

**FINAL Meeting Notes**  
**Lewis River License Implementation**  
**Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting**  
**July 8, 2009**  
**Conference Call Only**

**TCC Participants Present: (10)**

Ray Croswell, RMEF  
 Kendel Emmerson, PacifiCorp Energy  
 Diana Gritten-MacDonald, Cowlitz PUD  
 LouEllyn Jones, USFWS  
 Curt Leigh, WDFW  
 Kimberly McCune, PacifiCorp Energy  
 Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp Energy  
 Bob Nelson, RMEF  
 Todd Olson, PacifiCorp Energy  
 Nathan Reynolds, Cowlitz Indian Tribe

**Calendar:**

August 12, 2009	TCC Meeting	Conference Call
September 9, 2009	TCC Meeting	Merwin Hydro Control Center

<b>Assignments from July 8, 2009 Meeting:</b>	<b>Status</b>
Moore/Emmerson: Review RRMP and License to confirm if the 92 dispersed campsites is intended as a target or a mandatory number.	<b>Complete - 8/10/09</b>
Moore/Emmerson: Provide additional clarification of where the potential new sites will be located and if these sites encroach on wildlife lands.	<b>Complete - 8/10/09</b>

<b>Assignments from May 13, 2009 Meeting:</b>	<b>Status</b>
Naylor/McCune: Email photos and aerial view of the certain land acquisition sites of interest to the TCC to those TCC participants who have signed a confidentiality agreement.	<b>Complete - 5/13/09</b>
McCune: Email confidential details of the TCC Land Acquisition Subgroup conference call to LouEllyn Jones (USFWS) and Eric Holman (WDFW) per their request.	<b>Complete - 5/13/09</b>
Naylor/McCune: Email a map of the proposed road option location specific to road options and harvest in Unit 17.	<b>Complete - 5/22/09</b>

<b>Parking lot items from February 10, 2006 Meeting:</b>	<b>Status</b>
Conservation Agreement – what is wanted?	<b>Ongoing – 4/28/06</b>

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

Kirk Naylor (PacifiCorp Energy) called the meeting to order at 9:05am and announced the participating attendees. Naylor asked if the TCC attendees had any additions to the agenda. Diana Gritten-MacDonald (Cowlitz PUD) asked to include time to review and discuss the Swift 2 Weed Control and Wetland Restoration Costs document she emailed to the TCC on July 7, 2009.

Naylor reviewed the TCC Draft June 10, 2009 meeting notes and asked for any comments and/or additional changes. Gritten-MacDonald wishes to clarify a statement made by David Geroux (WDFW) on page 2 of the meeting notes and will send an email of clarification to be attached as an addendum to the June 10, 2009 meeting notes.

The TCC meeting notes were approved with the added addendum from Cowlitz PUD at 9:10am.

## **Cowlitz PUD – Weed Control Estimate**

Gritten-MacDonald provided a draft document via email titled, “Swift No. 2 WHMP 2009 Implementation Projects”, dated July 7, 2009 ([Attachment A](#)) which includes a summary of the implementation projects in the 2009 budget, a budget option and the contractor’s estimate of the cost of weed control at Swift No. 2 and the Devil’s Backbone. Gritten-MacDonald requested approval of the budget calculations.

Nathan Reynolds (Cowlitz Indian Tribe) requested confirmation that the approximately \$2,600 allocated to wetland restoration is from the approximately \$7,500 for weed control. Gritten-MacDonald confirmed that Reynolds is correct in his assumption.

**The TCC attendees agreed that Cowlitz PUD should use the remaining approximately \$400.00 and apply to Road 7902 and the TCC approved all other weed control identified in the weed memorandum and budget calculations outlined in Attachment A.**

Curt Leigh (WDFW) suggested the Utilities consider completing a mutual management agreement as it relates to the use of contractors and implementing the WHMP. At this time Leigh only wants the TCC to think about it and he will submit a formal proposal to the TCC at a later date.

## **Diana Gritten-MacDonald departed**

## **Lands Update**

Ray Crosswell (RMEF) informed the TCC attendees of the details relating to certain property of interest, however, this discussion is considered confidential and proprietary and not for public viewing. Detailed discussion took place regarding next steps, environmental assessment, appraisal, etc.

Naylor informed the TCC attendees that the Land Acquisition Subgroup has selected the company who will complete valuation work for property of interest in the Swift area. Naylor will announce to the TCC who will perform the work on or before the August TCC meeting. In addition, the Subgroup will provide results of the valuation back to the TCC for their review on or about mid September 2009.

## **Ray Croswell departed**

### **WHMP Implementation Topics**

*Raptor Survey Results* – Unit 17 raptor survey completed; Kendel Emmerson (PacifiCorp Energy) will provide the TCC with survey results of Units 11, 17, and 18 at the August TCC meeting.

Emmerson also noted that the bald eagle nesting results were low (4 eagles and 13 osprey nests). It appears last spring was rough on birds.

*Property Encroachment Updates* – Naylor informed the TCC attendees that letters have been submitted for a number of encroachment issues in Unit 4 requesting restitution. PacifiCorp has experienced some success whereby materials have been removed and trees have been replanted in an effort to restore the habitat. PacifiCorp is seeking reimbursement from the property owner for the cost of its replanting efforts.

Approximately six encroachments have been discovered in Unit 17 and PacifiCorp is receiving fairly good responses from the property owners responsible for the encroachments.

Naylor reported that there is heavy usage (encroachments) in Unit 17; neighbors are reporting illegal use to PacifiCorp and glue or paint was placed in the gate locks by a vandal. PacifiCorp will continue to enforce property rights and protect the environment. In addition, PacifiCorp is addressing other encroachment issues to varying degrees such as a hot tub on PacifiCorp land, fences and a cabin across property lines (encroaching on PacifiCorp land).

