# FINAL Meeting Notes Lewis River License Implementation Aquatic Coordination Committee (ACC) Meeting November 8, 2007 Ariel, WA

#### ACC Participants Present (19)

Jim Byrne, WDFW Clifford Casseseka, Yakama Nation Jeremiah Doyle, CH2M Hill Pat Frazier, WDFW Bernadette Graham Hudson, LCFRB Adam Haspiel, USDA FS LouEllyn Jones, USFWS Eric Kinne, WDFW Erik Lesko, PacifiCorp Energy Kimberly McCune, PacifiCorp Energy Kathryn Miller, Trout Unlimited Bryan Nordland (via teleconference until 9:30am) Todd Olson, PacifiCorp Energy Frank Shrier, PacifiCorp Energy Shelley Spalding, USFWS Richard Turner, NMFS (via teleconference) Steve Vigg, WDFW John Weinheimer, WDFW (9:00am – 10:30am) Shannon Wills, Cowlitz Indian Tribe (via teleconference 9:20am)

#### Calendar:

Dec. 12, 2007	TCC Meeting	Merwin Hydro
Dec. 13, 2007	ACC Meeting	Merwin Hydro

Assignments from November 8th Meeting:	Status:
McCune: Schedule a Lewis River Aquatic Fund Pre-proposal	Complete - 11/8/07
Selection Meeting conference call on Tuesday, December 4, 2007	
and distribute the details to the ACC.	
Haspiel: Notify PacifiCorp in writing that the Pine Creek Nutrient	Complete – 11/15/07
Enhancement project approved in the 2007 funding cycle will be	
postponed one year and consequently, due to the postponement, the	
Pine Creek Nutrient Enhancement Pre-proposal project for the 2008	
funding cycle will be withdrawn.	
Shrier: Schedule a representative from Mobrand, Jones & Stokes to	Complete – 11/13/07
attend the December 13th ACC meeting and provide an overview of	
the Plan to assist the ACC in their review process.	
McCune: Email the USFWS draft Bull Trout Action Plan is to the	Complete – 11/16/07
ACC participants for review and input to assist with developing the	
Plan.	

Assignments from October 11th Meeting:	Status:
McCune: Email Lewis River Draft Large Woody Debris	Complete – 10/11/07
(LWD) Assessment dated 10/01/07 for a 30-day review and comment	
period.	
McCune: Email Merwin Upstream Trap Draft Study Plan -	Complete – 10/11/07
September 2007 for a 30-day review and comment period.	
McCune: Insert requested edits to 9/13/07 meeting notes and email	Complete – 10/12/07
the revised draft notes to the ACC for a 7-day review period.	
McCune: Provide a copy of present aquatic funding financial	Complete – 11/1/07
spreadsheets with copies of the pre-proposals when distributed to the	
ACC in early November.	

Assignments from June 14th Meeting:	Status:
Shrier: Acquire more detail on the HTI 1997 hydroacoustic study, including what equipment was used and report back to the ACC relating to the differences of the study compared to that of BioSonics	Complete – 11/7/07
hydroacoustic study.	
Shrier: Review the Acclimation Pond Plan and send revision to the technical committee for final review and approval. The goal for completion is July 2007.	Pending Engineering Review – Plan delayed until Jan. 08

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

Frank Shrier (PacifiCorp Energy) called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Shrier requested a round-table introduction for the benefit of those participating via conference call and reviewed the agenda for the day. Shrier informed the ACC that the HGMP discussion will be postponed to the December 2007 ACC meeting. James Dixon, WDFW provided an email regarding the current status of the HGMPs for ACC review (Attachment A).

In addition, Shrier requested comments and/or changes to the ACC Draft 10/11/07 meeting notes. No changes were requested other than those received via email from USFWS and incorporated into the notes for ACC review. The meeting notes were approved without additional changes at 9:25 a.m.

