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

Date & Time:	Wednesday January 13, 2016 9:00 a.m. –10:30 a.m.	
Place:	<b>Conference Call Only</b>	
Contacts:	Kirk Naylor: (503) 813-6619; cell (503) 866-8750	

Time	Discussion Item
9:00 a.m.	Welcome
	Review Agenda & 11/10/15 Meeting Notes
	Comment & accept Agenda & 11/10/15 Meeting Notes
9:15 a.m.	Discussion - Maple Trees at HCC; FERC Security concerns
10:00 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#
10:30 a.m.	Adjourn

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### <u>FINAL Meeting Notes</u> Lewis River License Implementation Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting January 13, 2016 Conference Call Only

#### **TCC Participants Present: (8)**

Ray Croswell, RMEF Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp Kendel Emmerson, PacifiCorp Kim McCune, PacifiCorp Peggy Miller, WDFW Eric Holman, WDFW Nathan Reynolds, Cowlitz Indian Tribe Diana Gritten-MacDonald, Cowlitz PUD

#### **Calendar:**

February 10, 2016 TCC Meeting	HCC
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Assignments from January 13, 2016	Status
Naylor: Report back to the TCC this Spring during a regularly scheduled	
TCC meeting regarding removal of maple trees at Merwin Hydro Control	
Center specific to the FERC security concerns.	

Assignments from November 10, 2015	Status
Emmerson: Change polygon color for old growth and mature.	Completed

Assignments from September 9, 2015	Status
Emmerson: Nathan Reynolds (Cowlitz Indian Tribe) indicated he would like	Complete
a copy of the McKee Meadow cultural survey.	

Parking Lot Item	Status
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 black-tail study and report back to the TCC.	TRD

### **Review of Agenda and Finalize Meeting Notes**

Kirk Naylor (PacifiCorp) called the meeting to order at 9:05am. Naylor reviewed the agenda and asked the TCC if there were any changes/additions. Kim McCune (PacifiCorp) requested the addition of the 2015 financial reporting.

Naylor reviewed the November 10, 2015 meeting notes and assignments. The meeting notes were approved at 9:15 a.m. without change.

## Discussion – Maple Trees at Merwin Hydro Control Center (HCC); Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Security Concerns

Naylor communicated to the TCC attendees that he was informed by PacifiCorp's dam safety supervisors that during a FERC safety inspection the FERC expressed concern about the need to provide a 20' vegetation clearance around the perimeter of the fence at Merwin Hydro Control (HCC). The FERC is concerned about intruders climbing or jumping the fence undetected.

Naylor will review the subject site again (the TCC has previously reviewed some of the maple trees in question) and make recommendations. The FERC would like the clearing completed this year. Naylor noted that this Spring he will look at the fencing west of HCC to include potential limbing of trees but the needs may involve some tree removal. The FERC indicated approximately 10-15 trees to be removed but Naylor thought this may be more than necessary. Current conditions of the site include large areas of Himalayan blackberry which could thwart intruders getting into the subject site, but PacifiCorp must look nonetheless.

The area adjacent to HCC is referred to as Management Unit 32 in the Wildlife Habitat Management Plan as shown below for reference:



In the figure above, the FERC's area of concern is located between the yellow shaded areas (areas excluded from the WHMP). The red lines in the figure roughly correspond to the 150 foot buffer established for the stream per WHMP guidelines. Of particular note to the FERC inspectors is the area near the entrance gates to the HCC located opposite the red roofed building (HCC) in the image.

Naylor informed the TCC attendees that he will report back to the TCC if anything significant must be done. He also suggested the TCC view the subject site in February or March of this year during a regularly scheduled TCC meeting.

Some of the trees outside of the fence are not technically in the riparian area. Naylor also noted to the TCC that the lower end of the stream in this same area will be impacted by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) I-5 Corridor reinforcement project if they proceed with its transmission line project.

Nathan Reynolds (Cowlitz Indian Tribe) expressed that if the FERC has security concerns which outweigh habitat concerns what is the recourse? Can the FERC help mitigate someplace else? Reynolds would like to see mitigation i.e., planting big leaf maple elsewhere in-kind and invoice PacifiCorp security for time & materials (planting time, trees, transport, etc.).

Peggy Miller (WDFW) communicated that she too would like mitigation considered in project operations and replacement should be considered in the same areas before deferring mitigation to another area.

Naylor will bring the TCC concerns forward to PacifiCorp, keep the TCC informed and make determinations of how to proceed this Spring.

The TCC agreed that depending on the suitability of replacement site(s) other species of trees, other than big leaf maple, may be satisfactory.

## Land Transaction Status

This section is considered confidential and not for public viewing.

### PacifiCorp 2015 Year-end Financial Reporting

McCune informed the TCC of the following year-end financial report:

### 10.2 - Swift No. 1 and Swift No. 2 Land and Habitat Protection

12/31/2015 Balance	\$2,632,793.52*
*includes 2015 contribution of	\$ 633,839.65

### 10.3 - Lewis River Land Acquisition and Habitat Funds

12/31/2015 Balance \$1,092,883.67

The year-end reporting for the Wildlife Habitat Management Plan fund will be provided at the February TCC meeting.

# Other

Eric Holman (WDFW) confirmed that a WDFW representative will be presenting at the February TCC meeting to discuss the opportunity provided in the Lewis River Settlement Agreement, 10.3.3 (details below).

WDFW will present on an Eagle Island project, to include but not limited to, noxious weed removal, herbicide application and habitat enhancements.

10.3.3 <u>Contribution of Additional Matching Funds</u>. In addition to the contributions made under Section 10.3.1, beginning 18 months after Issuance of the New License for the Yale Project or Swift No. 1 Project, whichever is earlier, PacifiCorp shall match the contributions of local, state, and federal agencies, and other persons or organizations, made for the purposes of this Section 10.3, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per year, and not to exceed \$500,000 in any ten consecutive years. Any Party may propose a source of matching funds under this subsection. If and only if a commitment of funds is made by a party other than PacifiCorp, for acquisitions of Interests in Land or for implementation of habitat enhancement projects approved by the TCC, PacifiCorp shall provide matching funds within the limits set forth above at closing of the real estate transaction; no fund will be created. The TCC will identify Interests in Land for acquisitions or identify habitat enhancement projects to be funded with matching funds, and PacifiCorp shall execute approved acquisitions and implement approved enhancement measures.

<10:00 a.m. meeting adjourned>

# Agenda items for February 10, 2016

- Review January 13, 2016 Meeting Notes
- > WDFW 10.3.3 Contribution of Additional Matching Funds; Presentation
- Cowlitz PUD Review of WHMP 2016 Plan
- PacifiCorp Review of WHMP 2016 Plan

## **Next Scheduled Meetings**

February 10, 2016
Merwin Hydro Control Center
Ariel, WA

## Attachments:

• January 13, 2016 Meeting Agenda