Lewis River Hydroelectric Projects Settlement Agreement Aquatic Coordination Committee (ACC) Meeting Agenda

Date & Time: Thursday, February 11, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Place: Merwin Hydro Control Center

105 Merwin Village Court

Ariel, WA 98603

Contacts: Frank Shrier: (503) 320-7423

Time	Discussion Item
9:00 a.m.	Welcome
	Review Agenda and ACC 1/14/16 Meeting Notes
	➤ Comment & Accept Agenda and 1/14/16 Meeting Notes
9:10 a.m.	Public Comment Opportunity
9:20 a.m.	M&E Update
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	EDT Presentation as it relates to fish habitat– Phil Roni/Kevin Malone
11:15 a.m.	2015 Fish Passage Overview
12:00 p.m.	Study/Work Product Updates
	 Smolt releases at LRH; first pass water and release options
	 Woodland Release Ponds - Status
	 Acclimation Ponds - Status
	 Merwin Upstream Passage – Status
	 Swift Floating Surface Collector – Status
12:15 p.m.	Next Meeting's Agenda
	Public Comment Opportunity
	Note: all meeting notes and the meeting schedule can be located at:
	http://www.pacificorp.com/es/hydro/hl/lr.html#
12:30 p.m.	Working Lunch/Adjourn ACC Meeting
1:00 p.m.	Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Subgroup
	 Ongoing discussion by section including Ocean recruits
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn M&E Subgroup Meeting

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FINAL Meeting Notes

Lewis River License Implementation Aquatic Coordination Committee (ACC) Meeting February 11, 2016 Merwin Hydro Control Center

ACC Participants Present (22)

Chris Karchesky, PacifiCorp

Frank Shrier, PacifiCorp

Erik Lesko, PacifiCorp

Todd Olson, PacifiCorp

Kim McCune, PacifiCorp (via conference)

Mark Ferraiolo, PacifiCorp

Baker Holden, USDA Forest Service (via conference)

Ruth Tracy, USDA Forest Service

Bryce Michaelis, USDA Forest Service

Aaron Roberts, WDFW

Bryce Glaser, WDFW

Peggy Miller, WDFW

Pat Frazier, WDFW

Michelle Day, NMFS

Shannon Wills, Cowlitz Indian Tribe (via conference)

Jim Malinowski, Fish First

Jeff Breckel, LCFRB

Steve Manlow, LCFRB

Diana Gritten-MacDonald, Cowlitz PUD

Guests

Al Thomas, Columbian Phil Roni, Cramer Fish Sciences Eli Asher, Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Calendar:

March 10, 2016	ACC Meeting	Merwin Hydro
March (TBD)	ACC Meeting (Aquatic Fund Subgroup)	Merwin Hydro

Assignments from February 11, 2016	Status
McCune: Olson requested the ACC attendees to give thought to EDT	Complete
data questions to share with Phil Roni and email to Kim McCune and	
she will track all the requested data.	

Assignments from December 10, 2015	Status
Frazier: Advise Shrier of available dates specific to the EDT subgroup meetings in January and February 2016.	Complete – Scheduled for 2/19/16

Assignments from February 13, 2014 meeting (revised 9/10/15)	Status
Frazier: Work on securing the 2012, 2013 and 2014 lower river coho abundance survey data for tributaries. Provide this information to Erik Lesko (PacifiCorp).	Pending as of 2/11/16 (Frazier noted he is working to get this done by April 1, 2016 meeting)

Opening, Review of Agenda and Meeting Notes

Frank Shrier (PacifiCorp) called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and reviewed the agenda and January 11, 2016 meeting notes and assignments.

The January 11, 2016 meeting notes were reviewed and approved with minor housekeeping changes at 9:30am.

Public Comment

None

M&E Update

Shrier informed the ACC attendees that the M&E update is progressing; going back through up to Objective 14 (there is a total of 22 objectives). Once the M&E Subgroup has completed its review the document will be submitted to the ACC for a 90-day review for final submittal to the FERC on or before 12/31/16.

EDT Presentation as it relates to fish habitat – Phil Roni, Cramer Fish Sciences

Todd Olson (PacifiCorp) noted that an EDT model meeting had been conducted to review the new habitat survey information collected by USGS for Merwin and Yale reservoir tributaries. The next EDT meeting will take place February 19, 2016 to continue the review of EDT parameters and discuss model assumptions.

Olson then informed ACC attendees that PacifiCorp as part of the Future Fish Passage Project is taking a larger look at the Lewis River watershed specifically issues and opportunities related to fish habitat and fish production; how does the Lewis River basin look and opportunities for restoration. To assist, PacifiCorp has hired Dr. Phil Roni, Cramer Fish Sciences.