#### **Relicensing Schedule Update**

Shrier informed that the FERC is non-committal with regard to expected date of license issuance. However, the FERC did say they are working on the Lewis River license and based on the conversation that did take place we are anticipating license issuance the end of  $1^{st}$  quarter 2008 or early  $2^{nd}$  quarter 2008.

#### **Aquatic Funding Pre-proposals – Discussion and Comment**

Todd Olson (PacifiCorp Energy) conducted an overview of the CY 2008 Aquatic Fund Pre-Proposals in accordance with the Utilities Evaluation Matrix (Attachment B) to include those projects that the Utilities are recommending for full proposal, the logic for the recommendation, the habitat benefits relating to recommended projects and those that were not recommended for full proposals. In addition, a map (Attachment C) illustrating the general vicinity of proposed projects was provided for ACC review.

Applicant	Proposed Project
Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Two Forks Off-Channel Habitat
& WDFW	Reconnection
PacifiCorp Energy	Panamaker Creek Road Closure and
	Culvert Removal
USDA Forest Service	Muddy River Riparian/Floodplain
	Improvement
USDA Forest Service	Clear Creek Road Decommission
	(2575200)
USDA Forest Service	Muddy River Riparian Brushing and
	Thinning

The projects recommended by the Utilities for full proposal include:

In addition, Olson reviewed the aquatic funding financial spreadsheets through 10/31/07 to inform the ACC of current balances in each account (Attachment D).

The ACC agreed that if a given project benefits both resources and bull trout that a portion of the funds should be taken out of each account.

In accordance with the cover letter (Attachment E) mailed to the ACC on 11/1/07, comments are requested from the ACC on or before November 30, 2007.

Kimberly McCune (PacifiCorp Energy) will schedule a Lewis River Aquatic Fund Preproposal Selection Meeting conference call on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 and distribute the details to the ACC.

Adam Haspiel (USDA FS) expressed that he would like an opportunity to present more detail on a particular project for ACC review at the appropriate time. The ACC concurred that this would be helpful and the appropriate time would be after a project has been selected for a full proposal.

<Break 10:25am> <Reconvene 10:40am>

# Bull Trout Action Plan for the Lewis River, WA November 2007 - USFWS

LouEllyn Jones (USFWS) and Shelley Spalding (USFWS) expressed to the ACC attendees that they wanted to know if, of the funds dispersed during the last aquatic fund cycle, these projects were consistent with other projects and funding and if we are making the best use of the money. They expressed that they want a tool for bull trout (BT) that fits in with the BT Recovery Plan.

Shrier expressed that the Habitat Synthesis Prioritization Matrix Tool currently in the making includes decision making tools consistent with the Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Plan such as:

What tier? Is species primary species? Restoration Potential?

In addition, Shrier communicated that the Subgroup is considering adding a column in the Matrix to include BT when the information is available.

Spalding expressed that the USFWS created a draft BT Recovery Plan in 2002; however they are currently undergoing a 5-year review of BT so efforts are on hold to complete the BT Recovery Plan.

As a next step the USFWS is establishing 5-year Action Plans as a measuring stick by way of identifying actions that will identify high priority tasks for bull trout. This will be the first BT Action Plan so the USFWS is cutting new ground.

In addition, Spalding expressed that considerable external resources (EDT, LCFRB, etc) exist to help identify priority tasks. Threats have largely been addressed in other previous documents so the Action Plans can be a useful tool to identify recovery actions.

The USFWS is asking the ACC participants for input to assist with developing the BT Action Plan (Attachment F), which McCune will email to the ACC for their review and comment.

Jim Byrne (WDFW) expressed concern about redundancy of information relating to the creation of BT Action Plan, the lack of credibility of USFWS in BT planning efforts, lack of considerable efforts to protect Pine Creek from development, and convoluted information regarding removal of Pine Creek from the critical habitat designation.

