

FINAL Meeting Notes
Lewis River License Implementation
Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting
January 13, 2010
Ariel, WA

TCC Participants Present: (10)

Ray Croswell, RMEF
 Kendel Emmerson, PacifiCorp Energy
 Diana Gritten-MacDonald, Cowlitz PUD (via conference)
 Eric Holman, WDFW
 Curt Leigh, WDFW (via conference)
 Kimberly McCune, PacifiCorp Energy (via conference)
 Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp Energy
 Bob Nelson, RMEF
 Nathan Reynolds, Cowlitz Indian Tribe
 Cherie Kearney, Columbia Land Trust (via conference)

Calendar:

February 10, 2010	TCC Meeting	Merwin Hydro Control Center
March 10, 2010	TCC Meeting	Merwin Hydro Control Center

Assignments from January 13, 2010 Meeting:	Status
McCune: Insert the requested changes to the Draft TCC 12/9/09 meeting notes and email to the TCC for their review and approval.	Complete – 1/14/10
McCune: Distribute the revised Yale Land Acquisition talking points document to TCC participants who have signed a confidentiality agreement.	Complete – 1/13/10
Kearney: Coordinate with McCune to convene a land acquisition subgroup meeting as early as mid February 2010.	Pending
McCune/Naylor: Coordinate with creating a land acquisition spreadsheet to include type designations for the TCC review and approval.	Pending

Assignments from December 9, 2009 Meeting:	Status
Leigh and Naylor: Exchange the contact information for their respective public information officers.	Leigh complete – 12/9/09 Naylor complete - 1/13/10
McCune: Inform the TCC when the press release has been issued to the general public.	Per Naylor on 1/13/10 – waiting to publish when RMEF publication is released in Spring 2010

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

Review of Agenda and Finalize Meeting Notes

Kirk Naylor (PacifiCorp Energy) called the meeting to order at 9:05am. Naylor asked if the TCC attendees had any additions or changes to the agenda. Diana Gritten-Macdonald (Cowlitz PUD) requested the addition of a brief discussion about the Washington Department of Natural Resources Ecology Conservation Corp.

Naylor reviewed the TCC Draft December 9, 2009 meeting notes and asked for any comments and/or additional changes. The TCC requested the following changes:

Modify the discussion titled, “Draft Yale Property Acquisition Press Release” beginning on page two to read as follows:

Naylor communicated to the TCC attendees that the content of the handout titled, Talking Points for Yale Land Acquisition ([Attachment A – Confidential](#)) has been approved by PacifiCorp’s communications department; however, input is also requested from the TCC. After review and discussion (the details of which is considered confidential and not for public viewing at this time), the TCC suggested minor edits which Naylor will incorporate into the document for re-submittal to PacifiCorp’s communications department, WDFW communications department and RMEF.

Upon general discussion about other State resources for distributing details of the press release to the public Curt Leigh (WDFW) and Naylor will exchange the contact information for their respective public information officers so they can communicate about the best approach. The final talking points will be distributed to those TCC participants who have signed a confidentiality agreement.

Modify the discussion titled, “Discuss Year End TCC Accounting” beginning on page three to read as follows:

Naylor expressed to the TCC attendees that interest has yet to be calculated on a number of the attached fund trackers ([Attachment B](#)), but will be updated at year end 2009. Interest calculation is in accordance with the Lewis River Settlement agreement as follows:

“Adjusted for Inflation” means that the stated dollar amount shall be adjusted according to the following formula:

$$AD = D \times (NGDP/IGDP)$$

WHERE:

AD = Adjusted dollar amount as of April 30 of the year in which the adjustment is made.

D = Dollar amount prior to adjustment.

IGDP = GDP-IPD for the fourth quarter of the year prior to the previous April 30 adjustment date.

NGDP = GDP-IPD for the fourth quarter of the year prior to the current April 30 adjustment date.

“GDP-IPD” is the value published for the Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (being on the basis of 2000 = 100), in the third month following the end of the applicable quarter. If that index ceases to be published, any reasonably equivalent index published by the Bureau of Economic Analysis may be substituted by the Parties. If the base year for GDP-IPD is changed or if publication of the index is discontinued, the Parties shall promptly make adjustments or, if necessary, select an appropriate alternative index to achieve the same economic effect.

If a sum is stated in 2003 dollars, then the first adjustment shall be as of April 30, 2004. If a sum is stated in 2004 dollars, then the first adjustment shall be as of April 30, 2005.

Kimberly McCune (PacifiCorp Energy) will insert the requested changes in the December 9, 2009 meeting notes and email the revision to the TCC for their review and approval at the February 2010 TCC meeting.

Ecology Conservation Corp (EC)

Diana Gritten-MacDonald (Cowlitz PUD) asked if the TCC is interested in having the EC come out and if so what would the TCC like them to do. Curt Leigh (WDFW) asked Gritten-MacDonald if they do noxious weeds (i.e. pulling scotch broom). Gritten-MacDonald will check and get back to the TCC. In addition, Kendel Emmerson (PacifiCorp Energy) recommended that she contact Justin Bush, Skamania County Noxious Weed Coordinator. He had some funding and crews available to do noxious weed control work in 2009 and may be looking for areas to work in 2010.

Swift Land Update Discussion

Cherie Kearney (Columbia Land Trust) provided a lands update relating to a certain parcel in the Swift area which is considered confidential and proprietary and not for public viewing.

