

**Lewis River Hydroelectric Projects Settlement Agreement  
Lewis River Recreation Coordination Committee (LRC)  
Meeting Agenda**

**Date & Time:**            **Wednesday October 26, 2016**  
                                  **9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Place:**                    **Merwin Hydro Control Center**  
                                  **105 Merwin Village Court**  
                                  **Ariel, WA 98603**

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Discussion Item</b>
9:30 AM	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Preview Agenda</li></ul>
9:40 AM	<b>Completed Implementation Projects and 2016 changes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ I&amp;E Program: Eagle Cliff and Marble Creek Trail</li><li>➤ Recreation reservation system policy changes info</li></ul>
10:00 AM	<b>Ongoing Implementation Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ IP Road Trail Project: update</li><li>➤ Yale Lake Day Use Facilities: Saddle Dam Park improvements</li><li>➤ ADA Fishing Access Feasibility Study: update</li><li>➤ Yale Reservoir ADA Site Improvements</li></ul>
10:45 AM	<b>Break</b>
11:00 AM	<b>Upcoming/Other Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Maintenance Project: Cedar Creek Boat Launch: update and schedule</li><li>➤ Lewis River Buoy and Swim Boom</li><li>➤ Lewis River Park Kiosk Replacement</li></ul>
11:30 AM	<b>Adjourn</b>

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**FINAL Meeting Notes**  
**Lewis River License Implementation**  
**Lewis River Recreation Committee (LRC) Meeting**  
**October 26, 2016**  
**Merwin Hydro Control Center**

**LRC Participants Present (4)**

Kim McCune, PacifiCorp (via conference)  
Jessica Kimmick, PacifiCorp  
Peggy Miller, WDFW  
Al Thomas, Columbian

Assignments from October 26, 2016 meeting	Status
Kimick: Research ADA regulations specifically relating to rules around how a non-disabled person must use the LR Hatchery ADA Fishing platform i.e. 100' away from an ADA accessible site.	<b>Complete</b>

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

Jessica Kimmick (PacifiCorp) called the meeting to order @ 9:30 a.m.

**Completed Implementation Projects and 2016 Changes**

➤ *I&E Program*

The recreation committee was informed that the signs for both the Eagle Cliff acclimation ponds and Marble Creek trail at Merwin Park have both been fabricated and delivered. The Marble Creek trail signs have been installed. They are a trailhead sign and an interpretive sign approx. 1/3 of the way in the trail about the Merwin Dam. The Eagle Cliff signs are currently in PacifiCorp's possession. PacifiCorp is waiting for the conclusion of the decisions about the acclimation ponds prior to installation. They may need to be sent back to the manufacturer to have an alternate I&E information printed on them.

Discussion re: Eagle Cliff: The recreation committee and the Settlement Agreement parties were informed that plans for a trail along the North Fork of the Lewis River heading upstream from Eagle Cliff Park to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest boundary will not move forward. Several years ago, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service opposed the proposed trail because it would provide easy fishing access to habitat in the North Fork of the Lewis River heavily used by bull trout, a threatened species. PacifiCorp will be submitting a formal License Amendment to the Federal Energy Regulatory commission. PacifiCorp was asked how far the trail was supposed to go: action item for PacifiCorp to provide that information.

➤ *Recreation Reservation System Policy Changes*

The new recreation reservation system launch which included the option of making reservations 9-months in advance is working really well. Great feedback was received from customers. It was necessary to modify the cancellation fees to deter users from reserving large blocks of time that they did not intend to use. All customers that made a reservation up until February 2, 2016 were made aware of the policy change/increase in cancellations fees and provided a 2-week grace period to modify and/or update their reservations.

➤ *Yale Stairs*

PacifiCorp met with the LRC, external stakeholders and interested parties to address ADA access at Yale stairs. PacifiCorp conducted a thorough investigation, reviewed multiple alternative locations for the access point and conducted a thorough engineering review. The topography at the Yale Nonmotorized Boat Access stair project is approximately 90% average slope. PacifiCorp determined that they are in compliance with both Clark County Building Codes and Clark County Accessibility requirements, and ADA access is not feasible at this location.

When asked if there have been any further vandalism issues, Kimmick also informed the LRC attendees that PacifiCorp removed the one-man boulders on the adjacent slope, seeded and applied jute mat for alternate erosion control, placed additional boulders to deter vehicular access, and replaced the damaged stair treads with heavier weight treads.

