

**FINAL Meeting Notes**  
**Lewis River License Implementation**  
**Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting**  
**December 12, 2005**  
**Longview, WA**

**TCC Participants Present: (13)**

Brock Applegate, WDFW  
 Monte Garrett, PacifiCorp  
 Eric Holman, WDFW  
 Mike Iyall, Cowlitz Indian Tribe  
 Curt Leigh, WDFW (via teleconference 11:00am – 2:00pm)  
 Diana MacDonald, Cowlitz PUD  
 Kimberly McCune, PacifiCorp  
 Colleen McShane, EDAW, Inc.  
 Bob Nelson, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
 Tom Macy, RMEF  
 Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp  
 Todd Olson, PacifiCorp  
 Mitch Wainwright, US Forest Service

**Calendar:**

January 09, 2006	TCC Meeting	Merwin
January 12, 2006	ACC Meeting	Merwin
February 10, 2006	TCC Meeting	Lacey, WA

<b>Assignments from December 12th Meeting:</b>		
McShane: Create Exhibit D relating to Section 4.1.4 and make sure English Ivy is incorporated into the document as an invasive species.		<b>Pending</b>
McShane: Build in another paragraph regarding raptors in the region in Section 4.2.4, Objective h for TCC review and approval.		<b>Complete – 12/28/05</b>
Wainwright: Send USFW guidelines regarding noise related disturbance and raptor nests to McShane.		<b>Complete – 12/13/05</b>
Applegate: Bring in a map, if possible, which illustrates the special management area relating to Section 4.2.4.		<b>Complete – 1/9/06</b>

<b>Assignments from December 2nd Meeting:</b>		
Naylor – Provide McShane confirmation of names in line three of the first paragraph of ROW Habitats in the Region (3.7.2). <i>...the Merwin-Yale, Swift No. 2 to BPA TAP, Speelyai, Cougar, and Lake lines.</i>		<b>Complete – 12/21/05</b>
McShane – Add additional language in Chapter 2 which builds in flexibility for the TCC.		<b>Complete 12/21/05</b>
McShane – Add a “place-holder” for revising the standards and guidelines goals & objectives in Chapter 4 for discussion at the next meeting		<b>Complete – 12/5/05</b>

Naylor - Modify text on page 39, Section 3.9.2 and page 9, Section 2.3.3 regarding Unit Management Plans with Colleen's assistance, if needed, and provide to TCC for review and approval.	Complete- 12/21/05
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<b>WHMP Further Consideration</b>	
>30 acre harvest area.	Agenda item 1/11/06
Disperse harvest areas retaining hiding cover adjacent to all newly harvest areas.	Agenda item 1/11/06
Applegate's (WDFW) forest management strategies.	Agenda item 1/11/06

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

Monte Garrett (PacifiCorp) called the meeting to order at 9:00am. The purpose of the meeting is to continue the review of the draft WHMP Standards and Guidelines document, beginning with section 3.3.4 Riparian Habitat Goals & Objectives, Objective e.

Garrett reviewed the Agenda with the TCC and asked if any changes or additional Agenda items. Diane Gritten-MacDonald (Cowlitz PUD) requested the TCC complete the meeting as close to 2:00pm as possible due to a scheduling conflict in the Cowlitz PUD conference room. The TCC was agreeable to the schedule change.

Garrett requested the TCC to review the Draft 12/2/05 Meeting Notes over the breaks today and approve at the end of the day. The TCC determined that they preferred additional time for review of the notes and wish to approve them at the January 11, 2006 meeting.

### **New Power Canal Concerns Discussion – Cowlitz PUD**

Gritten-MacDonald sent a photograph to Eric Holman (WDFW) on December 8, 2005 of the access road to the floor of the Swift canal and the surrounding fence. In addition, Gritten-MacDonald provided a map at the meeting today for TCC review to further illustrate the location of fences. Holman communicated to the TCC that he was not concerned at this point, however, if there are entrapment issues which present itself in the future Holman would like to revisit the topic. Gritten-MacDonald said that if Holman meant the addition of fencing it may not be objectionable to Cowlitz PUD and that this topic is an issue that would be discussed in Cowlitz PUD's WHMP.