# Merwin Upstream Trap Draft Study Plan and Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Plan Discussion

Shrier informed the ACC attendees that the *Lewis River Fish Passage Monitoring & Evaluation Plan - ACC Review Draft, October 2007* is now available for a 90-day review and comment period and comments are due on or before January 18, 2008. The document can be located on the Lewis River website at the following link: http://www.pacificorp.com/Article/Article71045.html

General discussion took place regarding the need for baseline data prior to reintroduction and funding mechanisms available (if any) to establish the baseline. Shrier stated that there was no anticipation or intent within the Lewis River Settlement Agreement to provide baseline data, the major action was to reintroduce anadromous fish in the upper basin. Habitat monitoring is not part of the Habitat Preparation Plan.

Olson commented that the brain trust in the ACC group can come up with a creative process to address the issue of collecting baseline data. Given the interest in obtaining

baseline data, the ACC should work to identify what is needed, then work collaboratively to obtain outside funding.

The ACC agreed that they would like a representative from Mobrand Jones & Stokes to attend the December 13<sup>th</sup> ACC meeting and provide an overview of the M & E Plan to assist the ACC in their review process.

# Yale Entrainment Final Report and Draft Bull Trout (BT) Entrainment Reduction Plan

Shrier presented an overview of the Draft BT Entrainment Reduction Plan (Plan) and what it involves. A copy of the document can be located on the Lewis River website at the following link: <u>http://www.pacificorp.com/Article/Article71316.html</u>

The Yale Entrainment Final Report and draft BT Plan was distributed to the ACC on 11/7/07 for a 30-day review and comment period on the BT Plan *only*. Comments are due on or before 12/10/07.

Shrier provided illustrations on the white board to include four (4) methodologies:

- 1 Barrier net
- 2-1" bar spacing for the full 90' deep intake
- 3 Electrical barrier (research & development experimental; don't know if it will work; low voltage so it won't stun the fish)
- 4 Strobe lights (does not work on all species)

A question was asked regarding the fish entrainment zone. Shrier stated that the entrainment zone identified in the report is 3 feet per second or greater, such that fish outside that zone are not considered entrained. The 1997 study considered any fish within the intake tower as entrained regardless of their position within the tower.

PacifiCorp has made a recommendation for the electrical barrier and if it doesn't substantially reduce fish entrainment or is too expensive, the back-up plan is to consider the barrier net as it's a proven effective method. The costs associated with each method and maintenance issues have not been established yet.

# **Study Updates**

Shrier provided the following study updates, unless noted otherwise:

*Swift Constructed Channel Concept Design and Swift Upper Release Design* – Finishing permitting process and completing final design. Given the delay in license issuance construction will likely take place in 2009. Upon license issuance PacifiCorp will select a contractor and review the construction schedule.

*Hatchery Upgrades (Burrows Pond)* – Currently planned for 2008, however, license issuance delay may affect the construction schedule.

*Hatchery and Supplementation Plan* (H&S) – Late winter broodstock expected to be taken in March but license issuance delay may affect this schedule. All HGMPs must also be finalized.

Acclimation Pond Plan – Completed scope of work internally. PacifiCorp going out to bid with consultant to complete conceptual designs then the Plan will go out to the ACC for review and comment. Project is on schedule.

*Habitat Synthesis Tool* – The Subgroup met for a full day on 11/6/07 and has scheduled another meeting on 11/15/07. The Subgroup expects to complete the Tool by the end of November 2007 and prior to the due date of full Aquatic Fund proposals.

