## **FINAL Meeting Notes**

# Lewis River License Implementation Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting October 11, 2006 Via Conference Call

#### **TCC Participants Present: (11)**

Brock Applegate, WDFW
Eric Holman, WDFW
LouEllyn Jones, USFWS
Curt Leigh, WDFW
Diana Gritten-MacDonald, Cowlitz PUD
Tom Macy, RMEF
Kimberly McCune, PacifiCorp Energy
Colleen McShane, EDAW
Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp Energy
Bob Nelson, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Mitch Wainwright, USDA Forest Service

#### Calendar:

October 12, 2006	ACC Meeting	Merwin Hydro
November 8, 2006	TCC Meeting	Merwin Hydro
November 9, 2006	ACC Meeting	Merwin Hydro

Assignments from October 11th Meeting:	
McShane/Naylor: Develop a list of new assumptions and implications	Complete - 11/8/06
relating to the revision of the HEP Baseline and provide a copy to the TCC	
for their review and comment as a comparison to the previous assessment.	
Macy: Create a map illustrating properties of interest and provide a copy to	Pending
the TCC for their review.	
Wainwright: Obtain contact information of broker relating to property of	Complete - 10/16/06
interest to the TCC and email information to Naylor.	and forwarded to RMEF

Assignments from September 13th Meeting:	
McCune: Email those TCC participants who have signed a Confidentiality	Complete – 9/13/06
Agreement a copy of the Real Estate Purchase Option Agreement relating to	
acquisition of a certain parcel of land.	
McCune: Email the TCC and Columbia Land Trust with potential dates for a	In process
tour of certain lands of interest.	
Naylor: Create a WHMP timeline as a handout for the next TCC meeting for	Complete - 10/11/06
their review. (provided verbal timeline and noted in 10/11/06 minutes)	
McCune: Email the Skamania County Vision Report link to the TCC for	Complete - 9/13/06
their review and comment.	

Parking lot items from February 10 <sup>th</sup> Meeting:	
PacifiCorp WHMP Budget (annual)	
Conservation Agreement – what is wanted?	Ongoing – 4/28/06

#### **Opening, Review of Agenda, Finalize Meeting Notes**

Kirk Naylor (PacifiCorp Energy) called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Naylor reviewed the Agenda with the TCC and asked if there were any additions or changes to the Agenda. The TCC did not have requested changes or additions.

Naylor asked the TCC if they have any changes to the Draft 9/13/06 Meeting Notes.

The TCC 9/13/06 Meeting Notes were approved at 9:10a.m.

#### **Discussion Updating HEP Baseline**

Naylor informed the TCC that he met with Colleen McShane (EDAW) to discuss updating the HEP Baseline due to changes in forest practices since 2001, improved data on streams, timber harvest areas that have changed, improvements on boundaries and cover-type mapping, and additional bald eagle nests that were not figured into the original HEP.

McShane communicated that we will be referring to the HEP Baseline in the WHMP. She further stated that she will develop a list of new assumptions and implications and provide a copy to the TCC for their review and comment as a comparison to the previous assessment.

Curt Leigh (WDFW) expressed that it makes sense to bring the TCC up-to-speed on what the HEP is and what it's intended for. Naylor said that the prime objective is getting PacifiCorp Energy lands up to current status. Leigh further communicated his concern about going through a level of effort that will only be necessary again in two years due to the acquisition of additional lands.

McShane expressed that the question to the TCC is do you include the new lands in the baseline calculations now or include them once they are acquired in the two alternatives. Leigh replied that the Lewis River Settlement Agreement speaks to including the acquired lands in the HEP.

McShane communicated that if there are any changes on Cowlitz PUD lands that this should be included as well.

Leigh said that if we are going to make projections we should wait until we have an "approved" management plan. Naylor expressed that the WHMP Standards & Guidelines document provides sufficient information and allows PacifiCorp Energy to run the HEP and it will aid us in developing the Management Plan. He did not think that completion of the WHMP would give us that much more refinement at this stage.

McShane stated that through the development of the BiOp the maximum forest harvest was based on the previous 20-year averages at Merwin and this is different than what was used in the original HEP runs.

PacifiCorp Energy will include on the November TCC Agenda a document which indicates the old assumptions vs. new changes and spotted owl information. Leigh requested that PacifiCorp provide a proposal on what will be done and what we intend to gain so the TCC can review and approve if the TCC wants to proceed with modifying the baseline.

Eric Holman (WDFW) expressed that the WHMP S&G document included language to allow us flexibility so we are not locked out of opportunities for needed adjustment/improvements in the future.

McShane said that the HEP is not a super sensitive tool and that 10 or 20 acres will barely register. She further communicated that small scale things will not create much movement on what's going on out there.

## **Lands Update and Discussion**

Tom Macy (RMEF) provided an update of PacifiCorp's land acquisition activity. Detailed discussion took place regarding a certain Real Estate Purchase Option Agreement.

Further detailed discussion relating to interests in certain lands took place, however, this discussion is considered confidential and proprietary and not for public viewing.

## **WHMP Update**

Naylor informed the TCC that they can expect to receive up to three (3) draft chapters on or before the middle of November 2006 for TCC review and discussion.

The table below represents the approximate WHMP timeline based on receiving the License from the FERC in December 2006:

Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	April 2007	May 2007	June 2007
PE sends	PE sends 2	PE sends 2	PE sends	TCC	PE edits of	Final TCC	PE Finalize
3 draft	additional	additional	final 4	review of	Draft	edits.	LRWHMP
chapters	draft	draft	chapters to	entire	LRWHMP		and send to
to TCC	chapters to	chapters to	TCC for	LRWHMP			FERC
for 30-day	TCC for	TCC for	30-day	(30 days)			
review	30-day	30-day	review				
	review	review					

# **Other Topics**

Kimberly McCune (PacifiCorp Energy) informed the TCC that Karen Witherspoon (Skamania County) contacted her and indicated that her schedule will allow her to participate at the December

TCC meeting. McCune provided one hour on the Agenda for her presentation and update on planning in the upper Swift area.

## **Next Meeting's Agenda**

- Lands Update & Discussion
- Possible Tour/Field Trip
- WHMP Schedule Update

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

## **Next Scheduled Meetings**

November 8, 2006 Merwin Hydro Facility Ariel, WA **December 13, 2006** Merwin Hydro Facility Ariel, WA

## **Handouts (via email)**

- 1. Final Meeting Agenda
- 2. Draft meeting notes from 9/13/06