### **WHMP Discussion**

#### **3.3.4 Riparian Habitat Goal and Objectives**

The TCC agreed to modify Objective e as follows:

*Objective e: As part of implementation of the WHMP, identify riparian sites damaged by anthropogenic processes and prepare restoration plans within 5 years of identification, if feasible. Restoration plans should incorporate measures to meet applicable objectives for invasive species and public access management (see Section 4.1.4 and 4.3.4).*

## **4.0 Plan-Wide Goal**

Modify the second sentence of the first paragraph to read as follows:

*The programs resulting from the plan-wide goals and objectives are intended to preserve the ecological integrity of the WHMP lands and/or benefit a particular group of species.*

### **4.1.3 Invasive Plant Species on WHMP Lands**

Colleen McShane (EDAW) will modify the following last sentence of the first paragraph and present the text to the TCC for review and approval:

*While not classified as a weed by the NWCB, the non-native and invasive Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus* [=discolor]) was also documented in many locations on WHMP lands.*

### **4.1.4 Invasive Plant Species Goal and Objectives**

McShane to create Exhibit D and make sure English Ivy is incorporated into the document as an invasive species.

Modify Goal to read as follows:

*Work to prevent the establishment and spread of weeds currently listed by the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board and Clark, Cowlitz, and Skamania county weed boards, and other undesirable or invasive plant species identified by the TCC (see Exhibit D for list of invasive species).*

Modify Objective a to read as follows:

*Identify infestations of weeds and other undesirable or invasive plant species as part of implementation of Annual Plans. Priority infestations for treatment will be mapped and included in the Annual Report.*

Modify Objective b to read as follows:

*Identify and implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) over the life of the licenses to discourage and control the establishment of weeds and other undesirable or invasive plant species in areas disturbed by Project O&M, wildlife habitat management, and recreation-related activities.*

Modify Objective c to read as follows:

*Control known infestations of Class A and B designate weeds and other undesirable or invasive plants, utilizing BMPs , as part of implementing Annual Plans for habitat management activities.*

Modify Objective d to read as follows:

*Monitor the effectiveness of control measures and BMPs over the life of the licenses.*

Modify Objective e to read as follows:

*Coordinate with public land managers to control priority infestations of invasive non-native plant species on their lands within the Project boundary and on adjacent lands.*

Brock Applegate (WDFW) requested the addition of a new objective f. The TCC approved the objective to read as follows:

*Coordinate with the county weed boards to meet state and local noxious weed objectives and requirements on WHMP lands.*

Break <10:20am>

Reconvene <10:30am>

### **Skamania County Permitting in the County – Update**

Olson provided an update to the TCC regarding Skamania County's activities to date, which are reflected in the 12/8/05 ACC notes as follows:

*Commissioner Paul Pearce (Skamania County) has scheduled roundtables with regulatory agencies involved in property development. A flow chart of sorts is provided to interested developers which lists the agencies that must be informed/involved prior to moving forward with a proposed development. Agencies have also been asked for issues or concerns in order to create the North Skamania Comprehensive Plan. Skamania County is completing a comprehensive critical areas Plan (Plan) by January 2006. The County intends to create the Plan, present it to the community, and give 30 days for review.*

*In addition, there are efforts being made to create a Swift Sub-area Plan, with an expected completion of March 2006. Pearce expects that a majority of privately owned land around Swift will most likely be designated Commercial Resource Land rather than residential.*

*Beginning in January 2006, the County intends to mail a survey questionnaire to the community with questions such as, "What is their vision of the community?" The County expects zoning may be as large as a 10-acre minimum as a temporary measure pending completion of the Comp. Plan and setbacks will be much higher by the end of 2006.*

*Pearce committed to come back to the ACC at least on a quarterly basis with update of the County's progress. Pearce also noted that if a developer wishes to convert from Commercial Forest designation to residential they must obtain a Plan amendment.*

### **WHMP Discussion (cont'd)**

#### **4.2.1 Raptor Management – Background Information**

Modify paragraph to read as follows:

*Raptors, or birds of prey, include eagles, hawks, falcons, kites, and owls. As top predators, raptors are frequently considered emblematic of ecosystem function. A number of raptor species*

*are federally or state listed as threatened or endangered, while others are considered at risk because of habitat loss, toxic chemicals, or reduced prey. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act protects all raptors and their active nests.*

#### **4.2.2 Raptors in the Region**

Modify the last sentence in the first paragraph to read as follows:

*Although each raptor species has its own unique habitat requirements, many use large trees and snags for roosting, perching, foraging, and nesting.*

#### **4.2.4 Raptor Site Management Goal and Objectives**

Modify the Goal to read as follows:

*Provide and protect habitat for, and minimize or avoid disturbance to, raptors, including northern bald eagles, hawks, ospreys, accipiters, and owls.*

Modify Objective a to read as follows:

*Use protocol surveys in areas scheduled for road construction, heavy maintenance, or forestlands management activities to identify specific raptors and their active and inactive nest sites and roost sites (including bald eagle winter roosts in suitable habitat), if possible, and implement appropriate measures to protect these sites.*

Modify Objective b to read as follows:

*Develop a management plan for nesting bald eagles, considering site-specific requirements, within 3 years of WHMP implementation, and revise upon discovery of a new active nest site.*

Modify Objective c to read as follows:

Opportunistically identify areas that could be enhanced to provide future nesting, perching, or roosting habitat for raptors. Develop a schedule to implement enhancement measures, if needed.