# Schedule 2008 Meetings

The ACC agreed that the 2008 meetings will be scheduled on the second Thursday of every month to be conducted at the Merwin Hydro Facility unless agreed otherwise. The 2008 Meeting Calendar can be located on the Lewis River website at: http://www.pacificorp.com/File/File77568

# **Other Topics**

Olson provided an update of the Lewis River Public Meeting - Implementation of Settlement Agreement which took place on 10/17/07. Olson informed the ACC attendees that approximately 40 attendees were at the meeting and a PowerPoint was presented to provide considerable detail regarding the efforts thus far. The PowerPoint can be located on the Lewis River website at the following location http://www.pacificorp.com/Article/Article76313.html

Olson further expressed that PacifiCorp received good feedback from the attendees and that ATV (motorized vehicle) enthusiasts were predominately represented. Certain members of the Cougar Area Trail Seekers (CATS) asked questions about how they could obtain approval for ATV trails and why are motorized trails not allowed.

Olson communicated to the ACC attendees that there are two cornerstones affecting motorized vehicle use:

- Protection of stream habitat
- Setting aside 10,000 acres for wildlife

In addition, PacifiCorp has within the past month, installed 16 new road gates and posted more signs to take measures to protect wildlife habitat.

Olson said that he was disappointed in the lack of interest in fish passage and aquatic activities currently in the implementation phases.

Haspiel informed the ACC that the Pine Creek Nutrient Enhancement project approved in the 2007 funding cycle will be postponed one year as the hatchery has received only 25% return and cannot meet the needs. The ACC agreed that Haspiel will notify PacifiCorp in writing of the postponement, and that the funds can be used for the project in fall of 2008.

Therefore due to the postponement, the Pine Creek Nutrient Enhancement Pre-proposal project for the 2008 funding cycle will be withdrawn.

#### Agenda items for December 13, 2007

- Lewis River HGMPs James Dixon, WDFW
- Lewis River M&E Plan Mobrand Jones & Stokes
- Lewis River Baseline Monitoring Discussion
- Study/Work Product Updates
- Relicensing/BiOp Update

December 13, 2007	January 10, 2008
Merwin Hydro Facility	Merwin Hydro Facility
Ariel, WA	Ariel, WA
9:00am – 3:00pm	9:00am – 3:00pm

#### Meeting Adjourned at 11:35am

#### Handouts

- Final Agenda
- Draft ACC Meeting Notes 10/11/07
- Attachment A Email from James Dixon (WDFW) regarding the status of the HGMPs, dated November 7, 2007
- Attachment B Lewis River Aquatic Fund Pre-proposals Evaluation Matrix
- Attachment C Lewis River Aquatic Fund Pre-proposals Map
- Attachment D Lewis River Aquatic Funding Financial Spreadsheet through 10/31/07
- Attachment E Memo to Lewis River Aquatics Coordination Committee representatives regarding review of CY 2008 Aquatic Fund Pre-Proposals, dated November 1, 2007
- Attachment F Bull Trout Action Plan for the Lewis River, WA November 2007, as provided by the USFWS

#### McCune, Kimberly

From:	McCune, Kimberly
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Subject:	RE: ACC meeting 11/8- HGMP presentation

Attn: ACC Participants

Per James Dixon's request please see his email below.

Kimberly L. McCune - PacifiCorp Energy Hydro Resources Project Coordinator Phone: 503-813-6078 Fax: 503-813-6633 kimberly.mccune@pacificorp.com

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Folks,

I regret to say that I will not be able to attend the meeting tomorrow to present the HGMPs to the ACC.

Progress update: I am very close to finishing the three supplementation HGMPs- the ones that change the most due to the re-introduction efforts outlined in the H&S Plan. The late winter steelhead HGMP has been submitted to NOAA already, the spring Chinook HGMP has been reviewed by the ACC and is all but out the door to NOAA and the type S coho is a couple of work days away from ACC review. The remaining HGMPs: the type N coho and the segregated winter and summer steelhead HGMPs are more of an updates than a re-writes, so they should move rapidly ahead.