Dr. Roni provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, *Identification of Restoration Alternatives in North Fork of Lewis River* to update the ACC on the objectives, and tasks. Further detail can be viewed on the Lewis River website at the following link:

http://www.pacificorp.com/content/dam/pacificorp/doc/Energy_Sources/Hydro/Hydro_Licensin_g/Lewis_River/li/acc/LR_ACC_EDT_presen.pdf

Roni reviewed the objectives and tasks to include:

- Assimilate and evaluate current data and utility for identifying restoration opportunities in NF and Lower Lewis
- Limiting life-stage and habitat x species
- Identify potential restoration opportunities

Cramer Fish Sciences reviewed and assessed existing data from at least 50 reports and restoration opportunities, steps in the restoration process and adaptive management were discussed to include goals of different assessments vs restoration steps.

Jim Malinowski (Fish First) inquired if Cramer Sciences had data regarding carcasses in Cedar Creek and nutrient enhancement on the Lewis River or if any data is available. Roni replied that if any data are available it might be from WDFW. Malinowski wants nutrient enhancement to be a major part of the assessment. Roni indicated that he will definitely look at this if data is available.

Roni addressed data gaps such as:

- Historical habitat/channel/floodplain
- Consistent/detailed habitat data for Lower NF and Mainstem Lewis
- Summer and winter fish use data
- Other sediment/riparian data sources
 - Other than NOAA data

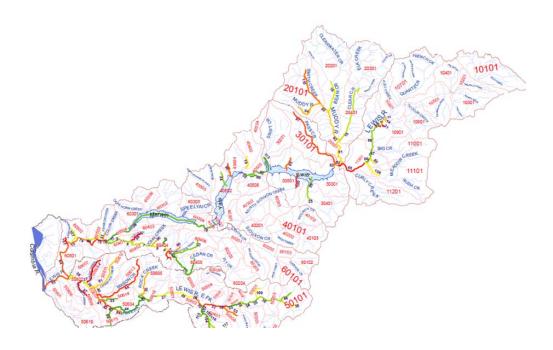
Also discussed was what habitat and life stage might be limiting.

Cramer Sciences is looking at feasibility for different species for Coho (Habitat data – yes, USGS and EDT outputs, fish data – published values), Spring Chinook and Steelhead.

Identification of potential restoration opportunities will come from NOAA data (channel types and Fullerton/Steel assessment and model outputs), EDT reaches and priorities and USGS data for EDT inputs.

Roni reviewed the expected results to include initial priority reaches, underlying causes of degradation and potential restoration/habitat improvement actions by reach.

EDT Reach Outputs



In summary, Roni expressed while sub-basin/recovery planning efforts have provided some cursory estimates of the loss of habitat prior to the early 1900's, detailed information on the historic channel conditions for the mainstem North Fork and Lower Lewis was not located. This information would be very helpful for identification of historic habitat loss and loss in fish production due to channelization and agricultural development, to identify potential restoration opportunities, and also to assess what may have historically limited fish production.

Olson noted that once the EDT subgroup feels comfortable with all assumptions we can move forward with the EDT output. Consultants and EDT subgroup are working toward getting all data out to the ACC by April 2016 for its 30-day review and comment period.

Olson requested the ACC attendees to give thought to data questions to share with Phil Roni and email to Kim McCune and she will track all the requested data.

Break 10:55am Reconvene 11:00am

2015 Fish Passage Overview – Chris Karchesky, PacifiCorp

Karchesky provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, *Lewis River fish Passage Program 2015 Review* to update the ACC on the 2015 fish passage activities. Further detail can be viewed on the Lewis River website at the following link:

http://www.pacificorp.com/content/dam/pacificorp/doc/Energy_Sources/Hydro/Hydro_Licensing/Lewis_River/li/acc/ACC%20Annual%20Fish%20Passage%20-%20Feb%202016.pdf

Karchesky noted that this PowerPoint is intended as an overview only; however, significant detail will be included in the 2015 annual Fish passage report which will be made available in March 2016.

Karchesky addressed noteworthy environmental conditions and procedural changes in 2015 such as extreme flow conditions, established floating surface collector outage period, inclusion of laterun coho upstream and the release of acclimation fish from Spring to Fall releases.

