Lewis River Hydroelectric Projects Settlement Agreement Aquatic Coordination Committee (ACC) Meeting Agenda

Date & Time: Thursday, July 11, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Place: CONFERENCE CALL ONLY

Contacts: Erik Lesko: (503) 412-8401

Time	Discussion Item						
9:00 a.m.	Welcome						
	➤ Review Agenda and ACC 6/13/19 Meeting Notes						
	Comment & Accept Agenda and 6/13/19 Meeting Notes						
9:10 a.m.	Public Comment Opportunity						
9:15 a.m.	Lewis River In-Lieu Update; (Review schedule)						
9:30 a.m.	Review Comprehensive Review Consultants, as provided by the ATS						
10:00 a.m.	Study/Work Product Updates						
	 ATS Update – schedule and broodstock status 						
	 Merwin Upstream Passage – Status 						
	 Swift Floating Surface Collector – Status 						
	 Bull Trout Subgroup Update 						
10:30 a.m.	Next Meeting's Agenda						
	Public Comment Opportunity						
	Note: all meeting notes and the meeting schedule can be located at:						
	http://www.pacificorp.com/es/hydro/hl/lr.html#						
10:45 a.m.	Adjourn						

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FINAL Meeting Notes Lewis River License Implementation Aquatic Coordination Committee (ACC) Meeting July 11, 2019 CONFERENCE CALL ONLY

ACC Representatives Present (13)

Kim McCune, PacifiCorp
Chris Karchesky, PacifiCorp
Todd Olson, PacifiCorp
Eli Asher, Cowlitz Indian Tribe
Jonathan Stumpf, American Rivers
Tom Wadsworth, WDFW
Peggy Miller, WDFW
Aaron Roberts, WDFW
Sam Gibbons, WDFW
Ruth Tracy, USFS
Jim Byrne, Trout Unlimited
Amanda Froberg, Cowlitz PUD
Joshua Ashline, NMFS

Guests (2)

Jim Lynch, K&L Gates Kelley Jorgensen, Plas Newydd Farm

Calendar:

August 8, 2019	ACC Meeting	Merwin HCC
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Assignments from July 11, 2019	Status
Lesko: Add 2018 spring Chinook distribution detection data and provide to the ACC, per Tom Wadsworth request.	There is no data for SPCH in 2018.

Assignments from June 13, 2019	Status
Wadsworth: Schedule bull trout subgroup meeting end of July, 2019	Pending
Olson: Incorporate an ACC working session into the In-Lieu schedule to allow additional time for ACC input before bull trout 30% design is	Complete – 7/11/19
completed.	

Assignments from May 9, 2019	Status
Lesko: Add 2017 spring chinook distribution detection data and provide	Complete –
to the ACC.	7/11/19

Assignments from March 14, 2019	Status
Josh Ashline – Contact NMFS sampling permit department for their response on NOR Tracking and report back to the ACC and perhaps discuss other tagging options.	Complete – 7/11/19 Coverage under existing BiOp with gastric tags; more detailed discussion is needed with ACC

Parking Lot Items	Status
Tracy: Stage 0 webinar PowerPoint presentation to ACC.	Tentative – Fall 2019
All: What are things to focus on; Salmon Port	

Opening, Review of Agenda and Meeting Notes

Erik Lesko (PacifiCorp) called the meeting to order at 9:03am and reviewed the agenda. No additions to the agenda were requested. Lesko also reviewed the June 13, 2019 meeting notes and assignment. In response to a comment from Eli Asher (Cowlitz Indian Tribe) the meeting notes were approved at 9:18am with the following clarifying changes on page 3:

Modify 2nd paragraph to read: Olson also communicated that the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process in underway as requested by Cowlitz Tribe and joining parties, and separately the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board. PacifiCorp legal counsel has reached out to the Cowlitz Tribe counsel for meeting dates and location of the two initial ADR meetings. Utilities counsel and Cowlitz Tribe counsel are discussing if all Settlement Agreement Parties are invited. The ACC expressed that they too would like to participate in the ADR meetings.

Add a 3rd paragraph to read: Ruth Tracy (USFS) asked if Settlement Agreement (SA) parties could attend the ADR meetings, Olson stated he would check with legal counsel. Olson believes it is the intent of the Utilities to invite all SA parties to the ADR meetings. Eli Asher (Cowlitz Indian Tribe) requested Olson provide the SA language that supported Olson's position, that SA parties should be allowed to participate in any ADR process.