Work Plan:

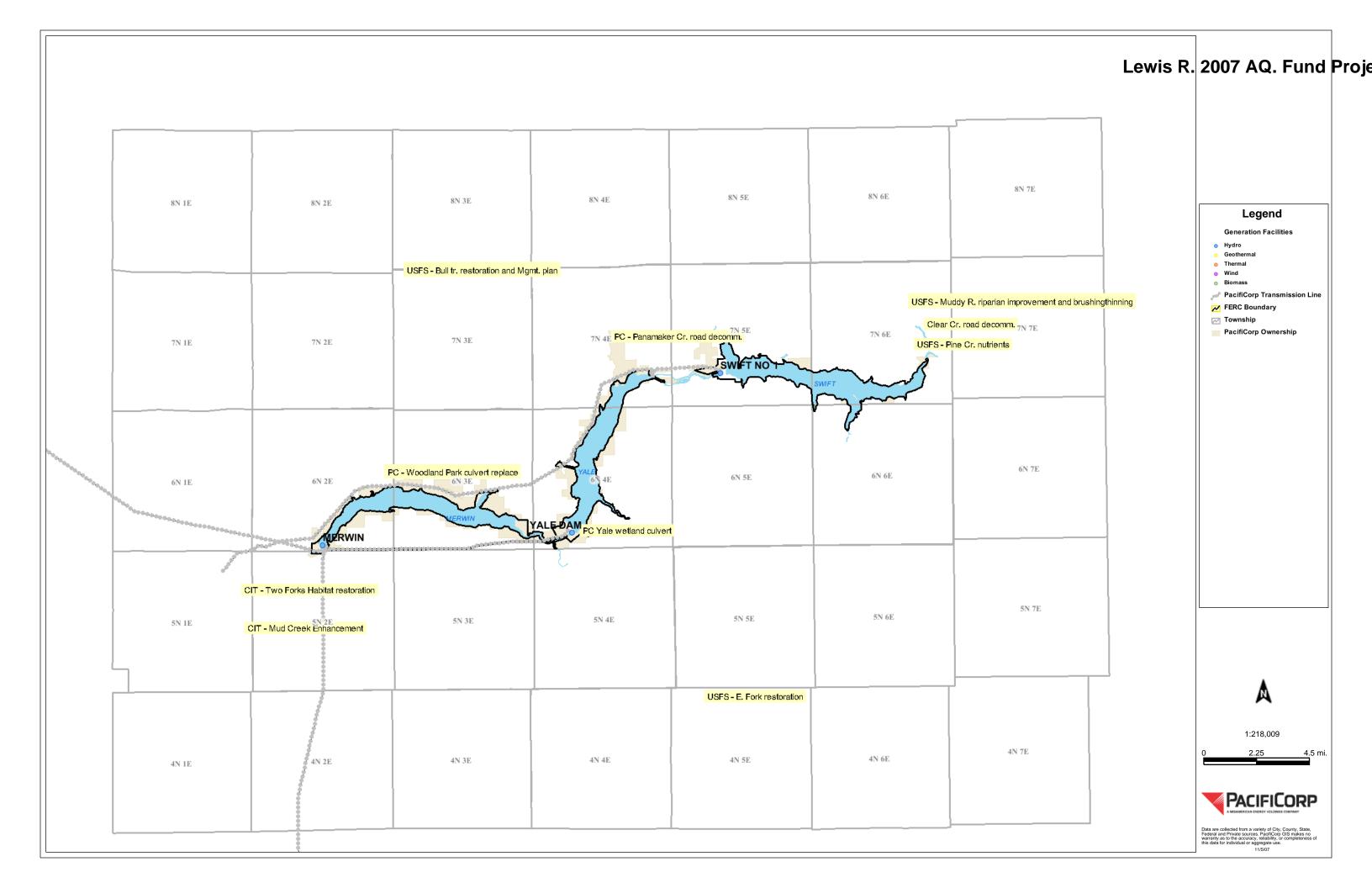
My goal is to have the spring Ck plan submitted early next week and the type S coho plan to the ACC for review by the end of the week (11/16). The others would follow in the weeks after that.

