

**FINAL Meeting Notes**  
**Lewis River License Implementation**  
**Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting**  
**April 19, 2007**  
**Ariel, WA**

**TCC Participants Present: (8)**

Brock Applegate, WDFW  
 Ray Crosswell, RMEF  
 Eric Holman, WDFW  
 Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp Energy  
 Bob Nelson, RMEF  
 Todd Olson, PacifiCorp Energy  
 Paul Pearce, Skamania County Commissioner  
 Karen Witherspoon, Skamania County Planner

**Calendar:**

April 27, 2007	Merwin WHMP Annual Meeting	Merwin Hydro
May 9, 2007	TCC Meeting	Cowlitz PUD Longview, WA
May 10, 2007	ACC Meeting	Merwin Hydro

<b>Assignments from April 19th Meeting:</b>		
PacifiCorp: Proposed timber harvest areas - Continue with planning (traverse the different road options) and acquire additional information on the entire Management Unit so that everyone has the context of overall management and provide to TCC for review.		<b>In process</b>

<b>Assignments from March 14th Meeting:</b>		
McCune: Confirm time and location of next TCC Sub-committee meeting (3/23/07) to further discuss land acquisition opportunities and inform sub-committee via email.		<b>Complete - 3/14/07</b>
Naylor: Provide maps of the area relating to the properties of interest.		<b>Complete - 3/23/07</b>
McCune: Confirm time and location of the 4/19/07 TCC meeting and inform the TCC via email.		<b>Complete - 3/14/07</b>

<b>Assignments from September 13th Meeting:</b>		
McCune: Email the TCC and Columbia Land Trust with potential dates for a tour of certain lands of interest.		<b>Pending</b>

<b>Parking lot items from February 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting:</b>		
PacifiCorp Wildlife Habitat Management Plan (WHMP) Budget (annual)		
Conservation Agreement – what is wanted?		<b>Ongoing – 4/28/06</b>

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

Kirk Naylor (PacifiCorp Energy) called the meeting to order at 9:05am. Naylor conducted introductions noting special attendance from Paul Pearce, Skamania County Commissioner and Karen Witherspoon, Skamania County Planner.

Naylor requested any additions to the agenda, Todd Olson (PacifiCorp Energy) requested a few minutes at the end of the meeting to brief the TCC on his participation at the April 18, 2007 Swift Community Action Team meeting.

Naylor requested comments and/or changes to the Draft TCC March 14, 2007, meeting notes. No changes were requested and meeting notes approved.

Brock Applegate requested clarification as to when comments were due on the Merwin Annual Report and Plan. Olson noted that the company would accept comments up to two weeks after the MWHMP Annual Meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>, (comments due May 11, 2007).

## **Overview of Swift Subarea Plan**

Commissioner Pearce distributed the Swift Subarea Plan – BCC Initiated Draft and the Skamania County 2007 Comprehensive Plan – BCC Initiated Draft then proceeded to give a brief overview of the Subarea Planning process and Plan outcome (note BCC = Board of County Commissioners)(see attachments). The Plan was submitted to the entire commission on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Originally not included in the Skamania County Comprehensive Plan, the Swift Subarea up until this process had little regulation on how the area was divided and developed. Zoning up until this point was conducted by the County Health Department. Acknowledging what was starting to happen, the county placed a moratorium on parcel divisions until completion of a Subarea Plan. Since January 2006 the County has been in the process to develop a Plan that contains specific land use designations and policies for the Swift Subarea.

Through the process, the county has determined that the Swift Subarea should continue to be a recreation area in a primitive setting, with no services, limited access, and with the knowledge that the area is in a volcanic hazard area.

Commissioner Pearce covered the land use designations of the area (see Figure 2-1 of Subarea Plan), noting that lands designated as Swift Recreational would not be allowed to be divided, nor could they have single family dwellings. In Mountain Recreational lands, the Plan allows for clusters, but does not give the opportunity to come back and ask for a re-zoning of remaining open area. The plan would be in effect for 20 years.

With respect to County Critical Ordinances, the county is revising and will apply across the Subarea. Buffers along sensitive areas will be modified based on best available science.

The Draft Subarea Plan is currently in public review, with comments due to the County by May 1, 2007. On the night of May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Board of Commissioners will hold a hearing and allow public

comment. Later in May, the Commissioners will address lifting the moratorium. Commissioner Pearce noted that Pope Resources (ORM properties) may appeal the process because their properties are designated Commercial Resource Lands and this wouldn't allow development into 5 acre parcels if they decided to not manage them as they currently are for forestry.

### **Swift Community Action Team Meeting**

Olson noted his invited attendance at SCAT's April 18, 2007 meeting. In summary, the group was interested in new docks on Swift reservoir, how company lands would be managed for wildlife, and potential for some ATV trail access. Olson responded how PacifiCorp will be developing a Shoreline Management Plan through a public process, and the Plan will help define the issue of new docks and other shoreline area developments. A general overview of how lands would be managed for wildlife was presented and special note given to ATVs not being allowed. One member requested that PacifiCorp meet with the new area ATV group (CATS) to discuss allowing ATV access at a couple of trail points. Olson noted a willingness to discuss, however, the proposal would need to be presented to and approved by the TCC before any permission would be given.

### **Lands Update Discussion**

Ray Crosswell (RMEF) provided a detailed update relating to interests in certain lands, however, this discussion is considered confidential and proprietary and not for public viewing.

### **Field Visit and Safety Tailboard**

Naylor identified field visit activities and covered safety concerns. The field visit included review of 3 proposed timber harvest areas north of Swift Dam. The areas are mature red alder stands. Additionally, an old meadow adjacent to one of the proposed harvest areas was reviewed and discussed in terms of its potential to enhance its forage. Buffers, road location, snags and additional forage enhancements were discussed. The review team concluded that PacifiCorp should continue with planning (traverse the different road options) and provide to TCC for review. PacifiCorp will continue with the planning process to provide the TCC with additional information on the entire Management Unit so that everyone has the context of overall management.

### **Next Meeting's Agenda**

- Further discussion as necessary for forest management at Management Unit 26
- Other

Meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

### **Next Scheduled Meetings**

<b>May 9, 2007</b>	<b>June 13, 2007</b>
Cowlitz PUD	USFWS
Longview, WA	Lacey, WA
9:00am – 3:00pm	9:00am – 3:00pm

**Handouts**

1. Draft meeting notes from 3/14/07
2. Swift Subarea Plan – Board of County Commissioners Draft, March 20, 2007
3. Skamania County 2007 Comprehensive Plan – Board of County Commissioners Draft, March 20, 2007.