Public Comment

None

Lewis River In-Lieu Update (Review Schedule)

Todd Olson (PacifiCorp) provided an updated In-Lieu review schedule for ACC review. Olson noted that there are three items due to the ACC for a 30-day review by August 1, 2019:

- Draft In-Lieu Program Strategic Plan
- Draft In-Lieu Program Monitoring Plan
- Draft Bull Trout Fish Passage Concepts and Plan

In addition, the consultants Phil Roni, Mike Bonoff and R2 Resources will provide presentations and an opportunity for Q&A at the ACC August 8, 2019 meeting. In addition, PacifiCorp is assembling the draft bull trout fish passage program plan which should be available for review by the Bull Trout Working Group by July 22, 2019.

Document Title	Date to Parties	Comments Due	Date to ACC	Date to SA Parties	Revie w	Comments Due	Due to FERC	Notes	Completed
Praft In-Lieu Program Strategic Plan (ACC			8/1/2019		30 days	9/3/2019		Presentation to ACC on August 8, 2019	
Oraft In-Lieu Program Monitoring Plan (ACC			8/1/2019		30 days	9/3/2019		Presentation to ACC on August 8, 2019	
Review)									
Oraft Bull Trout Fish Passage Concepts and Plan									
Bull Trout Working Group Review)	7/22/2019	9/3/2019							
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Oraft Application for FERC License			9/12/2019	9/12/2019	90 days	12/12/2019		Draft Application will include ACC comment	
Amendments (includes Strategic Plan,								matrix on Draft In-Lieu Fund Program Strategic	
Monitoring Plan and Bull Trout Fish Passage								Plan and Monitoring Plan. These documents will	
Plan with Preliminary (30%) Designs)								be revised accordingly and included in Draft Application package.	
Oraft Biological Evaluation for FERC License			9/12/2019	9/12/2019					
Amendments					90 days	12/12/2019			

Olson also noted that the list of disputing parties include the following:

- Cowlitz Indian Tribe and adjoining parties Native Fish Society, Trout Unlimited and American Rivers
- Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board, and
- WDFW which filed its ADR dispute July 8, 2019

In response to a question from Tom Wadsworth (WDFW) that he did not think a 30-day review will be very productive during ADR process, Olson noted that there are two tracks 1) the ADR process and 2) the FERC schedule that the Utilities have committed to.

Peggy Miller (WDFW) suggested postponing ACC review of the strategic and monitoring plan until the ADR process is complete because any review may give the perception that WDFW has agreed to the plans when the ADR process may change conditions of the preliminary determination. Ruth Tracy (USFS) also thinks the review schedule is unrealistic.

Olson communicated that it is the Utilities intent to provide a comment matrix and consultation record to the FERC with all filings. In addition, the 30-day review is the initial review. Another 90-day review will be available when the Utilities submit the Draft Application for FERC License Amendment to the settlement parties. Collectively, the Utilities are providing 120 day review of the documents. There will be plenty of time and attention available to the ACC for review of In-Lieu documents.

The comment matrix will help the FERC determine if additional information is needed or there are discrepancies in documents. All ACC comment letters/emails will be included in the consultation record to the FERC.

Tracy asked if there is a public review requirement for the biological evaluation (BE) after completion of the BE. Josh Ashline (NMFS) noted that it's up to FERC to open for public review.

Tracy would like the initial review to be 60 days rather than 30 days. Miller stated that WDFW wants to wait until the ADR process is complete before any review of documents.

Olson informed the ACC that the Utilities are seeking initial responses to the bull trout fish passage designs and other documents during the 30-day ACC review period.

In response to a July 9, 2019 email from Ruth Tracy suggesting that the Utilities propose to exclude settlement agreement (SA) parties from the dispute resolution process, Olson reviewed his response email of July 10, 2019 to Tracy and communicated that the Utilities intent is to notify all SA Parties of dates, times, etc. and to not exclude SA Parties and/or ACC representatives from the ADR meetings.

In response to a question from Eli Asher (Cowlitz Indian Tribe), Olson expressed that the role of a non-disputing party at an ADR meeting has yet to be determined. Legal counsel of disputing parties are engaged to identify the ADR process (including participation of non-disputing parties) and schedule.

Asher asked Tracy what the Forest Service role would be in an ADR meeting. Tracy said she is not prepared to respond to that question in this form at this time.

Jim Lynch (K&L Gates) said that the SA provides notice provisions to SA Parties and email to ACC representatives.

Study/Work Product Updates

Aquatic Technical Subgroup (ATS)

Lesko informed the ACC that 8.2.6 of the Lewis River Settlement Agreement calls for a Comprehensive Periodic Review of the draft Hatchery and Supplementation Program and provided the time line below. A draft scope of work was provided to the ACC by PacifiCorp via email on July 8, 2019 for their review and discussion.