**Ongoing Implementation Projects**

➤ *IP Road Trail Project: update*

PacifiCorp's property department is working with the state Department of Natural Resources on a lease agreement for the trailhead location. A land-use lease for the trailhead can take a year or more to acquire from DNR. PacifiCorp has actual momentum going on now for this project and we are working and negotiating with the neighboring land owner (DNR), who has its own concerns. It's definitely a partnership. PacifiCorp envisions families with children on tricycles, or local residents walking their dogs, or folks out for an early morning jog. It's a great trail opportunity for folks of all ages and abilities. PacifiCorp is moving forward and are pretty excited. Undersized culverts on the road have been replaced. A fence is planned along with benches and picnic tables at the downstream terminus of the trail. PacifiCorp will try to discourage people from going any farther for general safety reasons. There's no timetable for construction or completion of the trail.

➤ *Yale Lake Day Use Facilities: Saddle Dam Park improvements*

- Engineer design phase is complete.
- PacifiCorp is working on securing all needed permits.
- On track for construction Fall 2017.
- A group picnic shelter, including off-shore boat anchors in Yale Reservoir, with construction in the fall of 2017. The shelter will make the park more usable during rain or very hot weather.
- In addition to these new amenities, ADA access will be provided to the boat dock and into the picnic area, ensuring a recreation use for all.
- The new facilities will be ready when the park opens in May 2018 for the summer.

➤ *ADA Fishing Access Feasibility Study: update*

PacifiCorp consulted with the LRC in June 2016 (**Attachment A**) but after further review and comments PacifiCorp implemented revisions to address environmental constraints, public safety concerns, better fishing potential and no structures in the reservoir. A new site plan and conceptual design was provided to the LRC October 25, 2016 for a 14-day review period. Comments are due on or before November 9, 2016. In addition, road access will be improved as well.

Miller requested PacifiCorp look into ADA regulations specifically relating to rules around how a non-disabled person must use the area for fishing i.e. at a minimum distance of 100' away from an ADA accessible site.

➤ *Yale Reservoir ADA Site Improvements*

PacifiCorp submitted a cost bid request to suitable contractors for a quote to complete the ADA site improvements for Beaver Bay and Cougar Park. Barrier –free camp sites will be designated at Cougar and Beaver Bay parks along Yale Reservoir. The boarding float at Cougar Camp boat ramp also will be replaced and made usable for boaters with disabilities.

- Minor earth grading for slope requirements
- Beaver Bay informational kiosk accessibility modifications
- New picnic tables and fire rings

PacifiCorp will conduct an on-site meeting Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> with one of the contractors that is bidding. Update: meeting was rescheduled to Friday Nov. 4, 2016.

The goal is to complete the upgrades by Spring 2017.

**Upcoming/Other Projects**

➤ *Maintenance Project: Cedar Creek Boat Launch: update and schedule*

- PacifiCorp is moving ahead with the repair of Cedar Creek Boat Launch. The completion schedule is dependent on WDFW obtaining an aquatic land lease from Washington Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR). PacifiCorp is hopeful for a construction start and finish in 2018 but realistically 2019 is more likely due to permitting time requirements. The boat launch will close for a time during construction for public safety.

➤ *Lewis River No-wake Buoy and Swim Boom*

- PacifiCorp is replacing all existing reservoir buoys and adding new anchor system.
- Completion is expected by December 31, 2016.

➤ *Lewis River Park Kiosk Replacement*

- Expected completion is December 31, 2016.
- Replacing all informational signs with new and updated informational kiosks.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:**

Fall 2017 (Date & Time TBD)
Merwin Hydro Control Center
Ariel, WA

**Meeting Handouts & Attachments:**

- Agenda from 10/26/16
- **Attachment A** - Lewis River ADA Fishing Site Feasibility Study Access site/Platform Proposed Location and Conceptual Design, October 25, 2016

*Meeting adjourned at 11:00a.m.*

## McCune, Kimberly

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**From:** McCune, Kimberly  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 9:49 AM  
**To:** Peggy Miller; emelie.mckain@dfw.wa.gov; David Howe; Mariah Stoll-Smith Reese; James H Malinowski; Amanda Froberg; 'Deb Schoenberg'; HML LRN (Bjerke, Bill); 'Jeremy Kanooth'; Noel Johnson; Olson, Todd; 'leslie.connelly@rco.wa.gov'  
**Cc:** Kimmick, Jessica; Kahut, Michael  
**Subject:** ACTION REQUESTED: Lewis River ADA Fishing Site Feasibility Study; 14-day Review and Comment Period  
**Attachments:** LR ADA Fishing Access (2).pdf  
**Importance:** High  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Lewis River Recreation Committee (LRC):

Following initial consultation with the LRC regarding siting the ADA Accessible Fishing Access site, PacifiCorp engaged with a consultant to investigate various sites on the Lewis River to construct the facility. The site chosen for the initial concept was a fishing platform located at Speelyai Park.

