure is fully executed marking off the last

outstanding project permit. In the coming weeks and we will continue to work with USFS, IPID, WDFW, and others to coordinate the few remaining items as we approach construction. In April we'll address contractor pre-bid questions, develop addenda as necessary, open and review bids, and select a contractor while navigating the new environment created by Covid-19.

- G. **Entiat Stormy Project Area "A" Stream & Floodplain Enhancement, Yakama Nation (B. Rogers)** Brandon Rogers shared the report is completed and working to get official sign off but the Covid-19 issue is causing delay.
 - H. **Assessment of Sediment Chemistry behind Enloe Dam on the Similkameen River, Okanogan County, Washington (C. Fisher)** – Fisher reported that the analysis of the sediment samples continue but the Covid 19 issue is causing some delays with the laboratory analysis work being performed. Results are anticipated to be available during October 2020. Fisher will keep the committee advised of any updated information.
 - I. **Weyco (Weyerhaeuser) Mill Creek Land Acquisition (CDLT developmental funding) (J. Cram)** – Nothing additional, see agenda item VII above.
 - J. **Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District Fish Screen Proposal (J. Cram)** – Nothing additional, see agenda item IX above.
- XI. **Next Meeting** – Thursday, June 11, 2020, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office/TBD with Covid-19 Response.

Action items from May 14, 2020 Meeting

1. Yeager and Rohr will follow up with PRCC NNI Funding request for the Barkley Irrigation Co. Permanent Point of Diversion project.
2. Rogers will contact Curt Soper, CDLT, for additional discussion of the new appraisal process.
3. Duvall and Fisher will contact Mickey Fleming, CDLT, for review and discussion of the new land acquisition appraisal process.
4. Duvall and Fisher will review the new land acquisition appraisal process language and its application to parties involved.
5. Cram will follow up with CDLT regarding a Spec Sheet for the Mill Creek acquisition proposal.

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