Lesko reviewed the schedule and informed the ACC that a contractor to review the H&S Program should be on board by October 1, 2019. That contractor would have about 60 days to complete their review. The reviewer would present their results to the ACC during our December meeting.

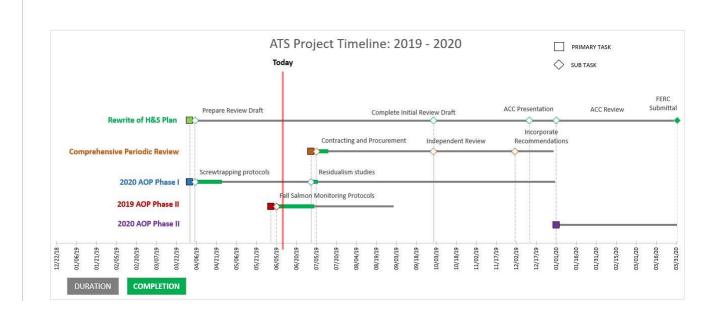
In developing the scope, Lesko indicated that it is important that we find a contractor that has knowledge and experience with HSRG recommendations, HGMP development and is knowledgeable in Pacific Northwest recovery planning and hatchery supplementation programs. With these qualifications, we have the best chance to be presented with practical recommendations that add value to the program and achieve the goals of the H&S program.

PacifiCorp noted that two firms have shown interest and are well qualified:

- DJ Warren
- HDR Dave Ward

And possibly Chuck Peven of Peven Consulting (not contacted yet).

The ACC was invited to contact Erik Lesko directly with questions or if they have consultants that should be considered for this work. The scope of work will be available for comment at the August 8, 2019 ACC meeting. Later this year, the Utilities will request an extension (from Dec 31, 2019 to April 1, 2020) for submittal of the H&S Plan to FERC.



PacifiCorp would like to send out the SOW to potential consultants by August 12, 2019. If the ACC has additional contractors to add or would like comment on the SOW prior to the next meeting please send those comments to Erik Lesko

Regarding other ATS business, Lesko noted that a new 'ATS' tab has been added to the PacifiCorp website next to the ACC tab. Final meeting notes will be located under this tab as well as relevant plans and reports. The ATS tab can be found on the Lewis River website at the following link:

http://www.pacificorp.com/es/hydro/hl/lr.html#

- License Implementation
- ATS Tab

Chris Karchesky (PacifiCorp) updated the ACC on the recent Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) agenda topics discussed during the June 27, 2019 ATS Meeting. Several agenda topics were discussed and included: 1) Transport of adult coho salmon above Swift Dam in fall 2019; 2) Catchable rainbow trout stocking into Swift Reservoir; and 3) Merwin Adult Trap Efficiency (ATE) Study – adult coho salmon in 2019? The draft meeting notes for this meeting have not been distributed yet, but will be by the end of July.

Karchesky mentioned that M&E Subgroup discussed the possibly of using surplus hatchery adults for nutrient enhancement upstream of Swift Dam in fall 2019. This is a possibly given the high numbers of adult coho forecasted to return to the Lewis River this year. Ruth Tracy (USFS), Tom Wadsworth (WDFW), and Karchesky (PacifiCorp) are in the process of putting together a draft proposal which they will share with the ACC later this summer. At this point, the general idea is to put excess coho carcasses into areas within the Gifford Pinchot National Forest that can be

accessed from a bridge. The timing, numbers of carcasses and specific locations in the upper basin are still under review.

Stocking of catchable rainbow into Swift Reservoir was also discussed at the June ATS meeting. Karchesky reminder members that the Utilities are required to stock 20,000 pounds of hatchery rainbow trout into Swift Reservoir annually for recreational fishing per the Lewis River Settlement Agreement. Stocking of these fish typically occurs in the spring just before Memorial Day (May) each year. The issue discussed was that a portion of these fish are subsequently collected at the Swift Reservoir FSC and eventually transported downstream along with juvenile salmon. Karchesky mentioned that this initial discussion was to identify the potential issues associated with stocking catchable rainbow trout into Swift Reservoir, and that further discussion regarding this topic is anticipated.

