FINAL Meeting Notes Lewis River License Implementation Aquatic Coordination Committee (ACC) Meeting September 11, 2008 Conference Call Only

ACC Participants Present (9)

Clifford Casseseka, Yakama Nation
Diana Gritten-MacDonald, Cowlitz PUD (9:20am – 9:55am)
Eric Kinne, WDFW
George Lee, Yakama Nation
Jim Malinowski, Fish First
Kimberly McCune, PacifiCorp Energy
Bryan Nordlund, NMFS
Todd Olson, PacifiCorp Energy
Neil Turner, WDFW

Calendar:

October 8, 2008	TCC Meeting	Merwin Hydro
October 9, 2008	ACC Meeting	Merwin Hydro

Assignments from September 11th Meeting:	Status:
McCune: Create a redline of the ATE Definition document to	Complete – 10/9/08
illustrate the requested ACC edits, email to the ACC for review and	
request a decision at the October 2008 ACC meeting.	
McCune: Make the appropriate changes to the aquatic fund matrix	Complete – 9/26/08
and email the corrected version to the ACC.	

Assignments from August 14th Meeting:	Status:
Kearney: George Lee (Yakama Nation) requested CLT background	Complete – 8/26/08
and funding information mailed to his attention.	
McCune: Email Gary Winans PowerPoint "Genetic Work Relating to	Complete - 8/19/08
the Hatchery & Supplementation (H&S) Plan" to all ACC	
representatives.	

Opening, Review of Agenda and Meeting Notes

Todd Olson (PacifiCorp Energy) called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Olson reviewed the agenda for the day and requested any changes to the agenda. No changes were requested.

Olson requested comments and/or changes to the ACC Draft 8/14/08 meeting notes. The meeting notes were approved at 9:10am without changes.

License Issuance Update

Olson informed the ACC attendees that PacifiCorp received formal notice from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in late August stating that they are in receipt of the Utilities Request for Rehearing. In the letter, the FERC noted their need for additional time for review/deliberation of the Utilities request; however, the FERC did not specify how much time.

In addition, PacifiCorp plans to request a stay prior to September 26, 2008 regarding the Exhibit G submission until such time the FERC has had an opportunity to respond to PacifiCorp's request for rehearing with a ruling. In the initial Lewis River licenses FERC asked that all 10,000 acres of wildlife lands be included in the FERC boundary.

ATE Discussion – Definition of ATE (Nordlund Memorandum)

Olson communicated to the ACC attendees that PacifiCorp has not received comments on the ATE definition, as provided by Bryan Nordlund (NMFS); Attachment A. Nordlund informed the ACC attendees that the memorandum is a result of discussion at previous ACC meetings. He also noted that the median delay has been increased from 24 hours to 30 hours.

Olson requested clarification from Nordlund regarding the following text in the Definition of ATE Memorandum: *Efficient passage means that trapped fish are transported upstream within 24 hours of trap capture.* Olson understands for example, that the Merwin trap crew would come in on Friday morning, sort those fish, and transport them to the appropriate location. Any fish that came in after that process would be held in the holding tank until Saturday morning and could dependent on numbers of fish to process, etc, actually be held longer than 24 hours. Olson further stated that he understands that the agreement is to transport fish every day. Nordlund replied that yes, this is his understanding as well.

Clifford Casseseka (Yakama Nation) wanted to know what PacifiCorp will do with peak runs on the weekends. Olson responded that the plan is to staff the facility to meet the 24 hour transport requirements and work to move as many fish with minimal delay.

Eric Kinne (WDFW) asked if the 30-hour median delay is a proposal for all species. Olson replied yes and would like the ACC to agree on this. Due to the absence of a number of ACC participants, it was decided to delay the decision/confirmation of the ATE definition until the October 2008 ACC meeting.

Nordlund stated that the 24-hour is the default median delay. The ACC may look at the delay time on a species by species basis and then decide to extend to a 30-hour median delay time.

Modify the text below to read as follows:

a) Active migrants are fish that are trapped and tagged at the Merwin facility and released downstream, minus fish that are sport-caught, minus fish entering the hatchery, minus fallbacks, minus lost tags.

The ACC discussed what a "fallback" fish was. In the draft ATE definition it is as follows:

b) Fallbacks are fish that do not re-enter the Merwin tailrace.

Some folks thought that to be a fish that went up into the tailrace than went back downstream (i.e. Fell back into the lower river or beyond), whereas others thought it meant a tagged fish that never went back up to the tailrace. Further discussion is needed to reach agreement.