Kearney expressed that it is important for CLT to convene a land acquisition subgroup meeting as early as mid February 2010. Kearney will coordinate with McCune to set up a meeting.

Kearney and Curt Leigh (WDFW) departed

<Break 10:00am>

<Reconvene 10:10am>

Yale Land Update Discussion

Ray Crosswell (RMEF) informed the TCC of a parcel the TCC may be interested in acquiring. For the purpose of confidentiality this parcel will be called, "South of Bridge meadow".

General discussion took place about habitat value, proximity of this property to use Yale funds, the list price, proximity to owned PacifiCorp lands and intent of the Yale funds.

Crosswell requested the TCC to advise their level of interest and if he should meet with the realtor and schedule a walk-through of the subject parcel.

The TCC attendees agreed that Crosswell should make arrangements to gather more basic information for further TCC consideration. Crosswell will inform the TCC when he schedules a walk-through so they can attend, if interested.

Further discussion took place about effective ways to track discussion about specific parcels of interest to memorialize the decisions while still maintaining confidentiality within the meeting notes. The TCC attendees determined that a spreadsheet of sorts can be created to track who decided to proceed or not to proceed with pursuit of a particular parcel of interest. The spreadsheet will be "internal only" and not made available to the general public. Each parcel will be identified with a 1, 2, 3 type designation. McCune/Naylor will coordinate with creating a spreadsheet for the TCC review and approval.

Naylor discussed the recent purchase of Yale lands relating to current work and future plans. Crews began slashing alder in a previously logged area to release the Douglas-fir seedlings and get a better idea of tree stocking and invasive weed issues. The TCC was pleased this work had already begun. General discussion involved the need to address the Himalayan blackberry and scotch broom issues in the initial years of management. Additionally, there are concerns with water flow on the property that needs to be addressed. These issues and plans will also be described in the upcoming annual management plans. A planned field review of the area with the TCC today was deferred due to inclement weather but was covered using aerial photos of the property.

Recreation Implementation Plan Updates – David Moore (PacifiCorp Energy)

Dispersed Site Monitoring Report – Moore provided a cursory review of the Dispersed Site Monitoring Report. In addition, he informed the TCC attendees that this report will be made available on the Lewis River website on Friday, January 15, 2010 or shortly thereafter. A link will be provided for their convenience.

Within the report the TCC will see that 143 sites were evaluated (108 at Yale, 24 at Swift and 11 at Merwin). The original licensing efforts identified 90 sites.

Of the 143 sites 72 have been recommended for closure (58 at Yale, 7 at Swift and 7 at Merwin).

PacifiCorp selected 15 sites to harden at Yale and 16 to harden at Swift. Merwin will be strictly day use (no hardening of sites at Merwin).

The sites that have been identified are on PacifiCorp lands and US Forest Service lands at Drift Creek on Swift Reservoir. The schedule for implementation is 2010 and 2011 (the 2nd and 3rd year of the license).

Recreation Facilities Master Plan – Moore informed the TCC attendees that in order to meet the license requirements, PacifiCorp put the Plan together for renovation of existing facilities to meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. In addition, the Plan includes conceptual site plans to guide us with further detailed design. If Wildlife Habitat Management (WHMP) lands are affected further consultation will occur with the appropriate parties.

2010 Implementation Projects - The regulatory deadline for the following improvements is the 4th anniversary and ADA improvements are the 7th anniversary of the License.

- Merwin Park ADA Improvements
- Marble Creek ADA Improvements
- Cresap Bay ADA Improvements
- Yale Park Boat Launch and Parking
- Beaver Bay ADA Improvements
- Dispersed Site Hardening

Kimberly McCune (PacifiCorp departed)

Discussion of potential BPA I-5 corridor routing on WHMP lands

Naylor described to the TCC conversations he has had with the BPA regarding the proposed 500 kV corridor routing that may impact the WHMP lands. The 4 potential routes were discussed and the general vegetation cover types affected. Of greatest concern are the old growth conifer stands, raptor nesting, roosting and staging areas and impact on the developed recreation sites. Current public input is encouraging BPA towards looking at these eastern routes rather than the western routes that impact more individual private properties (the not in my backyard syndrome). Naylor wanted the TCC to be thinking about the potential impact of these routes in regards to the WHMP and will schedule a meeting in February for the BPA and TCC to have specific discussions regarding impacts on existing mitigation lands.

Budget Discussion

Naylor summarized for the TCC the end of year expenses for 2009 WHMP implementation inclusive of dollars per acre adjusted for inflation and interest. The overall budget was exceeded by \$2,590.01 and this will be used to adjust the 2010 budget. The specific cost for each task (Forestland management, raptor management etc.) was discussed and will be included in the final report. Additional summaries were verbally provided for the individual land acquisition accounts and these will also be provided in the final reports.

New Topics/Issues

Naylor will schedule a separate BPA/TCC meeting in February 2010 because several TCC members cannot attend the regularly scheduled TCC meeting.

Next Meeting's Agenda

- Review of 12/09/09 and 1/13/10 Meeting Notes
- Yale and Swift Lands Update

Public Comment Opportunity

No public comment was provided.

Next Scheduled Meetings

February 10, 2010	March 10, 2010
Merwin Hydro Control Center	Merwin Hydro Control Center
Ariel, WA	Ariel, WA
9:00am – 3:00pm	9:00am – 3:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

The group decided to forgo the scheduled site visit

Handouts

- o Agenda
- o Draft meeting notes from 12/9/09