Lastly, Karchesky review M&E Subgroup's discussion and subsequent recommendation regarding the Adult Trap Efficiency Study at Merwin Dam for adult coho planned for fall 2019. It was the subgroup's recommendation that the study be postponed until next year when it is anticipated that more adults from the upper basin (or Natural Origin – NOR fish) will be returning. Although it is anticipated that a good number of hatchery adult coho will be returning to the Lewis River in fall 2019, it is not anticipated than many of these fish will be NOR. Past ATE studies using hatchery adult coho salmon have provided mixed results and were thought to be biased due to the fish's origin. Also, researchers feel that it is important to tag a number of fish that are initially captured in the lower river – or Trap Naïve – in order to account for trap bias. It is anticipated that numbers of adult NOR coho returning in 2020 will be higher than the numbers anticipated in 2019. Karchesky asked if the members of the ACC would accept the recommendation of the ATS. There was no objection.

The ACC accepted the recommendation of the ATS that the Adult Trap Efficiency (ATE) Study scheduled in fall 2019 for adult coho salmon be postponed until fall of 2020.

Broodstock

Aaron Roberts (Hatchery Complex Manager, WDFW) provided an update regarding Lewis River run size for spring Chinook this year. Currently, returns to the traps are about 808. This is far below hatchery spring Chinook broodstock needs of about 1400.

Juvenile releases this year (from 2018 broodstock returns) are normal and include about 950,000 extra releases in June as part of ongoing rearing and release evaluations of the H&S program.

Coho returns to the Lewis River this fall are expected to be very strong with estimates for both early and late coho of about 70,000.

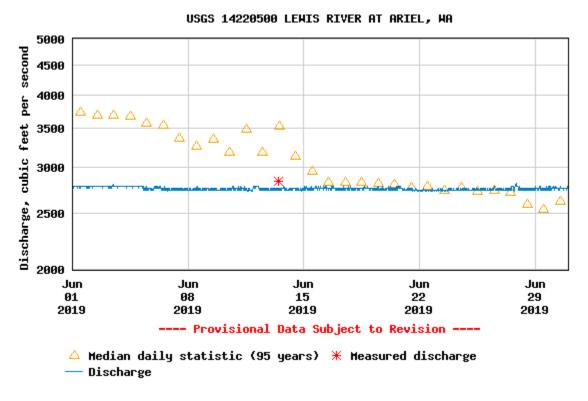
Merwin Fish Collection Facility and General Operations (Attachment A)

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River flow below Merwin Dam was maintained near the minimum flow requirement of 2,700 cfs for the entire month (Table 1).

Table 1. Discharge in cubic feet per second recorded at the USGS Ariel, WA gauge (14220500) located immediately downstream of Merwin Dam.



Upstream Transport (Attachment A)

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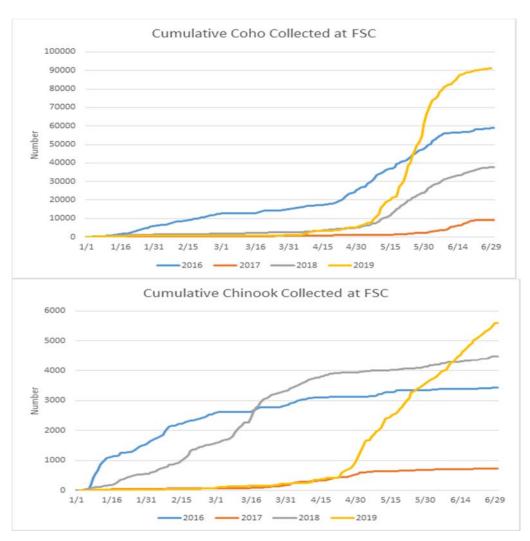
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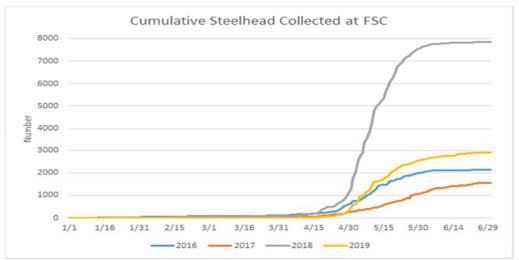


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Bull Trout Subgroup Update

Tom Wadsworth (WDFW) informed the ACC attendees that the tentative bull trout subgroup meeting is August 1, 2019. The Subgroup is will continue its discussion about improving monitoring methods, distribution, monitoring and related methodology.

Other – See below for this assignment. Wadsworth requested the 2018 spring chinook distribution detection data added to the 2017 distribution map.

