

**Lewis River Hydroelectric Projects Settlement Agreement  
Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC)  
Meeting Agenda**

**Date & Time:**            **Wednesday, June 13, 2012**  
   **9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

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

**Contacts:**                    **Kirk Naylor: (503) 813-6619; cell (503) 866-8750**  
   **Lore Boles (HCC): (360) 225-4412**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Discussion Item</b>
9:00 a.m.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Review Agenda &amp; 5/9/12 Meeting Notes</li> <li>➤ Comment &amp; accept Agenda &amp; 5/9/12 Meeting Notes</li> </ul>
9:30 a.m.	10-Slip Boat Dock Application Update (Shoreline Mgmt Plan)
9:45 a.m.	Land transaction status
10:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Next Meeting's Agenda</li> <li>➤ Public Comment Opportunity</li> </ul> Note: all meeting notes and the meeting schedule can be located at: <a href="http://www.pacificorp.com/es/hydro.html">http://www.pacificorp.com/es/hydro.html</a>
10:30 a.m.	Safety <sup>1</sup> orientation for tour of property Unit 28 and/or Unit 33
10:45 a.m.	Depart for tour and plan to return to HCC by 4:30
4:30 p.m.	<b><i>Adjourn</i></b>

1. Please bring rain gear and sturdy walking shoes for hiking in the forest – PacifiCorp will have 2 vehicles for transportation of up to 7 additional passengers.

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Call (morning discussion only): 503-813-5600 (toll free #800-503-3360), follow the instructions provided and enter Meeting ID: **607812** and password: **607812** when prompted.

**Please bring your lunch**

**FINAL Meeting Notes**  
**Lewis River License Implementation**  
**Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting**  
**June 13, 2012**  
**Merwin Hydro Control Center & Field Tour**

**TCC Participants Present: (9)**

Bob Nelson, RMEF  
 Ray Crosswell, RMEF  
 Peggy Miller, WDFW  
 Eric Holman, WDFW  
 Erik White, Cowlitz Indian Tribe  
 Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp Energy  
 Kimberly McCune, PacifiCorp Energy  
 Diana Gritten-MacDonald, Cowlitz PUD  
 Lou Ellyn Jones, USFWS (via conference call)

**Calendar:**

July 11, 2012	TCC Meeting at Merwin HCC	HCC
August 8, 2012	TCC Meeting at Merwin HCC	HCC

<b>Assignments from June 13, 2012</b>	<b>Status</b>
Naylor: Review the SA/WHMP budget(s) as well as determine status and opportunity for coordination with John Cook (NCASI) and Lisa Shipley (Washington State University) doing the blacktail study and report back to the TCC.	<b>In Progress</b>

<b>Parking lot items from April 13, 2011 Meeting</b>	<b>Status</b>
Naylor: Provide TCC with Riparian Management Plan for review.	<b>Pending</b>

<b>Assignments from October 12, 2011 Meeting:</b>	<b>Status</b>
Naylor and Richardson will inquire as to the cost of acquiring the mineral rights in conjunction with the land purchase and report back to the TCC	<b>Complete – cannot acquire</b>

**Review of Agenda and Finalize Meeting Notes**

Kirk Naylor (PacifiCorp Energy) called the meeting to order at 9:07am. A roll call was conducted for the benefit of conference call attendees. Naylor reviewed the agenda and the May 9, 2012 meeting notes and asked the TCC if there were any changes/additions. Naylor indicated he will add an update regarding the Yale Rock Stabilization. Diana Gritten-MacDonald (Cowlitz PUD) would like to add an update about weeds and public access and a tour of the Swift No. 2 Project Works wetland mitigation. Eric White (Cowlitz Indian Tribe) would like to provide an update regarding the Tribal Wildlife Grant Proposal. The May 9, 2012 Meeting Notes were approved at 9:10am to include the edits provided by White via email.

## **10-Slip Boat Dock Application Update (Shoreline Management Plan)**

Shrier and McCune informed the ACC that a neighboring landowner, Gerald Sauer, has applied for a Shoreline Use Permit from PacifiCorp for the purpose of installing a private use 10-slip boat dock on Swift Reservoir. The structure will be built on land owned by Mr. Sauer and will serve future residents of the subdivision he is building. Prior FERC approval is not needed as there will not be more than 10 slips. PacifiCorp is currently reviewing the application from engineering, cultural and operational standpoints. Although the review is not yet complete, PacifiCorp anticipates requiring further information from the applicant before an initial approval can be given. Applicant hopes to apply for governmental approvals as soon as possible.

## **Rock Stabilization Project at Yale Dam**

Naylor informed the TCC attendees the least impact and smallest footprint to the project area is the use of a Brugg fence. Final design is pending. Recovery and replacement of Larch Mountain Salamanders may be needed but the impact area is the not the best part of their habitat. PacifiCorp will continue to keep the TCC updated about its progress. Permits are in hand and construction is planned for Fall 2012.

## **Trespass – Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Property**

Naylor informed the TCC that during an eagle survey in May 2012 PacifiCorp discovered an illegal cabin on BLM property. The matter was turned over to law enforcement and to BLM.

## **Cowlitz PUD Weeds and Public Access**

Gritten- MacDonald noted that based on a reported cabin structure being investigated by law enforcement on Devil's Backbone; the Cowlitz PUD stated that public access in this location will not be done in 2012 for safety reasons. The structure is apparently on BLM land just past the PUD holdings but access to the site has at least partially been through PUD lands.