Merwin Fish Collection Facility – Collection Numbers (down from over 30,000 in 2014)

Characteristic	A	AD Cli _l	p		CWT		Wild		Wild		Wild		Wild Recap		Wild- BWT		Wild- BWT		Recap		Misc	Total	%
Species	M	F	J	M	F	J	M	F	J	M	F	J	M	F	M	F	Not sexed	Total	-70				
Spring Chinook	366	327	30				14	15	5						6	3		766	5				
Fall Chinook	239	286	6				102	139	31	6	2							811	5				
Early Coho	123	147	544	74	103	76	24	34	17						2			1,144	7				
Late Coho	933	771	256	142	115	24	21	14	16						1			2,293	15				
Summer Steelhead	1471	2651					7	18							681	1428		6,256	40				
Winter Steelhead	1522	1249					41	31					748	504	51	38		4,184	27				
Sockeye Salmon	1						14	17		1	1							34	0				
Chum Salmon																		0	0				
Pink Salmon	1																	1	0				
Cutthroat (>13 in)																	31	31	0				
Cutthroat (< 13 in)																	2	2	0				
Rainbow (< 20 in)																	75	75	0				
Bull Trout (> 13 in)																		0	0				
Bull Trout (< 13 in)																		0	0				
																Total		15,597	100				

Upstream Transport Numbers for key species in 2015 compared to previous years.

Species (Adults)	2012	2013	2014	2015
Coho (Early & Late in 2015)	206	7,035	9,179	3,754
Winter Steelhead	189	741	1,033	1,223
Spring Chinook	0	579	0	0
Coastal Cutthroat Trout	-	-	42	31

Karchesky reviewed the charts that illustrate the male/female ratios for Winter Steelhead and Coho and noted the upstream passage survival percentages (goal of 99.5% for all transport species).

Upstream Transport Survival

Species	Transported	Morts	Survival
Coho	3,754	0	100%
Winter Steelhead	1,223	6	99.9%
Spring Chinook	0	0	100%
Coastal Cutthroat	31	0	100%
TOTAL	5,008	6	99.9%

Karchesky reviewed results of seed plant efforts for the both winter steelhead and coho salmon. This effort was done to improve distribution of these adult species into the upper basin. Previous observations indicated that adults released at the head of Swift Reservoir (Eagle Cliff) show little distribution into the upper watershed. Releasing fish at three upper locations (Muddy River Bridge, Clear Creek Bridge, and the Upper Lewis near Crab Creek) improved distribution of these species throughout the upper basin. Also included in the PowerPoint is a Google earth view of radio tagged Steelhead detections in 2014 (all released at Eagle Cliff) and then in 2015 which were released at Eagle Cliff, Muddy River, Clear Creek and Upper Lewis. Coho detections from November 20, 2015 and December 30, 2015 are also provided specific to fish released at Swift Forest Camp, Eagle Cliff, Muddy river, Clear Creek and Upper Lewis.

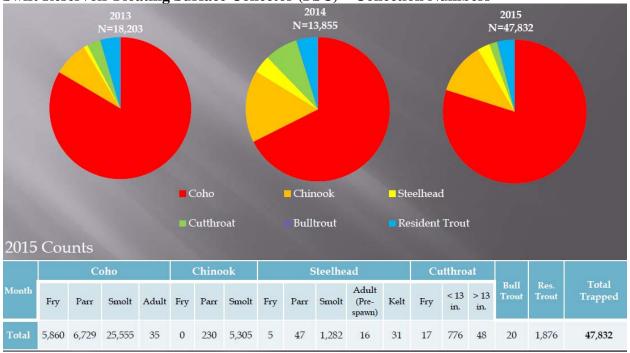
Seed Plant Releases by Location for Winter Steelhead and Coho Salmon

Winter Steelhead	Eagle Cliff	Muddy River Bridge	Clear Creek Bridge	Upper Lewis (Crab Creek)	Total
Untagged	1,047	28	31	34	1,140
Radio Tagged	44	12	12	15	83
Total	1,091	40	43	49	1,223

Coho	Eagle Cliff	Muddy River Bridge	Clear Creek Bridge	Upper Lewis (Crab Creek)	Total
Untagged	3,249	124	146	106	3,625
Radio Tagged	49	30	18	32	129
Total	3,298	154	164	138	3,754

Karchesky also informed the ACC attendees that the Adult Trap Efficiency (ATE) goal is 98% for all transport species and the results of the 2015 study year will be provided at the March 2016 ACC meeting.

Swift Reservoir Floating Surface Collector (FSC) – Collection Numbers



Downstream Transport Numbers for key species in 2015 compared to previous years.

Species (Out-migrants)	2013	2014	2015
Coho	15,074	7,588	31,919
Winter Steelhead	166	539	1,324
Spring Chinook	1,431	2,164	5,401
Coastal Cutthroat Trout	556	857	811

The 2015 data also includes cumulative run timing curves by life-stage for all species in 2015.