Assignments from May 9, 2019	Status
Lesko: Add 2017 spring chinook distribution detection data	Complete –
and provide to the ACC.	7/11/19



Agenda items for August 8, 2019

- ➤ July 11, 2019 Meeting Notes
- > SA 8.2.6 Scope of Work for Comprehensive Periodic Review; Update on Consultants
- ➤ In Lieu Update and presentations on the Draft Merwin In-Lieu Strategic Plan, Draft Monitoring Plan and Draft Bull Trout Fish Passage designs.
- Project Proposal; Nutrient Enhancement Update
- > Study/Work Product Update

Adjourn 10:35am

Next Scheduled Meeting:

August 8, 2019
Merwin HCC
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Handouts & Attachments:

- ➤ Meeting Notes from 6/13/19
- ➤ Agenda from 7/11
- ➤ Attachment A Lewis River Fish Passage Report (June 2019)

Lewis River Fish Passage Report

June 2019

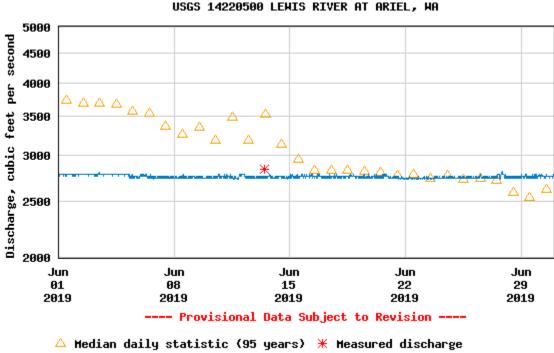
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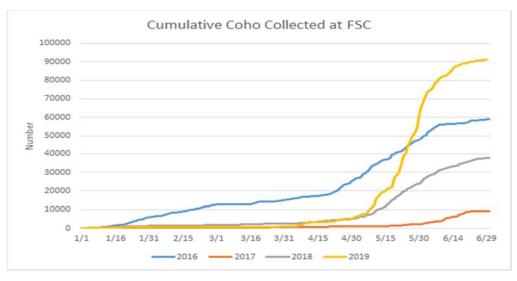
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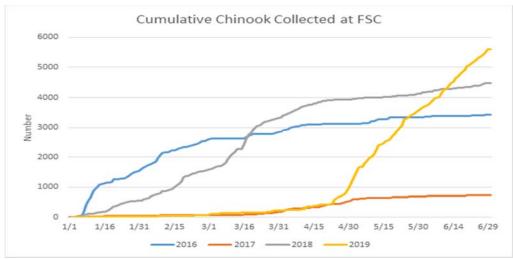
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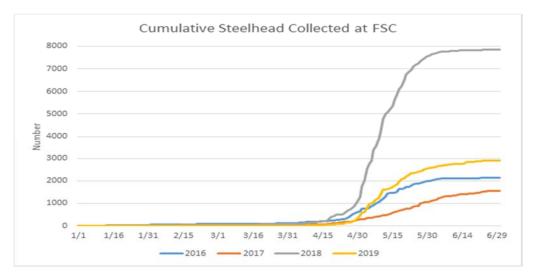


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Fish Facility Report Merwin Adult Trap June 2019 Reporting Date Spring Chinook Early Coho Late Coho S. Steelhead W. Steelhead Fall Chinook CWT Wild Wild AD-Clip AD-Clip Recap AD-Clip CWT Wild AD-Clip BWT Recap Wild AD-Clip Wild Recap Recap Recap M F JK M F M F M F M F M F 01-Jun 02-Jun 12 03-Jun 17 04-Jun 05-Jun 0 21 0 06-Jun 12 07-Jun 16 08-Jun 14 09-Jun 14 10-Jun 13 11-Jun 0 9 12-Jun 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 14 13-Jun 0 6 14-Jun 13 15-Jun 19 16-Jun 17-Jun 0 0 17 18-Jun 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 11 19-Jun 0 10 20-Jun 12 21-Jun 8 22-Jun 23-Jun 12 24-Jun 0 5 25-Jun 23 26-Jun 17 27-Jun 16 28-Jun 11 13

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Fish Facility Report Swift Floating Surface Collector June 2019

	Coho			Chinook			Steelhead			Cutthroat			Bull	Planted		
Day	fry	parr	smolt	fry	parr	smolt	fry	parr	smolt	kelt	fry	< 13 in	> 13 in	Trout	Rainbow	Total
01	5	150	5475	1	20	43			31						108	5833
02		304	1754		32	13		2				1			208	2314
03	1	38	3792	2	23	20			23	3		22	23		274	4221
04		8	1926	1	27	10		2	31			71			375	2451
05		12	712	2	48	1			21						231	1027
06		77	1306		73	12		1	11			14			319	1813
07	2	5	2061	6	59	10		1	32			14	1		494	2685
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