No weed control on the Devils Backbone Management Unit this year either. The PUD went out for pre-bid on March 17, 2012; no contractors showed up. The PUD is looking at gating the access on the 7901 road where unauthorized access and litter is an issue; perhaps burying ecology blocks rather than a standard gate. Ecology blocks estimate was approximately \$13,000. This option is expensive, so looking at other options to solve unauthorized access problems. The PUD will be meeting with the adjacent landowner soon to assess the best action.

## **Tribal Wildlife Grant Proposal Update – Cowlitz Indian Tribe**

Eric White (Cowlitz Indian Tribe) informed the TCC that he wrote up a narrative to see how feasible this project was and sent the narrative to USFWS (tribal liaison). The current budget available is \$3.5M and may be reduced from this amount. White reviewed what was funded last year and he does not think it's likely this project will be funded. The Tribe has determined not to pursue further at this time. If other funding resources are presented he does not see the Tribe as the lead.

The TCC will discuss again during the next budget cycle. Naylor will review the SA/WHMP budget(s) to determine if other funds are available. He will also talk to NCASI and Washington State University folks doing the blacktail study and report back to the TCC.

### **Land Transaction Status**

Naylor informed the TCC that on June 4, 2012, PacifiCorp acquired 2,111 acres of Fruit Growers Supply Company properties (fee title) for the protection and management of wildlife habitat. These parcels are all located in the Marble Mountain vicinity in Skamania County, north of Swift Reservoir. PacifiCorp met the closing date of June 1, 2012. The Columbian will report further detail on June 14, 2012. Additional property acquisitions may be considered in the near future as TCC determines and as funds become available.

Eric Holman (WDFW) asked Naylor if the \$27 per acre funds will be available in 2012. Naylor responded that they will not be available until 2013. Habitat funding takes place on 12/26/2012. However, PacifiCorp separately finances road and culvert maintenance and gates and some of these issues will be funded in 2012.

### **BPA I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project**

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### **Public Comment Opportunity**

No public comment was provided.

*<10:20 a.m. meeting adjourned; depart for field tour >*

### **Safety Orientation**

Naylor conducted a safety orientation to include notifying the TCC attendees that the roads are rough rock with steep drop offs so drive slow and safe. No cell service except perhaps Verizon users. Two-way radios are in both PacifiCorp vehicles. There will be considerable traffic, log trucks, construction and recreationists so be very cautious.

### **Agenda items for July 11, 2012**

- Review June 13, 2012 Meeting Notes
- Rock Stabilization Project at Yale Dam Update (if any)
- Provide update on discussions with NCASI and WSU regarding deer study opportunity

### **Next Scheduled Meetings**

July 11, 2012	August 8, 2012
TCC Meeting	TCC Meeting
Merwin Hydro Control Center	Merwin Hydro Control Center
Ariel, WA	Ariel, WA
9:00am – 3:00pm	9:00am – 3:00pm

**Attachments:**

- June 13, 2012 Meeting Agenda
- May 9, 2012 Meeting Notes
- [Attachment A](#), Swift No. 2 Project Works Wetland photos

**TCC Meeting Notes**  
**Field Review of Units 28, 33 and**  
June 13, 2012

**Attendees:**

Bob Nelson, RMEF  
Ray Crosswell, RMEF  
Peggy Miller, WDFW  
Eric Holman, WDFW  
Erik White, Cowlitz Indian Tribe  
Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp Energy  
Kimberly McCune, PacifiCorp Energy  
Diana Gritten-MacDonald, Cowlitz PUD

**Unit 28**

Naylor conducted a walkthrough of the forest management that was conducted in 2011 on both the Cowlitz Tribes and PacifiCorp's WHMP property in Unit 28. A new access road was developed and gated by PacifiCorp. The field on the Cowlitz Tribes property was treated in 2012 to control scotch broom. Naylor noted the grass/legume seed mix used on the harvested area was the same as that approved by the TCC on Management Unit 33 (the 2010 purchased property). It is still early to see much germination. Naylor pointed out the 500 white pine that were planted in spring of 2012. White pines were previously represented on the site by just a few trees. The prescription for the site was a commercial thin of trees less than 12-inches in diameter in order to release understory shrubs (especially vaccinium spp.) Tree planting was at a low density to maintain an open overstory and allow establishment and recovery of the understory shrub component.

**Unit 33 and Land Acquisition**

The TCC was shown a portion of the recently acquired lands from a vantage point in Management Unit 33. Most of the recently purchased property is inaccessible due to snow or muddy, rutted roads. The TCC was able to observe the majority of section 9 and the NW corner of section 10. Naylor explained that the timber harvest areas in these new acquisitions need lots of vegetation management due to volunteer red alder over topping the planted conifer.

The new access gate to Management Unit 33, slash treatment, grass seeding and tree planting were shown to the TCC. Over 26,000 trees were planted in recently harvest sites and included 21,600 Noble firs, 1,500 white pine and 3,634 Douglas-fir. The Douglas-fir was planted on the lowest elevation property. Naylor explained that white pines were once native to the Mount St. Helens area.

**Swift No. 2 Project Works Wetland**

Gritten-MacDonald provided a tour of the Swift No. 2 Project Works Wetland area so the TCC could see the improvement from September 2009 (project inception) to today. The TCC asked for a couple of photos showing how the wetland has changed through time (see [Attachment A](#)).

# Swift No. 2 Project Works Wetland 2006 - 2012



October 2006



August 2007



**February 2009**



**September 2009**





**November 2010**



**June 2012**