Kimberly McCune (PacifiCorp Energy) will create a redline of the document to illustrate the requested ACC edits, email to the ACC for review and request a decision at the October 2008 ACC meeting.

Continued Review of Aquatic Fund – Strategic Plan and Administrative Procedures (September 2005). *Are changes to the Strategic Plan needed?*

Olson/McCune provided a matrix handout titled, "Review of Aquatic Fund – Strategic Plan and Administrative Procedures (September 2005"), dated September 11, 2008, (Attachment B), which included collective comments received by PacifiCorp thus far as an attempt to help address the list of discussion points.

Olson reviewed Attachment B and informed the ACC attendees that the Utilities comments were out of order, responses did not align with the issue. McCune will make the appropriate edits to correct and email the corrected version to the ACC.

Olson requested Fish First and other parties who had yet to give written input to respond in writing regarding the following items:

- What are the hydro project effects that AQ Funded projects should address?
- Should any priority be given to certain project types?
- What "value" should be given to those projects that include monitoring to assess the success of the project?

Jim Malinowski (Fish First) expressed that he was impressed with the comments provided by WDFW and at the very least he will respond that he completely supports WDFW comments.

Malinowski further communicated that he is uncomfortable with the approval of projects that he thinks did not provide real environmental benefits. He requested that all East Fork projects receive fair consideration going forward in the review of aquatic project proposal.

Malinowski also asked about how we will deal with those not present who modify decisions within the 7-day period after decisions are made. Olson replied that PacifiCorp will insert edits to the procedures to remove the option of a 7-day comment period and identify that the ACC representative or their proxy must participate at the project decision meeting.

Olson also requested the Yakama Nation review the aquatic fund matrix and provide written comment on the discussion points and questions.

Study Updates

Olson provided the following study updates:

Swift Constructed Channel Concept Design and Swift Upper Release Design – Permits submitted to county; county reviewing; not sure when to expect receipt of permits. Construction planned in 2009.

Hatchery Upgrades

Lewis River Pond 15 – Construction is still planned to begin January 2009; permits submitted to the county. PacifiCorp working on Request for Proposal to solicit construction bids.

Speelyai Burrows Pond – On schedule construction planned for 2009.

Hatchery and Supplementation (H&S) Plan – This item will be included on the ACC October 2008 meeting agenda; new HGMPs that have been prepared by WDFW.

Release Pond – Very close to completing land transaction with WDFW. Access has been given to PacifiCorp's engineer to review site in order to move forward with conceptual design, surveying, etc.

Yale BT Entrainment Reduction Study Plan – Explored idea of electric barrier; however upon review of velocities in the area PacifiCorp's engineering team discovered that the cost will be considerable. A barrier net now looks to be a better option.

Review and Discussion of Land Interests

Olson provided an update of interests in certain lands, however, this discussion is considered confidential and proprietary and not for public viewing.

New topics/issues

Diana Gritten-MacDonald (Cowlitz PUD) informed the ACC attendees that a PUD project engineer discovered an elk camp on PacifiCorp lands. The site is east of the powerhouse and the inhabitant was asked to leave. She indicated that PacifiCorp may want to consider contacting the WDFW law enforcement.

Lewis River License Issuance Celebration

Olson reminded the ACC attendees that the Lewis River License Issuance Celebration will take on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 and they are all invited.

Agenda items for October 9, 2008

- ➤ Review September 11, 2008 Meeting Notes
- ➤ Definition of ATE ACC Decision

- ➤ Continued Review of Aquatic Fund Strategic Plan and Administrative Procedures (September 2005) *Review suggested changes to the Strategic Plan*
- ➤ Hatchery & Supplementation Plan
- > Study/Work Product Updates
- > License Issuance Update

Next Scheduled Meetings

October 9, 2008	November 13, 2008
Merwin Hydro Facility	Merwin Hydro Facility
Ariel, WA	Ariel, WA
9:00am – 3:00pm	9:00am – 3:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55a.m.

Handouts

- o Final Agenda
- o Draft ACC Meeting Notes 8/14/08
- Attachment A Definition of ATE Nordlund Memorandum, dated September 11, 2008
- Attachment B Review of Aquatic Fund Strategic Plan and Administrative Procedures (September 2005), with collective comments dated September 11, 2008

The ACC agrees that:

ATE is defined as the number of tagged active migrants that are passed upstream in a safe, timely and efficient manner, divided by the number of tagged active migrants entering the Merwin tailrace. Safe passage means that fish are re-captured and passed upstream with facility induced injury and mortality rates less than defined in Section 4.1.4 of the Lewis River Settlement Agreement (SA). Timely passage means that median delay is less than defined below. Efficient passage means that trapped fish are transported upstream within 24 hours of trap capture.