This site met the intent of the requirement, however, several concerns were expressed regarding the site. They were:

- Public safety concerns with visitors diving off the platform into shallow water,
- Site improvements require placing concrete and piling in the reservoir, and
- The poor fishing potential of the site.

During subsequent consultations, WDFW suggested locating the access below Merwin on the river behind the Lewis River Hatchery. The advantages to this site are:

- No platform will be constructed which avoids the safety concern,
- No structures will be constructed in the river, and
- The site has excellent potential for catching trout and salmon.

Following discussions with WDFW hatchery personnel, who agreed with constructing the site at that location, PacifiCorp developed a site plan for review by the Committee (see attached).

We ask that you provide your comments to PacifiCorp **on or before Wednesday, November 9, 2016** to my attention at [kimberly.mccune@pacificorp.com](mailto:kimberly.mccune@pacificorp.com).

Please note that once available, we will provide you with a copy of the conceptual design that will be included in our report to the FERC by the end of this year.

Thank you.

**Kimberly McCune**  
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**From:** McCune, Kimberly  
**Sent:** Friday, June 17, 2016 4:22 PM  
**To:** 'Deb Schoenberg'; Diana MacDonald; HML LRN (Bjerke, Bill); James H Malinowski; 'Jeremy Kanooth'; Jim Eychaner; Mariah Stoll-Smith Reese; Noel Johnson; Olson, Todd; Peggy Miller  
**Cc:** Kimmick, Jessica  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION REQUESTED: Lewis River ADA Fishing Site Feasibility Study; 30-day Review and Comment Period

Lewis River Recreation Committee:

Please be advised that the *Lewis River ADA Fishing Site Feasibility Study* is now available on the Lewis River website for a 30-day review and comment period. I have provided the link below for your convenience.

A preliminary construction schedule will be included in our filing to the FERC to reflect our intent to construct in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018. Comments provided to us will also be included in the FERC filing. Please pay particular attention to the identified preferred site for the ADA bank fishing structure (page 12 and Appendix 3), the conceptual designs provided, and let us know how you feel the findings of the feasibility study fulfill the needs of the ADA community we are serving.

[http://www.pacificorp.com/content/dam/pacificorp/doc/Energy\\_Sources/Hydro/Hydro\\_Licensing/Lewis\\_River/li/lrc/LR\\_ADA\\_SiteFeas\\_LRC.pdf](http://www.pacificorp.com/content/dam/pacificorp/doc/Energy_Sources/Hydro/Hydro_Licensing/Lewis_River/li/lrc/LR_ADA_SiteFeas_LRC.pdf)

*Article 407. Barrier-free Bank Fishing Access Plan. Within 8 years of license issuance, the licensee shall file with the Commission for approval, a plan to construct one barrier-free bank fishing access site within the Swift No. 1, Yale, or Merwin Project boundary, as outlined in section 11.2.14 of the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) filed on December 3, 2004. The plan shall include the results of a feasibility study to identify the most feasible location to construct the facility, detailed design drawings, and a schedule to construct the facility. The plan shall specify the specific project the site would become a part of, and the licensee that would administer the site. Upon Commission approval, the licensee will be required to file revised Exhibit G drawings incorporating the facility within the appropriate project boundary.*

*The access plan shall be developed after consultation with Lewis River Advisory Committee (as defined in section 11.2.16 of the Agreement). The licensee shall include with the plan documentation of consultation, copies of comments and recommendations on the completed plan after it has been prepared and provided to the entities above, and specific descriptions of how the entities' comments are accommodated by the plan. The licensee shall allow a minimum of 30 days for the entities to comment and to make recommendations before filing the plan with the Commission. If the licensee does not adopt a recommendation, the filing shall include the licensee's reasons, based on project-specific reasons.....*

We ask that you provide your comments to PacifiCorp **on or before Friday July 22, 2016** to my attention at [kimberly.mccune@pacificorp.com](mailto:kimberly.mccune@pacificorp.com)

Thank you.

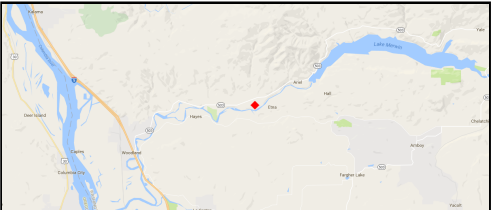
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Lewis River: ADA Fishing Platform

Proposed Location and  
Conceptual Design

- Asphalt
- Concrete
- Concrete Curb
- Modified Armoring





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