Injury and Survival

CS = (S-collection) + (S-transportation)								
Species	Life-Stage	Sampled	Mortality	Survival				
Coho	Fry	5,860	0	100%				
	Smolt	32,284	365	98.9%				
Chinook	Fry	0	0	NA				
	Smolt	5,532	134	97.6%				
Steelhead	Fry	5	0	100%				
	Smolt	1,329	5	99.6%				
Cutthroat	Smolt	824	11	98.7%				
Bull Trout	All	20	1	95.0%				

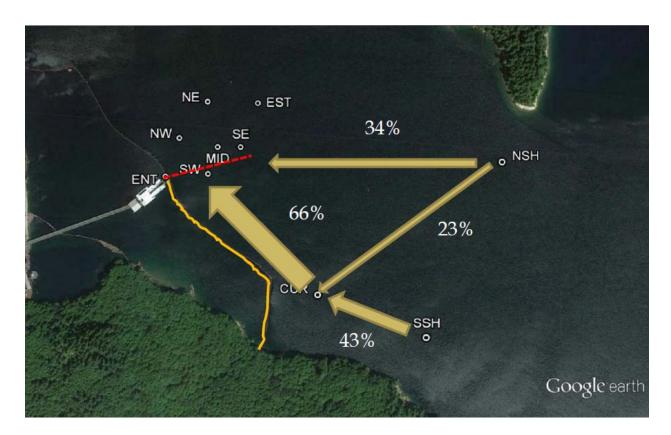
Injury goal of less than or equal to 2% for out-migrating fish collected at the FSC and a collection survival (CS) goal of 99.5% for smolts and 98% for Fry.

Collection Efficiency for juvenile out-migrants at the Swift Floating Surface Collector

Metric	Coho Salmon	Spring Chinook	Steelhead	Total
Total Tagged (n)	139	14	47	200
Detected at ZOI	110	6	43	159
P _{RES}	79.1%	42.9%	91.5%	79.5%
Captured at FSC	13	0	8	21
Collection Efficiency (P_{CE})	11.8%	0.0%	18.6%	13.2%

Collection efficiency (CD) standard of 95% for all out-migrating species.

And lastly, Karchesky provided a Google earth image of fish behavior upstream of the floating surface collector. These results were used to design the Swift Guide Net that is scheduled to be installed early March 2015.



Study/Work Product Updates

Woodland Release Ponds

Shrier informed the ACC that the City of Woodland could provide permit approval by the end of the month. PacifiCorp is working on the facility water right simultaneously. The next step is to submit applications to Ecology (storm water permit) and WDFW (HPA) then everything to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Shrier said PacifiCorp will encourage DNR to treat this application as a priority in order that the release pond can begin construction in 2016 and he would like ACC members to do the same.

Acclimation Pond/Crab Creek

PacifiCorp needs to determine if there is damage to the Crab Creek acclimation pond. There is definitely significant damage to the Clear Creek facility.

Merwin Fish Collection Facility and General Operations (Attachment A)

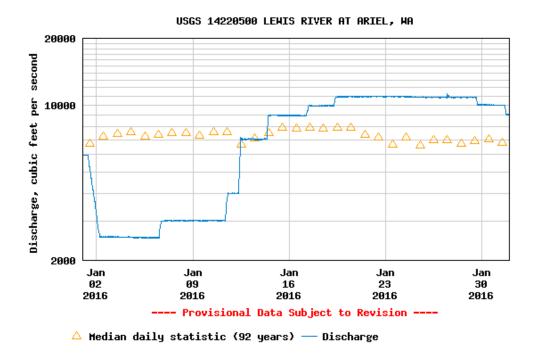
Chris Karchesky (PacifiCorp) reported during the month of January, a total 789 fish were captured at the Merwin Fish Collection Facility; the majority (94%) of these fish were hatchery winter steelhead (n=744) followed by late run hatchery coho (n=20). All hatchery fish were given to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (in exception to six late run coho designated for upstream transport). WDFW also retrieved one wild adult coho for brood stock. Fifteen resident rainbow trout less than twenty inches were captured at Merwin trap and returned downstream. Six blank wire tag (BWT) winter steelhead, six late run coho, and three cutthroat trout greater than thirteen inches were transported upstream of Swift Dam.

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River flow below Merwin Dam ranged between approximately 2,510 cfs to 11,000 cfs during January.

Discharge, cubic feet per second



Upstream Transport (Attachment A)

For calendar year 2016, six blank wire tag winter steelhead (all males), six hatchery coho (3 m: 3 f), and three cutthroat trout greater than thirteen inches in length have been transported upstream.