For ATE evaluation purposes, the following definitions apply:

- a) Active migrants are fish that are trapped and tagged at the Merwin facility, minus fish that are sport-caught, minus fish entering the hatchery, minus fallbacks, minus lost tags.
- b) Fallbacks are fish that leave and do not re-enter the Merwin tailrace.
- c) Merwin tailrace is the river between Merwin Dam and the project access bridge.

To achieve ATE,

- a) the median delay (time between Merwin tailrace entry and trap capture) for active migrants will be measured at less than or equal to 24 hours, with no more than 5% of the test fish taking longer than 1 week to pass. If study results show the median delay is less than 30 hours and all other upstream fish passage SA Performance Standards at Merwin dam are met, the 30-hour median delay may be acceptable based on consensus of the ACC.
- b) at least 98% of the active adult migrants are passed upstream.

After ATE, Upstream Passage Survival per SA 4.1.4a, and Injury Performance Objectives per SA 4.1.4b are achieved, no further adjustments or modifications to the Merwin upstream passage facility will be required.

Discussion Point and Questions	Fish First	LCFRB	Yakama Nation	USFS	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	USFWS	Utilities	NMFS	WDFW	Decision
Clarify East Fork Lewis language in the Settlement Agreement Q	Oncerned about limiting	It is clear that there is a strong priority giver	The Yakama Nation is not	Projects should be funded in the East Fork Lewis River with	East Fork projects are to be	East Fork projects should be	The SA specifically states that the	According to the Settlement	Yes, aquatic enhancement projects in	East Fork projects may be
Should projects in the EF be funded? Q2 - Should EF projects be funded after funding of NF projects?	funding to North Fork projects only which violates	to the North Fork system for project implementation. We agree with this	opposed to funding projects on th East Fork. Fish can not be	priority given to projects on the North Fork Lewis River. Projects proposed for the East Fork Lewis should have a clear nexus to	determined on a case by case basis The Tribe does not believe any		Aquatic Fund should support presource protection measures that,	Agreement priority is given to the North Fork; however, this does not	the East Fork Lewis should be funde	dfunded, but priority of spending should go to
runded after runding of NF projects?	certain parts of the	guidance, and feel that investment should be		benefits to North Fork Lewis populations. Projects downstream of	f 'clarification' is needed. A project		"increase the probability for a		t caused by hydropower development	
	Settlement Agreement. The	made in the East Fork only if there are no	want. Changing the variable	Merwin Dam should also be funded with priority given first to	proponent introduces a project, the	e body of the proposal) that the	successful reintroduction program"	Fork. The ACC must provide clear		the Settlement Agreement.
	emphasis should be on the	opportunities in the North Fork, including	upsets the balance of the fish with	projects above the reservoirs.	ACC discusses it and a decision	project will benefit NF	(SA 7.5) The SA goes on to state		pervasive that artificial constraints o	n
	relative aquatic benefits of the project and not the	future opportunities. Any project proposed for the East Fork Lewis should make clear,			will be made. The project should have a clear connection to the	populations. FERC has made it	that for the purposes of Section 7.5, North Fork Lewis refers to the	to the reintroduction efforts.	innovative or system-wide enhancement methodologies should	
	location. If all things are	direct connections to benefits to North Fork			benefits to the North Fork Lewis.		portion of the Lewis River from its		not be imposed by attorneys, utilities	
	equal in benefit, priority	Lewis populations. We recognize the	cut the arm (the tributaries) off			enhance populations affected by		r	or bureaucrats. Solutions to re-	
	means you select a North	importance of the East Fork Lewis for	which is why the East Fork is			the project.	upstream to the headwaters,		introduction problems should be	
	Fork project first. If the	salmon recovery efforts, but the purpose of the Aquatics Fund should remain focused or					including tributaries except the East Fork of the Lewis River (SA		judged in terms of efficacy of improving fish survival through the	
	benefits are greater on an East Fork project, that project	the North Fork Lewis system.	with time. Placing a priority on				7.5.3.1). However, the section		hydropower system (upstream and	
	should be selected.	_	the basin does not consider how				above this says that one of the		downstream) - throughout the fishes	,
			the salmon (different species) are				objectives is to "enhance fish habita	t	life cycles. Habitat improvements	