Given this, if there is a need for an HGMP discussion at the following ACC meeting, I could attend then.

Sorry for any inconvenience,

James Dixon WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife 360-902-2676

Lewis River Aquatic Fu	nd - Utilities' Evaluation of 2007/20	08 Project Proposals						a		
							Cost	Consistency with	Total	
							Cost	Fund Objectives	Total	Comments
Applicant	Project Title	Project Schedule	Benefit	<b>Bull Trout</b>	<b>Project Partners</b>	Funding	Share?	•	Score	
Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Mud Creek Enhancement	2008/2009	Reduce sediment loads in the lower Lewis, and re-establish fish passage in Mudd Creek	No	Plas Newydd Farm	\$50,000	No	Yes - but not for priority location of North Fork of Lewis River		Expect benefits to North Fork of Lewis River to be minimal Do not consider at this time
Cowlitz Indian Tribe & WDFW	Two Forks Off-Channel Habitat Reconnection	2008/2009	Increasing the amount of off- channel habitat available in the lower Lewis; may also provide educational benefits	No	WDFW	\$60,000	No	Yes		Reconnection of off-channel habitat will provide direct habitat benefit Request Full Proposal
USDA FS	Muddy River Riparian/Floodplain Improvement	2008/2009	Riparian recovery action on the mainstem Muddy River and the ecologicalinteractions amongst those species who rely on riparian function	Yes	WSU Extension Watershed Stewards, MSHI and Skamania County Noxious Weed Board	\$48,000	Yes	Yes		Project moves riparian habitat along an anadromous stream towards a natural state Request Full Proposal
USDA FS	Clear Creek Road Decommission (2575200)	2008	Elimination of risk of excessive sediment delivry from the road to Clear Creek	No	Gifford Pinchot Task Force	\$30,000	Yes	Yes - but indirect benefits?		Need additional information on aquatic benefits Request Full Proposal
USDA FS	Muddy River Riparian Brushing and Thinning	2008 - 2010	Project would allow conifers to grow and mature faster, providing shade to the Muddy River to help cool warm summer water temperatures; more robust salmonids	Yes	Clark Skamania Fly Fishers, Fish First, Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Trout Unltd., WDFW	\$75,000	Yes	Yes		Project moves riparian habitat along an anadromous stream towards a natural state Request Full Proposal
USDA FS	East Fork Lewis River Instream Structures Steelhead	2008/2009	Benefit steelhead by restoring spawning areas and crating cover and resting areas for adults, and benefit juveniles by creating pools with hiding cover for rearing opportunities		LCFRB, Northwest Steelheaders, Trout Unltd, WDFW		Yes	Yes - but not for priority location of North Fork of Lewis River		Expect benefits to North Fork of Lewis River to be minimal Do not consider at this time
USDA FS	Pine Creek Nutrient Enhancement	2008/2009	The project will benefit Bull Trout and anadromous fish by increasing aquatic productivity, food resources and riparian vegetation growth	Yes	Fish First, Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Trout Unltd, WDFW	\$43,150	Yes	Yes		Project moves riparian habitat along an anadromous stream towards a natural state Request Full Proposal
USDA FS	Bull Trout Restoration and Management Plan for the Lewis River	2008/2009	Bull trout habitat will be restored following detailed recommendations for restoring bull trout habitat and populations	Yes	Fish First, Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Trout Unltd, WDFW	\$30,000	Yes	No - does not enhance fish habitat		Propose that Habitat Synthesis subgroup identify potential actions or projects in response to Synthesis Output Do not consider at this time
PacifiCorp Energy	IP (Yale Wetland) Road Culvert Replacement	2008	Benefit cutthroat that spawn and rear in an unnamed creek that feeds Yale Lake	No	n/a	\$100,000	No	Yes - but not for priority species		Benefits to anadromous fish not realized until year 13 of FERC license Do not consider at this time
PacifiCorp Energy	Woodland Park Culvert Replacement	2008	Benefit fish that reside in Lake Merwin and other aquatic organisms through reduction in sediment inputs	No	n/a	\$10,000	No	Yes - but indirect benefits		Benefits to anadromous fish not realized until year 13. Does not enhance or provide access to historic habitat Do not consider at this time
PacifiCorp Energy	Panamaker Creek Road Closure and Culvert Removal	2008	Benefit bull trout that spawn and rear in cougar creek through reduction of sediment inputs and reduction of vehicular traffic	Yes	n/a	\$25,000	No	Yes		Provides direct benefits to ESA Bull trout through reduction in sediments and aquatic connectivity; moves towards natural processess in the Cougar Creek watershed Request Full Proposal
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#### November 1, 2007

