

**FINAL Meeting Notes**  
**Lewis River License Implementation**  
**Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting**  
**April 13, 2005**  
**Ariel, Washington**

**TCC Participants Present: (10)**

Brock Applegate, WDFW  
 Monte Garrett, PacifiCorp  
 Diana Gritten-MacDonald, PUD No. 1 of Cowlitz County (via teleconference)  
 Mike Iyall, Cowlitz Indian Tribe  
 Curt Leigh, WDFW  
 Kimberly McCune, PacifiCorp  
 Colleen McShane, EDAW, Inc.  
 Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp  
 Bob Nelson, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Inc.  
 Todd Olson, PacifiCorp

**Calendar:**

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| April 21, 2005 | ACC Meeting                              | Merwin, WA      |
| April 22, 2005 | WHMP Subgroup Site Visit                 | Merwin, WA      |
| April 25, 2005 | TCC Land Acquisition Discussion          | Conference Call |
| May 4, 2005    | Merwin Trap Engineering Subgroup Meeting | Merwin, WA      |
| May 11, 2005   | TCC Meeting                              | Merwin, WA      |

| <b>Assignments from April 13th Meeting:</b>   | <b>Status:</b>            |
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| Decision to formalize TCC Confidentiality Agreement on May 11, 2005.<br><i>McCune to make requested changes from 5/11/05 meeting and email to TCC for further review.</i> | <b>Complete – 5/12/05</b> |
| McCune: Distribute draft meeting notes within (7) seven business days.  | <b>Complete - 4/22/05</b> |
| Olson: Make recommended changes to Ground Rules and distribute to TCC   | <b>Complete - 4/14/05</b> |
| McCune: Include contact number of TCC Coordinator on each Agenda and contact number of meeting location.  | <b>Complete - 4/14/05</b> |
| Olson: Confirm with Gene Stagner if he approves of striking Section E of Comments, Decisions and Recommendation in the CC Structure and Ground Rules document.            | <b>Approved - 4/21/05</b> |
| McCune: Distribute the PacifiCorp Forestry Management Policy to the TCC   | <b>Complete - 4/22/05</b> |
| McCune: Setup conference call for TCC on April 25, 2005 at 2:00pm to discuss land acquisition proposal.   | <b>Complete - 4/14/05</b> |

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

Colleen McShane (EDAW) asked if the TCC wanted additions to the agenda or did they have any comments. Curt Leigh (WDFW) requested an addition to the Agenda regarding – Discussion on Acquisition Proposals.

The TCC participated in general discussion regarding the upcoming WHMP site visit and what the subgroup wants to see. Leigh would like included in the site visit the old growth management and pre-commercial pruning techniques used in the Merwin Program.

McShane requested review and comments of the March 9, 2005 meeting notes. Leigh asked why an ACC note regarding the Confidentiality Agreement was in the TCC notes. Todd Olson (PacifiCorp) explained that he added the notes because some representatives of the ACC felt strongly that the TCC should adopt a new confidentiality agreement specific to land acquisition discussion, the previous Confidentiality Agreement in place for Settlement Negotiations was not appropriate.

Modifications were made to the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting notes relating to clarification in sections:

- Confidentiality Agreement
- Old Growth habitat
- Yale Land Acquisition Planning

March 9, 2005 meeting notes were adopted with approved changes at 9:40am.

The TCC requested meeting notes be emailed for review within seven (7) business days after each scheduled meeting. PacifiCorp agreed to such a goal of note distribution.

## **Ground Rules**

To gain some structure to the discussion, the group reviewed the comments provided by Gene Stagner.

Leigh indicated that the intent of the language in Section E of Comments, Decisions and Recommendation is to have this body (the TCC) involved in terrestrial activities. Leigh doesn't want to prevent involvement of the TCC with measures relating to terrestrial enhancements.

The TCC suggested that perhaps striking Section E is the appropriate measure to take. Olson will check with Gene Stagner for clarification and approval to strike Section E.

The group discussed acceptance and/or potential edits to Stagner's and other comments brought up at the meeting. Additional clarification was provided where the ACC had requested changes that the TCC had not yet seen. Olson will make changes to Ground Rules and send out 4/14/05 to ACC & TCC for their review.

<Break 10:10am>

<Reconvene 10:30am>

McShane's Goals & Objectives document was distributed to the TCC for their review. The document is intended to be "straw man" for the TCC's comments.

Bob Nelson (Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation) requested an introduction/background to the Goals & Objectives which clarifies why this document was created and that it applies to Project “owned” lands.

Leigh requested that McShane add a descriptor paragraph that would explain background information for each Goal. McShane briefly described how the Goals and Objectives will be documented, included will be paragraphs that describe each. Also to be included would be any deviations or modifications to the WHMP Objectives document included in the Settlement Agreement.