			related and what they need to do. The North Fork and the East Fork				in the Lewis River Basin, with priority given to the North Fork		should be made within an ecosystem framework that is focused on	
			are equal in importance.				Lewis River"(SA 7.5.3.1(3)). Since		restoring properly functioning	
			are equal in importance.				East Fork is really the only part of		conditions that can support self-	
							the North Fork Lewis River that is		sustaining natural populations and	
							not included in the above definition		sustainable fisheries. WDFW agrees	
							that is what 7.5.3.1(3) is referring to).	with the comments of Fish First and the Yakama Nation.	
							All this really says is that we can fund East Fork projects but they fall		the rakama Nation.	
							behind any other proposed project			
							that fits the Nort Fork definition.			
Project effects/nexus definition Q1 - What are the hydroproject				Priority should be given to instream habitat restoration projects,			Priority should be given to instream		All hydropower impacts should be	
effects that AQ Funded projects should address? Q2 - Should any	,			next to riparian related projects, and then to road related projects.			projects that will provide a "home"		mitigated – i.e., damage caused by	
priority be given to certain project types?				, and the same of			for reintroduced salmon and		initial construction plus its ongoing	
							steelhead.		existence and operation. Priority	
									should be given to projects that provide significant biological benefi	
									to both target species population	
								health and ecosystem functioning.		
Role of Project owner Q1 - What is the appropriate level of	The ACC is too small to	In Section 3.2, under the Process		The project proponents are most knowledgeable about the project	The Tribe agrees with Fish First.	Agree with position of the	An ACC entity proposing a project	Do not give ACC members more of	All ACC members should be	No questions should be
engagement in the funding process for an ACC entity that is also a	a exclude any members from	Considerations, it states that ACC		and should be allowed to participate in discussions about the	The ACC is too small to exclude	LCFRB. Have the project	may participate in ACC discussions	an advantage or opportunity than no	encouraged to be project sponsors as	
project proponent?	discussion (whether a	representatives may not champion their own		proposed project as needed. Proponents should not champion the		manager leave the discussion if	on their project, but cannot champio		well as bringing in and supporting	at the Funding Selection
	proponent or not). Consensu	projects. We agree with this guidance and feel that this guidance should be more		project, just provide clear concise information as needed.	voting. ACC members are educated, intelligent individuals	different from the ACC representative. Do not let project	their project nor participate in the	should step out when decision is being made or show that there is a	outside entities that could contribute to diverse solutions.	any ACC representative, a
	of projects. Agree with	closely followed. While a member of the			with a good working knowledge of		n If requested, they must excuse	clear division between ACC	to diverse solutions.	project proponent/entity
	position of Cowlitz Indian	sponsoring organization can participate in			the watershed. They also have	meeting.		representative and project proponent	t.	must remove themselves
	Tribe.	discussions to provide information, the ACC			professional integrity. The Tribe is	s	the appropriate time.			from the meeting during
		voting member should not advocate for their organization's project. It is the			not concerned with any member's participation, regardless if their					discussion on their project. Process should strive to
		responsibility of the facilitator to determine			agency is a project proponent.					give equal consideration to
		when this line is being crossed.			Participation of all ACC members	3				all projects.
					is critical if we are to make the be	st				
					decisions for the Lewis River	,				
					decisions for the Lewis River Watershed. Let the projects speak for themselves.					
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Project review consistency (fairness) Q1 - What steps can be taken	All p	l projects from all proponents should be held to the same standar	I wonder if there is a stronger role	Establish "Norms". More use of	
to assure fairness?	to be	be fair. Don't ask one proponent to provide information that	for the facilitatori.e., ensuring	objective methods, e.g., the new	
	other	ner proponents aren't also required to provide i.e. detailed	everyone has the chance to	Habitat tool.	
	budg	dgets.	comment, but also not letting the		
			group get bogged down.		

