

FINAL Meeting Notes
Lewis River License Implementation
Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting
April 28, 2006
Longview, WA

TCC Participants Present: (11)

Brock Applegate, WDFW
 Mike Iyall, Cowlitz Indian Tribe
 Curt Leigh, WDFW
 Diana MacDonald, Cowlitz PUD
 Tom Macy, RMEF
 Kimberly McCune, PacifiCorp
 Colleen McShane, EDAW, Inc.
 Bob Nelson, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
 Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp
 Todd Olson, PacifiCorp
 Mitch Wainwright, US Forest Service

Calendar:

May 11, 2006	ACC Meeting	Merwin Hydro
May 30, 2006	TCC Meeting	Merwin Hydro

Assignments from April 28 Meeting:		
Applegate: Provide the TCC, prior to the next meeting, suggested clarification to the Washington DNR reference in the raptor section of the WHMP Standards & Guidelines document.		Complete – 5/26/06
Gritten-MacDonald: Provide the TCC with topographic or cover type maps of Devils Backbone divided up into management units before the site visit.		Pending
Gritten-MacDonald: Email or provide CD of Devils Backbone topographic or cover type maps to Kimberly McCune (PacifiCorp).		Pending
McCune: Post Devils Backbone topographic or cover type maps on the Lewis River website for the TCC review.		Pending
McCune: Provide contact information for John Clapp to Tom Macy (RMEF)		Complete – 4/28/06
Gritten-MacDonald: Confirm Devils Backbone site visit date of Wednesday, June 14, 2006.		Confirmed – 5/30/06

Assignments from March 20 Meeting:		
Naylor: Modify the Lewis River Wildlife Management Lands maps and present back to the TCC for review and approval.		Pending
Wainwright: Email the USFW definitions of the spotted owl suitable habitat to the TCC.		Complete – 3/24/06
McShane: Add “Old-Growth” definition to 3.1.3 Old-Growth Habitat on WHMP Lands (page 15) of the WHMP S&G document.		Complete – 4/28/06

Naylor: Provide detailed maps for TCC discussion regarding conservation easements.	Complete – 4/28/06
McShane: Modify Table 3-8 to include size classes for each cover-type.	Complete – 4/28/063

Parking lot items from February 10th Meeting:	
Exhibit B – Settlement Agreement Maps (exclusion vs. secondary)	Complete – changes were made per TCC 4/28/06
Jones: Further discussion regarding Monitoring (species vs. habitat)	
PacifiCorp WHMP Budget (annual)	
Conservation Agreement – what is wanted?	Ongoing – 4/28/06

Parking lot items from January 9th Meeting:	
Footnote: Mass wasting	
Naylor: Section 4.2.4 – Further mapping activity and check effects of new objective for raptors	Pending BiOp
Spotted owl – Modifications needed to Section 4.2.4 Objectives h & i	Complete – 1/11/06
Applegate: Guidelines for Tree Harvest Activities, TCC Approval	Complete – 5/30/06

Opening, Review of Agenda, Finalize Meeting Notes

Note: Conference calling system was inoperative at PacifiCorp and we were informed that it would most likely not be operative until the end of the business day.

Colleen McShane (EDAW) called the meeting to order at 9:10am. McShane reviewed the Agenda with the TCC and asked the TCC if there were any additions or changes to the Agenda. Brock Applegate (WDFW) requested the addition of Timber Harvest Activities Discussion to the Agenda. McShane replied that this item would be placed on the Agenda and discussed if time permits. Naylor stated that this was not planned as part of the agenda and did not come prepared for discussion of this. McShane requested the TCC if they have any changes to the Draft 3/20/06 Meeting Notes. The TCC had no comments or changes to the 3/20/06 TCC Meeting Notes.

The meeting notes were approved at 9:25am.

WHMP S&G Document Discussion (April 2006 document)

Todd Olson (PacifiCorp) communicated to the TCC that PacifiCorp provided a document to Joe Hiss (USFWS) and LouEllyn Jones (USFWS) that described how the northern spotted owl (NSO) and it's habitat would be protected under conditions of the Settlement Agreement (including implementing the WHMP) to insure a NLAA concurrence for the owls. PacifiCorp has not heard from USFWS as of today's date.

