

**FINAL Meeting Notes  
Lewis River License Implementation  
Aquatic Coordination Committee (ACC) Meeting  
October 6, 2005  
Merwin Hydro Facility**

**ACC Participants Present (13)**

Dan Barrett, Consultant for YN  
 Jim Byrne, WDFW  
 Diana Gritten-MacDonald, Cowlitz PUD  
 Adam Haspiel, USDA Forest Service  
 LouEllyn Jones, USFW  
 Janne Kaje, Steward & Assoc. (Consultant for CIT)  
 George Lee, Yakama Nation  
 Tammy Mackey, American Rivers, Native Fish Society, Trout Unlimited  
 Jim Malinowski, Fish First  
 Karen Thompson, USDA Forest Service  
 Ruth Tracy, USDA Forest Service  
 John Weinheimer, WDFW  
 Michelle Day, NMFS (via conference call)

**Calendar:**

Oct. 21, 2005	TCC Meeting	Merwin Hydro
Nov. 9, 2005	TCC Meeting	Merwin Hydro
Nov. 10, 2005	ACC Meeting	Merwin Hydro

<b>Assignments from October 6th Meeting:</b>	<b>Status:</b>
Michelle Day to send comments on the H&S plan electronically	Complete – 10/7/05
Shrier to draft descriptions and potential effects of the four potential acclimation sites for the ACC to review as comments to the DEIS	Complete – 10/21/05

<b>Assignments from September 8th Meeting:</b>	<b>Status:</b>
McCune: Notify the ACC not present at today's meeting that the meeting notes have been approved, and request comments prior to Monday, September 12, 2005.	Complete – 9/8/05
McCune: Mail copy of Wildlife and Habitat Assessment Report/Skamania County to Jim Malinowski.	Complete – 9/8/05
Tracy: Email tour suggestions to McCune such as acclimation pond site(s), new development, etc.	Complete – 9/14/05
McCune: Email details of fish release event to ACC.	Complete – 9/8/05
Lesko: Email site visit details of Minter Creek and Makah National Fish Hatchery to ACC.	Confirming details as of 9/19/05. Lesko will advise McCune when complete

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

Frank Shrier (PacifiCorp) conducted a review of the Agenda for the day and the ACC draft meeting notes for September 8, 2005. The meeting notes were approved without changes.

Acclimation Ponds – some discussion occurred regarding the ponds and their location. Questions raised were:

Which species will be using the ponds?

Is the focus just on Chinook or are the ponds to be used for steelhead and coho as well?

Can all the species be placed in the pond together?

Janne Kaje (Steward & Assoc.) mentioned that he would not want the H&S plan to designate the ponds were only for one species and thus limit the possible application.

How long will the ponds be in operation each year?

Shrier stated that it was not his impression during the settlement talks that the ponds were intended to operate year-round. Kaje supported this. Dan Barrett (Consultant for Yakama nation) said that at the Easton and Clark Flat, fish are ponded as early in February as possible and screens are pulled for volitional release on March 15<sup>th</sup>. At the Jack Creek facility, fish are ponded a little later in February due to access but the screens are pulled at the same time.

Michelle Day (NMFS) said that Rich Turner had comments on the H&S plan and would send them electronically. Day also commented that the ponds should be distributed in the basin, if possible.

Shrier stated that these and many other related questions will be addressed in the H&S plan.

## **Off-site Tours**

The group decided to tour the following sites (listed on the back of the agenda) as priority since Barrett had a limited amount of time to spend. These are in the order they were visited:

Stop 9 – Lewis River Crossing with FR 90 – Near Lower Falls on the Lewis River  
Potential Acclimation Site

Stop 2 – Muddy River Crossing with FR 25  
Potential Acclimation Site

Stop 1 – Clear Creek Crossing with Forest Road (FR) 93  
Potential Acclimations Site  
Discuss Forest Service Road Maintenance Changes

Stop 3 – Fish Passage Culvert Replacement – RAC Funded on Private Timber Lands

Optional Stop 2b – FR 25 – Fish Passage Culvert Replacement Potential

Stop 4 – Pine Creek from FR 2590 Road  
Discuss Access challenges to Pine Creek

Forest Service could summarize Pine Creek Stream Survey completed in August

Stop 5 – Housing Development off FR 25

See proximity to Pine Creek

Stop 7 – Lewis River Crossing with FR 90 – Eagle Cliff

Potential Acclimation Site

At the end of the tour, Shrier offered to draft descriptions and potential effects of the four potential acclimation sites for the ACC to review as comments to the DEIS.

### **Next Scheduled Meetings**

Thursday, November 10, 2005

Merwin Hydro Facility

9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

### **Agenda items for November 10, 2005**

- \* Discussion of Aquatic Fund proposals (not a decision point)
- \* Discussion of Shrier's draft Acclimation pond language for DEIS
- \* Updates from LouEllyn Jones (USFW) on TCC discussion of stream buffers

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 pm**

### **Handouts**

- Final Agenda
- Draft Meeting Notes 9/8/05
- Potential Field Trip Sites

## McCune, Kimberly

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**From:** Shrier, Frank  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2005 2:35 PM  
**To:** McCune, Kimberly  
**Cc:** Lesko, Erik; Olson, Todd  
**Subject:** FW: Didson results

**Attachments:** Didson\_SB comparison 10[1].23.05.doc; Lewis River trap data.xls



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Kim, I've attached the R2 report on the DIDSON analysis and the latest Lewis River Trap data spreadsheet. Also, below is the link to AQU-4 which has all the stream survey data sheets that was discussed today at the ACC

<http://www.pacificorp.com/File/File38195.pdf>