Discussion Point Fish Ranking of Projects Q1 - Should prioritization of projects be considered? Q1 - Is additional focus needed on the individual project long-term benefits?	Section 3.1 Aquatics Fund Goals – states in the first paragraph, final sentence, "The purpose of the Aquatic Fund is to fund projects that directly help achieve the Reintroduction Outcome Goal." Can you	r	When projects are rated using established guidelines they should be addressed in the ranked by priority. Long-term benefits should be addressed in the project proposal for all projects.	a good use of time for the Utilities to prioritize projects based on	distinction between long term benefits that restore ecological	Utilities If a request of information is made to a project proponent, that same request goes to all applicants.	R. bi	anking should be based on ological benefits – for the target becies and ecosystem health.	Decision
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				scores. The current method of	function (e.g., log jams or	Discussion of projects by the ACC			
				reviewing projects, which include		ne should be limited to the information			
	clarify if this is an overarching goal of the			a 'Selected by Utilities for Full-	time action, (e.g., adding	on hand, unless all project applicants	s		
	Aquatic Fund, or if this is one of several			Proposal' category in the pre-	spawning gravel that would was	sh are participating.			
	goals, including those listed in section 1.0			proposal evaluation and the 'Tota	ıl away).				
	Introduction in the language from the SA			Score' category in the final					
	describing Resource Projects?			proposal matrix, is adequate.					
Funding process Q1 - How can the process become more efficient	We recommend strengthening the proposal		Fime should be set aside for each project proponent to present the			e, Project funding should be prioritized		ach entity needs to participate at all	
to meet schedule?	instructions to encourage sponsors to better	r	projects to the ACC group at an ACC meeting. This could be at	decisions in a timely fashion. A	it sounds like FERC wants to	based on evaluation score	pl	nases of the process, and not	
	describe how their projects relate to the		he draft proposal stage, but it may make more sense to do it wher	problem seems to have arisen who	en approve the suite of projects pri	or	ur	ndermine the work of others by	
	Aquatics Fund objectives and recovery	ti	he final proposal is submitted.	an objection was received after th	ne to funds being released. If so, i	t	ex	tercising a veto at the end.	
	plans. Sponsors should be asked to clearly			ACC made a funding	really throws our schedule of				
	describe biological benefits and expected	I	t appears that the ACC group expects to see projects begin a shor	recommendation. Addressing the	e review off. We should discuss,				
	outcomes of their projects. Sponsors should		ime after final project approval. A shorter review time of projects						
	include metrics to help the reviewers		would speed up the funding process and may allow this to occur						
	quantify the scope of their project and relate		inder certain circumstances. However, the amount of time it take						
	it to their proposed cost. A more detailed		or final project approval, collection agreements to be executed, as		information to adequately				
	budget form should be provided in the		o get projects on the docket to be evaluated by our NEPA plannir		describe the project and it's				
			eam, a start date of the following calendar year is more realistic.						
	proposal.	t	cam, a start date of the following calendar year is more realistic.						
				for our project proponents. Most					
			Representatives need to attend ACC meetings to participate and	other funding sources in the regio					
			liscuss potential projects. Representatives should not be allowed		y				
			object to projects without participating in the selection process.	applicants. The ACC spends a					
		F	Rearrange the time line so that the final vote for project approval is	meeting or two a year discussing					
		ti	he final vote. The 7 day comment period should be prior to the	Aquatics Fund projects. To expec	et				
		f	inal vote, and Representatives can provide feedback during this 7	an ACC member to invest 8-16					
			period if they are not able to attend the final vote. Either the Repre						
			should vote for final project approval. If a Representative is not a						
			Project proponents should be allow to stay in the room when project						
				Aquatics Fund proponents will no	of				
				streamline the ACC decision					
				making process.					
				making process.					
Funding Decision Meeting Q1 - Should it be a requirement that		ACC members should attend or an	YES. If they don't attend they cannot make an informed decision,		As a suggestion, voting member	rs See USFS suggestions. They are	Giving a proponent more time to Y	es, ACC entities should identify	
ACC members should attend or an alternate should be in attendance			and it wastes project proponent's time.		or their representative should		argue their own projects is a concern pr		
at the meeting or they lose their voting opportunity?		since we (the ACC) operate on a	ind it wastes project proponent's time.	the Tribe agrees with Fish First.	attend when a decision needs to			ithin their organization and/or have	
at the meeting of they lose their voting opportunity:		consensus basis it doesn't mean a		The ACC is too small to exclude					
						to assure certainty with timing	conflict of interest and bias a project a	proxy.	
		project will be approved. He		members from discussion and/or		especially given that FERC now	proponent should not champion their		
		further stated that our group is too		voting. Our ACC members are		s says they need to approve each	proposed project.		
		small to exclude any members		educated, intelligent individuals	are most knowledgeable about t				
		from discussion (whether a			of project and should be allowed to				
		proponent or not).		the watershed. They also have	participate in discussions about				
				professional integrity. The Tribe i	is the proposed project as needed.				
				not concerned with any member's	Proponents should not champio	n			
				participation, regardless if their	their project; just provide clear				
				agency is a project proponent.	concise information as needed.				
				Participation of all ACC members					
				is critical if we are to make the be					
				decisions for the Lewis River					
				Watershed.					
FERC Comment in License - 6/26/08				11 arci Silcu.	+	Yes			
Section 7.5.3.1 of the Agreement proposes the establishment of an				1	1	100			
Aquatic Fund. The Agreement explains that this fund may be used									
for projects that would benefit fish recovery throughout the North									
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