Mike Iyall (Cowlitz Indian Tribe) expressed that he had recently spoken with Joe Hiss (USFWS) and Hiss did not specifically mention anything he had grievances in regards to PacifiCorp's response on the NSO. Diana Gritten-MacDonald (Cowlitz PUD) said that it will take a couple more months to get the biological opinion where it needs to be. She expects the FERC License no sooner than September 2006.

Olson communicated to the TCC that as we follow the WHMP Standards & Guidelines in consultation with the TCC, this process will get us where we need to be in writing and implementing the WHMP. Our goal is to complete the WHMP six (6) months from receipt of the FERC License. Olson further expressed that PacifiCorp has hired an additional wildlife biologist, Kendel Emmerson, who will be assisting Kirk Naylor (PacifiCorp) with writing and implementing the Lewis River WHMP.

Applegate informed the TCC that he will provide the TCC, prior to the next meeting, suggested clarification to the Washington DNR reference in the raptor section of the WHMP Standards & Guidelines document.

The TCC approved the WHMP Standards & Guidelines - April 2006 version at 9:45am with the exceptions of potential changes per the NSO BiOp and review by USFWS.

Olson expressed to the TCC that PacifiCorp is currently in the process of writing the WHMP, regardless of when we receive the FERC License.

Naylor communicated that PacifiCorp is moving forward with writing habitat plans for areas within the PacifiCorp WHMP Standards & Guidelines document that appear to be complete (e.g. Orchards). He suggested that PacifiCorp may write a section of the WHMP every 5-6 weeks depending on necessary field work such as confirming boundaries of habitats (shrublands etc). The TCC would receive sections of the WHMP for review and provided the opportunity to be included in any field work as necessary.

Curt Leigh (WDFW) expressed concern that he wants to review and approve the WHMP document as a whole rather than approve a chapter at a time. He said the he expected that much of the field work would occur during implementation of the WHMP, as outlined in the Standards and Guidelines document.

Olson/Naylor clarified that PacifiCorp will provide chapter “drafts” for TCC review and comment, then incorporate those comments agreed upon. The finalization of the complete WHMP document will follow review and approval by the TCC as well. If we are to complete development of the WHMP within 6 months of the license being issued it is necessary to get continuous feedback from the TCC as it is developed. This was previously requested by the TCC.

Gritten-MacDonald informed the TCC that June 2006 would be a good time for the TCC visit to the Cowlitz PUD’s Devils Backbone area. The tentative date for the site visit is Wednesday, June 14, 2006. Gritten-MacDonald will confirm the site visit date. Because the WHMP Standards & Guidelines document has taken so long to complete Cowlitz PUD has requested their WHMP consultant to cease work until the WHMP Standards & Guidelines document is complete.

Applegate requested Gritten-MacDonald provide the TCC with topographic maps of Devils Backbone, divided up into management units before the site visit. Gritten-MacDonald will email

files to Kimberly McCune (PacifiCorp) and McCune will post on the Lewis River website for the TCC review.

Conservation Easement Discussion

Gritten-MacDonald excused herself from this portion of the meeting.

The discussion on Conservation Easement opportunities is confidential and proprietary and not for public viewing. Meeting notes for this portion of the meeting will be distributed only in hard copy to TCC members who have signed the Confidentiality Agreement.

Break <10:45am>

Reconvene <11:00am>

Next Meeting's Agenda

- Finalize WHMP Standards and Guidelines document (Spotted Owl portion)
- Conservation Easement Discussion
- Review and approve draft 4/28/06 meeting notes
- Discuss WDFW timber harvest suggestions

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm

Next Scheduled Meetings

May 30, 2006

Merwin Hydro Facility
Ariel, WA

June 14, 2006 (to be confirmed)

Merwin – Devils Backbone tour
Ariel, WA

Handouts

1. Final Meeting Agenda
2. Lewis River WHMP Standards & Guidelines Document/April 2006 version
3. Draft meeting notes from 3/20/06
4. Land Acquisition Decision-making Process – Draft Amended Version for TCC Review