Leigh wanted to know how we will use the old growth categories that were used in the Merwin Plan and identified in the Settlement Agreement. Kirk Naylor (PacifiCorp) described how those categories were derived. They were made to address how to manage towards future old growth and not so much current old growth. Naylor noted that the TCC and WHMP should include “true” old growth as a goal, then look at areas that might become old growth based on isolation, regulation, and other factors. Then the WHMP can pursue mixed and mature stands, riparian areas, etc., as needed, in order to provide connectivity between current and future old-growth habitat. Leigh said to make sure the WHMP clearly describes why the TCC is doing it this way.

McShane will add the following new objectives relating to old-growth:

- Manage specific stands to promote old growth characteristics
- Define what species and patch sizes

## **HABITAT GOALS**

### **Old-Growth Habitat Goal:**

The TCC came to the following consensus for the following old-growth habitat goal:

*Promote the development, maintenance, and connectivity of old-growth conifer forest and/or associated habitat components for wildlife species that use old-growth habitat (i.e. snags, down wood, “wolf trees”, multistoried stands).*

### **Wetland Goal:**

The TCC came to the following consensus for the following wetland goal:

*Protect, maintain, and/or enhance wetlands to provide a diversity of habitat types for amphibians, waterfowl, shorebirds, and other wildlife species.*

### **Riparian Area Goal:**

The TCC came to the following consensus for the following riparian area goal:

*Protect, maintain and/or enhance riparian areas to include a diversity of native plant species and vegetation structures to benefit wildlife that use riparian habitats.*

### **Shrubland Goal:**

The TCC came to the following consensus for the following shrubland goal:  
*Perpetuate and enhance designated shrublands to provide habitat for wildlife that use these areas.*

**Farmland/Old Field/Meadow Goal (Open Habitat Goal):**

The TCC agreed to combine these goals and include an explanatory paragraph which clarifies why the TCC reached this conclusion.

*Suggestion – combine meadow and farmland goals into one, with specific objectives that address the various types.*

**Farmland/Old Field/Meadow Goal:** *Perpetuate and enhance farmlands, old fields, and meadows to benefit deer, elk, and other species that use open habitats.*

**Orchard Goal:**

The TCC came to the following consensus for the following orchard goal:  
*Maintain and enhance existing orchards to provide a food source for big game and upland game birds and nesting habitat for non-game birds.*

**Transmission Line Right-of-Way (ROW) Goal:** Naylor strongly expressed that the need for an explanatory statement for this goal, particularly the safety issues that should be included.

The TCC came to the following consensus for the following Transmission Line Right-of-Way goal:

*Promote the establishment and maintenance of desirable vegetation in the ROW to provide forage and browse species for wintering deer and elk and a diverse mix of shrub and other early-successional habitats.*

**Unique Area/Habitat Goal:**

The TCC will revisit this Goal when they come back to Objectives.

**Managed Forestland Goal:**

The TCC came to the following consensus for the following managed forestland goal:  
*Manage forestlands to promote stand species composition and structures that benefit wildlife species and to provide an appropriate mosaic of big game hiding cover and forage.*

Leigh requested that McCune distribute the PacifiCorp Forestry Management Policy to the TCC.

**PLAN-WIDE GOALS**

**Invasive Plant Species Goal:**

The TCC came to the following consensus for the following invasive plant species goal:  
*Prevent the establishment and spread of invasive undesirable plant species, including weeds listed by the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board (Class A and Class B designate).*

**Raptor Management Goal:**

The TCC came to the following consensus for the following raptor management goal:  
*Perpetuate and enhance habitat for nesting raptors and protect known nest sites from disturbance related to forest management, recreation and project operation.*

(Add explanatory statement of existing PacifiCorp raptor management goal)

**Access Management Goal:**

The TCC came to the following consensus for the following access management goal:  
*Protect sensitive habitats (i.e. wetlands, riparian areas, big game winter forage sites) from disturbance while allowing managed access for non-motorized recreation.*

**Coordination Goal:** (under construction – McShane to provide at a later date).

The TCC discussed the following for Coordination Goal:

*Coordinate the WHMP Implementation with other Settlement Agreement activities and agency plans.*

WDFW reminded the group that the SA Wildlife Objective 2.14 Bull Trout Conservation needs to be addressed. To not lose this objective, there should be a third Coordination objective that addresses coordination with ACC on Large Woody Debris management plan and the Bull Trout Conservation.

**Monitoring and Habitat Evaluation Procedures (HEP):** (under construction – McShane to provide at a later date).

McShane will make revisions to the Goals and Objectives document. At the next TCC meeting representatives will review and discuss the draft Objectives.

<Lunch: 12:20pm>

<Reconvene: 12:50pm>

**Secondary Use Area**

Naylor presented maps to the TCC which illustrated Secondary Use Areas to be identified in the WHMP as determined by a TCC sub-group. Naylor used the same format layout of maps that is in the Lewis River Settlement Agreement but expand the map set to include all PacifiCorp Project lands even if map tile had no WHMP Exclusion or Secondary Use lands. He also noted that the illustrated boundary areas are approximate only. For some locations, PacifiCorp needs to confirm boundaries with Project personnel.