To: Memo to Lewis River Aquatics Coordination Committee representatives

From: Frank Shrier – PacifiCorp Energy and Diana Gritten-MacDonald – Cowlitz PUD

#### Subject: Review of CY 2008 Aquatic Fund Pre-Proposals

On September 5, 2007 PacifiCorp Energy announced the availability of funds for aquatic related projects in the Lewis River Basin (letter to interested parties from T. Olson). The letter requested that individuals or parties interested in obtaining project funding submit a Pre-Proposal to PacifiCorp Energy. Pre-Proposals were due by October 5, 2007. At that time and in following the Aquatics Fund – Strategic Plan and Administrative Procedures, PacifiCorp Energy and Cowlitz PUD reviewed the Pre-Proposals and, with this memo are providing the ACC with a recommended project list for further consideration. Following ACC review and agreement with this project list, PacifiCorp Energy will request complete proposals from selected project proponents. The schedule for proposal request is early December with complete proposals due in late-January 2008.

In response to the announcement letter, 4 entities provided 11 different project Pre-Proposals. They include:

Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Mud Creek Enhancement
Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Two Forks Off-Channel Habitat
& WDFW	Reconnection
USDA Forest Service	Muddy River Riparian/Floodplain
	Improvement
USDA Forest Service	Clear Creek Road Decommission (2575200)
USDA Forest Service	Muddy River Riparian Brushing and
	Thinning
USDA Forest Service	East Fork Lewis River Instream Structures
	Steelhead
USDA Forest Service	Pine Creek Nutrient Enhancement
USDA Forest Service	Bull Trout Restoration and Management
	Plan for the Lewis River
PacifiCorp Energy	IP (Yale Wetland) Road Culvert
	Replacement
PacifiCorp Energy	Woodland Park Culvert Replacement
PacifiCorp Energy	Panamaker Creek Road Closure and Culvert
	Removal

PacifiCorp Energy and Cowlitz PUD subject matter experts not sponsoring any of the projects have evaluated and scored the above proposals. Evaluations were conducted as outlined in the Aquatic Fund – Strategic Plan and Administrative Procedures document. For ACC review, the Utilities have attached to this memo an Evaluation matrix

(Attachment 1). Costs for each project are also included. Individual Pre-Proposals have been attached for reference (Attachments 2-12).

The utilities evaluation suggests that while additional information is needed before a commitment of funds should be given, we propose that the following projects be solicited to provide complete Proposals:

- Two Forks Off-Channel Habitat Reconnection
- Muddy River Riparian/Floodplain Improvement
- Clear Creek Road Decommission (2575200)
- Muddy River Riparian Brushing and Thinning
- Pine Creek Nutrient Enhancement
- Panamaker Creek Road Closure and Culvert Removal

In addition, PacifiCorp has included a financial reporting on the Aquatics Resource and Bull Trout (7.5) tracking accounts (Attachment 13) as of 10/31/07.

The utilities are submitting this document and attachments for review in hopes of reaching concurrence on projects for further consideration. If, in your review of the Preproposals, you have comments or questions to ask the Project proponent, please provide us such and we will include in the formal Proposal request.

