

FINAL Meeting Notes
Lewis River License Implementation
Aquatic Coordination Committee (ACC) Meeting
May 13, 2010
Conference Call Only

ACC Participants Present (8)

Adam Haspiel, US Forest Service
 LouEllyn Jones, USFWS
 Eric Kinne, WDFW
 Erik Lesko, PacifiCorp Energy
 Jim Malinowski, Fish First
 Kimberly McCune, PacifiCorp Energy
 Todd Olson, PacifiCorp Energy
 Frank Shrier, PacifiCorp Energy

Calendar:

June 10, 2010	ACC Meeting	Merwin Hydro
July 8, 2010	ACC Meeting	Merwin Hydro

Assignments from May 13, 2010 Meeting:	Status:
Kinne: Provide more detail to the ACC in regards to the specifics of the fish processing plant food safety process.	Complete – 5/13/10
Frazier: Report back to the ACC on a proposed action to limit harvest of transported salmon (primarily spring Chinook) under the HPP.	Complete – 6/10/10

Assignments from April 8, 2010 Meeting:	Status:
Haspiel: Present more detailed design of the Pine Creek Instream aquatic fund project to the ACC when available.	Pending
Frazier: Schedule a meeting with PacifiCorp, Yakama Nation and WDFW to further discuss Habitat Preparation Plan fish distribution numbers and report back to the ACC.	5/13/10 - Kinne to contact George Lee and report back to ACC.
McCune: Email a copy of the DOE letter regarding the Mixing Zones request to Diana Gritten-MacDonald.	Complete – 4/8/10

Assignments from April 9, 2009 Meeting:	Status:
ACC: Further investigate WDFW carcass survey methods established in 1978 and determine “next step” regarding modifications needed, if any, to the 1978 methods.	Pending as of 6/10/10

Opening, Review of Agenda and Meeting Notes

Frank Shrier (PacifiCorp Energy) called the meeting to order at 9:05am and introduced all those participating on the conference call. Shrier reviewed the agenda for the day and requested any changes/additions. No changes or additions were requested.

Shrier requested comments and/or changes to the ACC Draft 4/8/10 meeting notes. No changes were requested. The meeting notes were approved without change at 9:15am.

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Plan Comments

Shrier informed the ACC attendees that comments were received from USFWS and WDFW before the end of the comment period on April 30, 2010. PacifiCorp received an email from Michelle Day (NMFS) on April 30, 2010 that she would provide comments as soon as possible next week (but probably toward the end), which was May 7, 2010. As of today's date PacifiCorp has not received comments from NMFS. Shrier said he would contact Day and ask for an update as the final document is due to the Commission on or before June 26, 2010.

Nutrient Enhancement Discussion

Jim Malinowski (Fish First) communicated to the ACC attendees that Fish First is concerned about the amount of biomass going out of the Lewis River basin. He further stated that certain members of Fish First are working hard to get biomass turned to analogs and returned to the Lewis River basin but they have not had much success, particularly with sharing/dividing fish carcasses between basins and tribal ceremonial needs.

Eric Kinne (WDFW) expressed that food grade quality fish go to the state food bank system. However, the local food banks do get some of the fish but they are small and can't handle great numbers of fish. Collectively, WDFW provides over a million meals a year through the food bank and considering the current economic times he would be hard pressed to not send these fish to the food bank when human need outweighs that of environmental needs.

Kinne mentioned that the fish processing plants food safety is managed by health and human services. He will provide more detail in regards to the specifics of the governing agency via email and Kimberly McCune (PacifiCorp) will include the information as an attachment to these meeting notes.

Malinowski asked Kinne what kind of policing WDFW is doing with the buyer(s) i.e. American Canadian and Grays Harbor Food Bank to ensure that non-food grade quality fish are going to nutrient enhancement. Kinne responded that WDFW tries to make the best decision they can relating to the distribution of 5-6,000 fish each day.

WDFW noted that Fish First could contact the policy folks at the agency who regulate fish carcass distribution. PacifiCorp concurred that Fish First's approach to contact the Washington state governor's office was another means to address its concerns going forward relative to fish distribution.

Malinowski requested that the ACC take a formal position on nutrient enhancement. Olson expressed that while the ACC is not an advocacy group he understands both sides. A number of agencies are not represented here today that will have interest in this conversation. In addition, we are only 2 years from and the fish reintroduction program and really beginning to move fish upstream from the Merwin dam. Shrier also indicated that we are expecting hatchery reared Wild Winter Steelhead progeny showing up next year, and those fish will get transported upstream.

Merwin Trap Operations

PacifiCorp is attempting to engage National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to talk about project operations. NMFS has not responded as of today's date.

Bull Trout Brochures

PacifiCorp completed full printing of bull trout brochures which will be distributed to the general public and park booths and check-in points. In addition, law enforcement will also be provided a supply of brochures.

Study Updates

Shrier and Lesko provided the following study updates:

Bull Trout – Eagle Cliff collection efforts began last week; 7 bull trout so far; working with enforcement to place an angler regulation informational sign at Eagle Cliff.

Hatchery Upgrades –

Lewis River Hatchery Ponds 13 & 14 – Ponds 13 & 14 in procurement but contract will hopefully be signed soon.

Merwin Hatchery – Moving forward as scheduled for both the rearing pond flow enhancement and adult holding modification.

Speelyai Hatchery – Spawning expansion project is nearing completion and work on Burrows Pond (2nd Bank) will be going out to bid soon.

Habitat Preparation Plan – 188 spring Chinook have been transported from the Merwin trap to Swift boat launch. Our target is 500.

Swift Net Pens – Net pen nets have been received at Merwin; McMillen Engineering will assemble.

Hatchery & Supplementation Plan – Spring Chinook and coho plans need to be written.

Hatchery & Supplementation Report – Incorporating WDFW comments; final document should be out in late May 2010.

Release Pond Status – Surveyors have been working at the site; do not have written agreement with property owner yet. PacifiCorp received a letter from Washington Department of Transportation regarding concern for birds in proximity of Woodland airport. PacifiCorp will keep WDOT informed of its progress.

Acclimation Pond Plan – PacifiCorp is waiting for contract to be let by its procurement department for needed consultant work for development of NEPA document. Construction is planned for summer 2012.

New Topics

None

Agenda items for June 10, 2010

- Review May 13, 2010 Meeting Notes
- Study/Work Product Updates

Public Comment

None

Next Scheduled Meetings

June 10, 2010	July 8, 2010
Merwin Hydro Control Center	Merwin Hydro Control Center
Ariel, WA	Ariel, WA
9:00am – 3:00pm	9:00am – 3:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Handouts

- Final Agenda
- Draft ACC Meeting Notes 4/8/2010

As provided by Eric Kinne (WDFW) via email on May 13, 2010 in regards to the fish processing plants food safety governing agency:

Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) is a systematic preventive approach to food safety. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) say that their mandatory HACCP programs for juice and meat are an effective approach to food safety and protecting public health. Meat HACCP systems are regulated by the USDA, while seafood and juice are regulated by the FDA.