Objectives d, e & f have been approved with no changes.

Modify Objective g to read as follows:

*In accordance with federal standards, limit WHMP activities that may generate noise-related disturbance near spotted owl nest sites. Limit manipulation of suitable habitat within 1.8-mi. of known active nest sites or conduct protocol spotted owl nest surveys.*

Applegate requested a new Objective h to read as follows:

*Manage contiguous lands within 2 miles of the Siouxon Spotted Owl Special Emphasis Area consistent with spotted owl objectives of DNR's HCP.*

McShane will build in another paragraph regarding raptors in the region for TCC review and approval.

Mitch Wainwright (US Forest Service) communicated that he would send USFW guidelines regarding noise related disturbance and raptor nests to McShane.

## **Cowlitz Distribution Line Discussion – Section 3.7.2 (ROW Habitats in the Region)**

Curt Leigh (WDFW) wanted to know why a PacifiCorp transmission line corridor that happens to share that corridor with a Cowlitz PUD distribution line was excluded from the WHMP simply because it shared a corridor with Cowlitz PUD's distribution lines. Gritten-MacDonald communicated that Cowlitz PUD has responsibility for public safety and reliability, but the distributions line are not subject to the WHMP requirement.

The TCC agreed to modify the last sentence of the first paragraph to read as follows:

*Cowlitz PUD's distribution lines are not subject to the SA.*

Lunch <12:15pm>

Reconvene <12:50pm>

## **WHMP Discussion – (cont'd)**

### **4.3.4 Public Access Management Goal and Objectives**

Modify the Goal to read as follows:

*Minimize disturbance to wildlife and protect their habitats while managing access for non-motorized recreation, which includes legal hunting and fishing, and activities associated with implementation of the WHMP.*

Objective a and b are approved without changes.

Modify Objective c to read as follows:

*As part of the WHMP, develop criteria to protect habitat and determine the continued use or closure of dispersed recreation sites; monitor that use, identify resource concerns, and determine appropriate actions. Site pioneering and site creep should be monitored on a schedule consistent with the RRMP over the life of the licenses.*

Modify Objective d to read as follows:

*Identify pioneered "roads", trails, and paths created by unauthorized activities., Develop and implement closure plans (i.e. signs at gates, boulders), and coordinate with law enforcement to discourage these activities on WHMP lands.*

Modify Objective e to read as follows:

*Prior to constructing new roads or making major improvements (widening, paving) to existing roads, identify and implement measures to minimize impacts to wildlife habitat.*

Modify Objective f to read as follows:

*Provide information to recreation planners regarding wildlife and habitat when siting new or expanding existing developed recreation facilities*

Applegate requested the addition of a new Objective. However, the TCC approved the addition of a sentence to Objective d to address his concern. The revised Objective d is modified to read as follows:

*Identify pioneered “roads”, trails, and paths created by unauthorized activities., Develop and implement closure plans (i.e. signs at gates, boulders), and coordinate with law enforcement to discourage these activities on WHMP lands. Prioritize these activities in sensitive habitat types*

#### **4.5 Monitoring**

Objectives a and b are approved without changes.

Modify Objective c to read as follows:

*Conduct implementation monitoring for the measures included in each of the major habitat programs covered by the WHMPs. Report monitoring results in the Annual Report.*

The TCC agreed to add a new Objective to read as follows:

*Objective d: Specific goals and objectives included in this standards and guidelines document may be modified consistent with the SA if monitoring and best available science indicates that change is warranted.*

#### **New Topics/Issues**

None

#### **Next Meeting’s Agenda**

##### WHMP Discussion

- Final review of Chapter 1
- Initial/final review of Chapter 2
- Final check/agreement on revision still in track changes in Section 3.1

##### WHMP Further Consideration

- >30 acre harvest area.
- Disperse harvest areas retaining hiding cover adjacent to all newly harvest areas.
- Applegate’s (WDFW) forest management strategies

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm

#### **Next Scheduled Meetings**

##### **January 9, 2006**

Merwin Hydro Facility  
105 Merwin Village Court  
Ariel, WA 98603

##### **February 10, 2006**

US Fish & Wildlife, 510 Desmond Drive,  
SE, Rm. 261  
Lacey, WA 98503

**Handouts**

1. Final Meeting Agenda
2. Draft WHMP Goals & Objectives (12-02-05 version for 12-12-05)
3. Draft meeting notes from 12/02/05