Swift Floating Surface Collector (Attachment A)

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< Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. >

Agenda items for March 10, 2016

- > February 11, 2016 Meeting Notes
- ➤ M&E Update
- > Update on Release Pond Permit
- ➤ Cramer Fish Sciences to talk about 2015 Adult Telemetry Evaluation Study Results.
- > Study/Work Product Updates

Next Scheduled Meetings:

March 10, 2016	April 14,2016						
Aquatic Fund Subgroup (HCC)	Merwin Hydro Control Center (HCC)						
Ariel, WA	Ariel, WA						
12:00 p.m. –3:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.						

Meeting Handouts & Attachments:

- ➤ Meeting Notes from 1/14/16
- Agenda from 2/11/16
- ➤ Attachment A Lewis River Fish Passage Report (January 2016)

Lewis River Fish Passage Report

January 2016

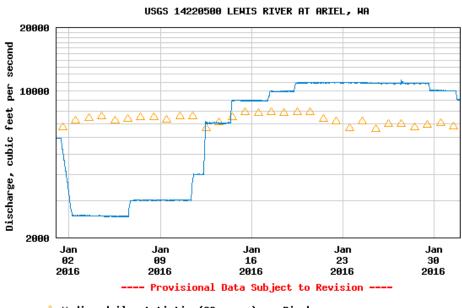
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Fish Facility Report Merwin Adult Trap January 2016 Spring Chinook 1 Early Coho Late Coho S. Steelhead W. Steelhead Fall Chinook RT Recap Wild $TOTAL^2$ AD-Clip RT Recap CWT Wild Recap AD-Clip Wild RT Recap TOTAL² AD-Clip BWT RT Recap AD-Clip Recap M F JK 123 01-Jan 3 3 1 110 03-Jan 04-Jan 05-Jan 22 0 1 0 06-Jan 07-Jan 55 08-Jan 0 1 0 31 09-Jan 0 0 0 33 0 0 0 19 14 10-Jan 0 1 0 30 28 12-Jan 0 0 0 4 3 9 13-Jan 0 1 0 2 6 14-Jan 26 2 1 0 10 13 15-Jan 53 16-Jan 17-Jan 18-Jan 19-Jan 20-Jan 21-Jan 22-Jan 23-Jan 24-Jan 25-Jan 92 90 3 189 26-Jan 5 27-Jan 0 0 0 28-Jan 3 4 1 8 0 0 0 29-Jan 0 0 0 2 5 1 30-Jan 13 0 0 0 0 0 0 31-Jan Monthly 789

 $^{^2\,\}mathrm{Total}$ counts do not include recaptured salmon.



Monday, February 1st, 2016

Only hatchery verses wild distinctions are currently being made. All hatchery fish are labeled as "AD-Clip".

Fish Facility Report **Swift Floating Surface Collector** January 2016

	Coho		Chinook Steelhead						Cutthroat			Bull Trout			Planted			
Day	fry	parr	smolt	fry	parr	smolt	fry	parr	smolt	kelt	fry	< 13 in	> 13 in	fry	< 13 in	> 13 in	Rainbow	Total
01																		
02																		
03																		
04																		
05																		
06																		
07	0	72	36	0	6	147	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	269
80	0	152	64	0	12	262	0	0	1	0	0	6	1	0	3	0	9	510
09	0	97	135	0	6	94	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3	343
10	0	52	58	0	13	121	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	250
11	0	79	42	0	31	166	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	322
12	0	64	17	0	21	56	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	161
13	0	10	81	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	2	168
14	0	136	142	0	10	61	0	0	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	12	370
15	0	110	44	0	7	27	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	193
16	0	19	212	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	255
17	0	23	153	0	0	13	0	2	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	201
18	0	38	23	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	65
19	0	92	51	0	5	19	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	174
20	1	123	99	0	0	74	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	6	309
21	0	247	80	0	5	4	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	344
22	0	268	76	0	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	357
23	0	271	39	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	3	327
24	0	359	63	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	433
25	0	308	162	0	9	25	0	0	6	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	514
26	0	208	134	0	5	42	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	7	401
27	0	148	113	0	8	47	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	324
28	0	117	85	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	255
29	0	199	329	0	1	53	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	12	597
30	0	129	186	0	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	0	0	1	12	350
31	0	114	133	0	0	19	0	0	6	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	9	295
Monthly	1	3435	2557	0	156	1381	0	5	37	0	2	79	8	0	5	8	113	7787
Annual	1	3435	2557	0	156	1381	0	5	37	0	2	79	8	0	5	8	113	7787



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