There was general TCC discussion and identification relating to topography, substation fencing, Woodland Park Cabin lease areas, water tanks, trailer parking, day use area, Campers Hideaway lease, debris area and \*Cresap Bay area, Saddle Dam, Yale residence playground tree management, extended camping area, identifying maintenance area, plunge pool and Eagle Cliff.

\* Specific discussion took place between Leigh and Garrett regarding WDFW's consideration of the Cresap Bay Campground as a Secondary Use Area. Olson suggested that PacifiCorp include a unique delineation for this area specific to its uses in summer (recreation) vs. winter (wildlife), and explained in notes on the map. Management in winter would focus on wildlife, whereas management during the recreation season is focused primarily on recreation. Both parties agreed it was not "secondary" area and that it needed to be uniquely defined, and that it is important to not lose the wildlife value. Although not a Secondary Use area by definition, impacts during the recreation season would not be mitigated because recreation is the primary use of the area during that time of year. Garrett suggested a dotted redline around an area that defined the boundaries of the Cresap Bay site in the Recreational Resource Management Plan (RRMP). Leigh suggested adding clarity by using descriptions of designation conditions relating to its use and that it's not a Secondary Use Area.

McShane asked the TCC if they needed a goal and objective relating to Secondary Use areas. The TCC did not feel this was necessary. However, the WHMP will describe Exclusion, Secondary Use and unique use areas (e.g., Cresap Bay Campground).

### **Land Acquisition Guidelines/Criteria**

Garrett provided a revised handout (from original created 11.28.00) relating to Land Acquisition Criteria and introduction of the purpose for the Criteria. The Criteria is intended as guidelines and sideboards rather than exclusionary requirements. PacifiCorp thinks it's important to establish an historical record of why decisions are made.

Leigh communicated that the TCC should focus on the guidelines that were included in the Settlement Agreement.

Mike Iyall (Cowlitz Indian Tribe) thinks that a historical record is important for the longevity of the TCC. Olson presented an example that met 10.1 (a, b & c) to the TCC to assess with the use of the Land Acquisition Criteria as additional guidelines.

Garrett presented the document as a place to start, including what may be considered secondary criteria to help evaluate lands that meet 10.1 (a, b & c) and how to choose between multiple parcels that all meet criteria included in the SA. The idea is to use the document as a tool, to make sure we do not forget an issue and track how purchase recommendations were made.

The TCC decided to give thoughtful consideration to the document and discuss at a later meeting.

The TCC suggested the document be modified to reflect the term “guidelines” rather than “Criteria”, and include an introduction of how these guidelines will be used in the value assessment of lands.

Leigh suggested Garrett give further consideration of how the guidelines are worded. Iyall suggested listing the guidelines as desirable characteristics or consideration rather and avoid language that suggests specific requirement be met.

### **Confidentiality Agreement**

Olson communicated that he requested John Sample (PacifiCorp) to modify the existing Settlement Agreement Confidentiality Agreement to reflect language specific to TCC discussions relating to land acquisition.

The TCC agreed to review the revised Confidentiality Agreement over the next three weeks and provide comment and changes, if any. The discussion of the Confidentiality Agreement will be placed on the TCC Agenda on May 11, 2005 to formalize.

Break <2:05pm>  
Reconvene <2.10pm>

### **RMEF Acquisition Agreement**

TCC discussion regarding land acquisition which is considered to be proprietary and confidential – not for public viewing.

### **Land Acquisition Proposal Discussion - Added agenda item**

Leigh requested the TCC view a map which represents WDFW’s reasoning (using 10.1 a, b & c) to determine areas of interest. Leigh asked the TCC, based upon the information he provided if the TCC should begin developing a purchase strategy. Conservation easements should also be considered. Leigh is not asking for a purchase decision at this time, however, he is requesting to begin the preliminary process of working with property owners.

Garrett said that he will get back to Leigh regarding PacifiCorp’s process for accomplishing purchases of property and conservation easements. Olson noted he is meeting internally with PacifiCorp to ensure all details are in line to make sure funds are readily available when needed. PacifiCorp agrees in general, yet they want to brainstorm about what facts PacifiCorp may need to determine a strategy to proceed. A conference call will be set up for the TCC on April 25, 2005 at 2:00pm to discuss further.

### **Miscellaneous**

In the future, if a Representative’s proposed change to the meeting notes is not agreed to by the TCC, the Representative may request that the proposed change be appended to the end of the

final meeting notes.

### **Agenda Items for May 11, 2005**

- Review notes of last meeting
- Updates (Site visit, Secondary Use Lands, summary of conference call discussion, etc.)
- Continue discussion of Goals and begin developing specific Objectives
- Confidentiality Agreement
- Guidelines for Land Acquisition

### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

Wednesday, May 11, 2005  
Merwin Hydro Facility  
9:00am – 3:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm

### **Handouts**

1. Final Meeting Agenda
2. Draft TCC Confidentiality Agreement
3. Draft Meeting Notes for 3-9-05
4. Draft Structure and Ground Rules
5. Draft Land Acquisition Criteria
6. Criteria to Assess Value of Lands
7. ACC/TCC Contact List
8. Draft WHMP Goals & Objectives