

**FINAL Meeting Notes  
Lewis River License Implementation  
Aquatic Coordination Committee (ACC) Meeting  
July 8, 2010  
Conference Call Only**

**ACC Participants Present (6)**

Pat Frazier, WDFW  
Kimberly McCune, PacifiCorp Energy  
Kate Miller, Trout Unlimited  
Todd Olson, PacifiCorp Energy  
Frank Shrier, PacifiCorp Energy  
Shannon Wills, Cowlitz Indian Tribe

**Calendar:**

August 12, 2010	ACC Meeting	Merwin Hydro
September 9, 2010	ACC Meeting	Merwin Hydro

<b>Assignments from July 8, 2010 Meeting:</b>	<b>Status:</b>
None	

<b>Assignments from June 10, 2010 Meeting:</b>	<b>Status:</b>
Olson: Report back to the ACC this week with a response to Kinne's question about the Merwin ramp down request after discussion with PacifiCorp ramping operations.	Complete – 6/11/10; request was canceled, will ramp down per the SA requirements.
Olson: Follow up with Arnold Adams (PacifiCorp Energy) regarding outfitting of the second fish truck and will report back to the ACC.	Complete – 7/8/10
McCune: Mail bull trout brochure to Kate Miller (Trout Unlimited)	Complete – 6/20/10
McCune/Olson: Email revised Merwin Trap Operation Notice to ACC.	Complete – 6/25/10

<b>Assignments from April 8, 2010 Meeting:</b>	<b>Status:</b>
Haspiel: Present more detailed design of the Pine Creek Instream aquatic fund project to the ACC when available.	Pending

<b>Assignments from April 9, 2009 Meeting:</b>	<b>Status:</b>
ACC: Further investigate WDFW carcass survey methods established in 1978 and determine “next step” regarding modifications needed, if any, to the 1978 methods.	Complete –8/12/10

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

Frank Shrier (PacifiCorp Energy) called the meeting to order at 9:10am 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 reviewed the following pending ACC assignments:

1.

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.	Complete – 7/8/10
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*Pat Frazier (WDFW) communicated to the ACC attendees that Eric Kinne (WDFW) had several discussions with the Tribes including George Lee with Yakama Nation regarding fish distribution numbers and the assignment is now considered complete.*

2.

Olson: Follow up with Arnold Adams (PacifiCorp Energy) regarding outfitting of the second fish truck and will report back to the ACC.	Complete – 7/8/10
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*Olson expressed to the ACC attendees that the fish truck remains in PacifiCorp's procurement process; however it is moving along slowly with regular follow up by Arnold Adams.*

3.

ACC: Further investigate WDFW carcass survey methods established in 1978 and determine "next step" regarding modifications needed, if any, to the 1978 methods.	Complete – add to 8/12/10 agenda
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*Frazier asked that the carcass survey method item be included on the August ACC agenda and he would need approximately one hour for a PowerPoint presentation.*

Shrier requested comments and/or changes to the ACC Draft 6/10/10 meeting notes. No changes were requested. The meeting notes were approved without change at 9:20am.

## Study Updates

Olson and Shrier provided the following study updates:

*Hatchery Upgrades –*

*Lewis River Hatchery Ponds 13 & 14 – Construction is underway, new screens for Pond 15 are installed which allow the hatchery to rear juvenile fish in the adult raceways during the construction of ponds 13 and 14.*

*Speelyai Hatchery – Very close to securing construction contractor.*

*Swift Net Pens – The net pens are purchased and on site; permits pending; install will move forward upon receipt of permits.*

*Hatchery & Supplementation Plan – The Spring Chinook and Coho Annual Operating Plans (AOPs) are being drafted and will be discussed later this year. PacifiCorp will set up a Subgroup meeting soon. PacifiCorp also installed additional regulations signs and is working with WDFW to inform the public about fishing rules near Eagle Cliff area upstream of Swift reservoir. There was a good egg take of wild winter steelhead (80,000+ eggs on hand) and survival of the eggs to fry has been good.*

*Lewis River Law Enforcement* – Isabelle Van Vladricken (WDFW) has accepted another law enforcement position in Vancouver, WA; WDFW is in the process of filling the position.

*Acclimation Pond Plan* – A consultant has been selected to complete the resource surveys specific to preparing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document and permitting issues.

*Release Ponds* - Met with Washington Department of Transportation (WDOT) to discuss bird strike concerns at the Woodland Airport which is across the river from the proposed release pond site. PacifiCorp met on site at the airport with WDOT representatives to review their concerns. Possible actions include placing bird netting on the ponds; placement of the release outlet, night release, etc. PacifiCorp will continue to discuss the project with WDOT as the facility designs move forward. . PacifiCorp is meeting with a representative from the Church of Woodland on July 12, 2010 in an effort to finalize details relating to the acquisition of an easement.

*Upstream Transport Plan* – The FERC approved the Plan including daily trap cleanout operations to begin in June 2010. PacifiCorp needs to send a letter to the FERC to inform them of the approved change by the ACC, NMFS and USFWS that the trap will be cleaned out Monday through Friday until the point at which wild winter steelhead from the supplementation program return (spring 2012).

*Downstream Transport Plan* – Have yet to receive an approval from the FERC, however expect approval in near future.

#### **New Topics**

None

#### **Agenda items for August 12, 2010**

- Review July 8, 2010 Meeting Notes
- WDFW Carcass Survey Methods Presentation
- Study/Work Product Updates

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Next Scheduled Meetings**

August 12, 2010	September 9, 2010
Merwin Hydro Control Center	Merwin Hydro Control Center
Ariel, WA	Ariel, WA
9:00am – 3:00pm	9:00am – 3:00pm

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 a.m.**

## **Handouts**

- Final Agenda
- Draft ACC Meeting Notes 6/10/2010