To meet the Funding Process Timeline as included in the Aquatics Fund – Strategic Plan and Administrative Procedures, **ACC representatives should provide comments and their project selection by November 30, 2007**. On December 4, 2007 a conference call will be conducted to discuss the final project selection. Soon after the ACC finalization of the project list, the Utilities will request formal Proposals from identified project proponents.

# Bull Trout Action Plan for the Lewis River, WA November 2007

Str	rategic Action	Tasks Synopsis	State,	Priority	Implementing Party	Implementation Schedule (In Thousands or Staff Bio Days)								
			Province	Pri	Party		2007			2008		2009		
Category	Goal / Objective					Funding request	Funding secured	Funding needed	Funding request	Funding secured	Funding needed	Funding request	Funding secured	
	Identify Distribution and Population Health													
		1.1 Monitor populations												
		1.1.1 Develop and implement a standardized basin-wide monitoring schema (includes surveys)												
		1.1.2 Determine juvenile to adult survivial relative to habitat parameters												
		1.1.3 Develop baseline information with which to monitor changes to bull trout populations following reintroduction of anadromous salmonids												
Category 1														
	Steps	1.2 Conduct surveys to improve information about bull trout distribution and utilization of streams at different life stages												
		1.2.1 Conduct snorkel and redd surveys in Pine Creek tributariesP-8 and P-7												
		1.2.2 Investigate bull trout use of Ole Creek, Muddy River, By-pass reach, Swift Creek												
		1.3 Characterize genetic diversity and gene flow among local populations												
		1.3.1 Clarify population sructure and diversity among Cougar, Pine and Rush Creeks												
	Enhance Viability of Extant Populations													
		2.1 Enhance/Increase Habitat												
		2.1.1 Identify important habitat features												
		2.1.1.1 Identify and quantify juvenile over-wintering habitat												
		2.1.1.2 Maintain current conservation practices for lower Rush Creek												
		2.1.1.3 Determine factors limiting tributary use												

Strategic Action		Tasks Synopsis	State, Province	Priority	Implementing Party	Implementation Schedule (In Thousands or Staff Bio Days)								
						2007			2008			2009		
Category	ory Goal / Objective					Funding	Funding secured	Funding	Funding request	Funding secured	Funding needed	Funding	Funding	
						request	Secureu	needed	request	Secureu	needed	request	secured	
		2.1.3 Implement appropriate restoration actions, including pilot projects where there is risk or uncertainty												
		2.1.3.1 Using information form the bull trout limiting factors analysis and Synthesis Project, implement LWD restoration projects in Pine Creek												
		2.1.3.2 Identify barrier culverts and prioritize replacement based on available habitat quality and proximity to bull trout streams												
Category 2														
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Strategic Action		Tasks Synopsis	State, Province	Priority	Implementing Party	Implementation Schedule (In Thousands or Staff Bio Days)							
	2007					2008			2009				
Category	Goal / Objective					Funding request	Funding secured	Funding needed	Funding request	Funding secured	Funding needed	Funding request	Funding secured
	Identify Risks and Threats												
Category 3	3 Steps	3.1 Reduce threats											
		2.2.1 Evaluate and prevent incidnetal angling mortaity of bull trout											
		2.2.1.1 Provide information to anglers											
		2.2.1.2 Adress road access impacts											
		2.2.1.3 Investigate and minimze incidental or illegal catch of bull trout											
		2.2.1.4 Evaluate impacts of fishing regulations											
		2.2.1 Evaluate and address threats from rural residential development											
		2.2.2.1 Provide information on ESA and bull trout habitat needs to county government, private landowners and developers											
		2.2.2.2 Redirect incompatible human activities s											
		2.2.2.3 Support and assist with collaborative efforts by local watershed group											
		2.2.2.4 Protect habitat through purchase from willing sellers, land exchange, conservation easements, etc.											
		2.3 Determine and address reasons for recent decline in Lewis River bull trout population											