### **Dispersed Recreation Sites Update**

Emmerson reported to the TCC attendees that field work was finished in April 2009 and the results and data have been incorporated into a draft report.

A total of 143 dispersed recreation sites were evaluated in the Lewis River Project area within five categories of dispersed recreation sites: mapped with use, mapped with no use, mapped potential, new potential, and new with use. Based on the results of the 2009 dispersed recreation site assessment, 71 sites are suitable for dispersed camping based on the criteria developed for this assessment.

Most sites were determined to be unsuitable because of the poor access potential (the slope of the bank at each site); and a few because of the potential affects to sensitive resources (species habitat, wetlands, streams, cultural resources, and bank erosion potential). The next step is for PacifiCorp to add an appendix to identify which sites will be designated as day use, overnight use, or closed. The final document will be submitted to the TCC this October or November 2009.

Curt Leigh (WDFW) communicated that the WDFW has no interest to reduce wildlife lands to increase recreation sites. He would like further review if the 92 dispersed campsites is intended as a target or a mandatory number and additional clarification of where the potential new sites will be located and if these sites encroach on wildlife lands. The rest of the TCC concurred with this.

## **New Topics/Issues**

Unit 17 timber harvest will begin in July after raptor surveys complete.

## **Next Meeting's Agenda**

- Review of 7/8/09 Meeting Notes
- Lands Update
- Raptor Survey Results
- Respond to questions on Dispersed Recreation Sites

## **Public Comment Opportunity**

No public comment was provided.

## **Next Scheduled Meetings**

<b>August 12, 2009</b>	<b>September 9, 2009</b>
Conference Call	Merwin Hydro Control Center
	Ariel, WA
9:00am – 12:00pm	9:00am – 3:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am

## **Handouts**

- o Agenda
- o Draft meeting notes from 6/10/09
- o [Attachment A](#) - Swift No. 2 WHMP 2009 Implementation Projects, dated July 7, 2009

**McCune, Kimberly**

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**From:** Diana MacDonald [dmacdonald@cowlitzpud.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 07, 2009 7:32 PM  
**To:** McCune, Kimberly; brichardson@RMEF.org; Bob Nelson; Casey Barney; ckearney@columbialandtrust.org; Clifford Casseseka; Curt Leigh; Darlene Johnson; Emmerson, Kendel; holmaewh@dfw.wa.gov; Jim Eychaner; Jim Malinowski; joannam@yakama.com; Joel Rupley; John Clapp; John Weinheimer; LouEllyn Jones; M.Reese@tds.net; Michelle Day; Mitch Wainwright; Nathan Reynolds; Naylor, Kirk; Olson, Todd; pearce@co.skamania.wa.us; shedhunt@aol.com; Ryan Lopossa; Shannon Wills; HML LRN (Branz, Steve); Susan Rosebrough; taalvik@cowlitz.org  
**Subject:** Swift 2 Weed Control and Wetland Restoration Costs  
**Attachments:** Weed Control Estimate July 09.xlsx

Hi,

The TCC asked for estimates of the cost of restoring the wetland at Swift No. 2 that was inundated in January 2009, and for a Contractor's estimate of the cost of weed control at Swift No. 2 and the Devil's Backbone.

The attached DRAFT spreadsheet includes a summary of the implementation projects in the 2009 budget, a budget option, and the Contractor's estimate of the cost of weed control at Swift No. 2 and the Devil's Backbone.

As you will see, it is possible, within the 2009 budget, to restore the wetland and accomplish some weed control.

In the Budget Option column, the weed control covers .9 acres at the Devil's Backbone wetland and 10 acres at Swift No. 2 from the inundated wetland west to the transmission line.

Thanks,

Diana MacDonald  
Manager Environmental and Regulatory Services  
Cowlitz PUD  
360-577-7585

Swift No. 2 WHMP 2009 Implementation Projects

Summary WHMP Annual Plan 2009 Budget	Costs to Date	Flexibility	Budget Option
Implementation Projects			
Annual Public Access Monitoring	\$739.00	\$1,104.55	\$1,104.55
Invasive Plant Survey	\$739.00	\$1,104.55	\$1,104.55
Weed Control	\$7,434.00	\$5,721.05	\$4,137.77
Seed Slide Area	\$601.00	\$485.55	\$485.55
Wetland Inspection	\$411.00	\$411.00	\$411.00
Wetland Restoration		\$2,616.00	\$2,616.00
Budget Remaining Year End	\$329.00		393.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,253.00</b>	<b>\$3,105.65</b>	<b>\$8,337.05</b>

To get to \$4,531 in 2009 Weed Control

DBMU-11 - SUMMER	\$1,035.64
DBMU-11 - FALL 2009	\$1,513.61
SW2 REV - SUMMER - 2009	\$1,285.57
	\$3,834.82
7.9% Tax	\$302.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,137.77</b>

Swift No. 2 Weed Control Contractor's Estimate

Task	Contractor's Estimate
	Total Labor Equipment Chemicals
SW2 REV - SUMMER - 2009	\$1,285.57
SW2 REV - SUMMER/FALL	\$738.82
	\$2,024.39

7901 ROAD - SUMMER	\$247.54
7901 ROAD - FALL 2009	\$117.75
	\$365.29

7902 ROAD - SUMMER - BC&D	\$225.50
7902 ROAD - FALL 2009 - BC&D	\$137.75
	\$363.25

DBMU-11 - SUMMER	\$1,035.64
DBMU-11 - FALL 2009	\$1,513.61
	\$2,549.25

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,302.18</b>
7.9% Tax	\$418.87
<b>Total 2009, including tax</b>	<b>\$5,721.05</b>