

FINAL Meeting Notes
Lewis River License Implementation
Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting
April 9, 2008
Longview, WA

TCC Participants Present: (11)

Brock Applegate, WDFW (via teleconference)
 Ray Crosswell, RMEF
 Kendel Emmerson, PacifiCorp Energy
 David Geroux, WDFW
 Diana Gritten-MacDonald, Cowlitz PUD (12:15 – 12:45pm)
 Eric Holman, WDFW
 LouEllyn Jones, USFWS
 Kimberly McCune, PacifiCorp Energy
 Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp Energy
 Bob Nelson, RMEF
 Nathan Reynolds, Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Calendar:

May 14, 2008	TCC Meeting	Merwin Hydro Facility
May 8, 2008	ACC Meeting	Merwin Hydro Facility

Assignments from April 9th Meeting:	Status
Emmerson: Write an addendum to the raptor chapter for TCC review and comment specifically relating to the SOSEA boundaries to further explain/interpret the addition of section 25 (not including Section 26) and a more definitive explanation of why. Include map revisions also.	
Emmerson: Research why the minimum 50 percent cover of desirable grasses changed from 60 percent in Section X.5.4 Forage Restoration of the Draft Farmland Chapter.	
Emmerson: Determine if 600 ft from cover is consistent with the current SOP language, instead of the 1200 ft stated in the draft Farmland, Meadow, and Idle Areas Chapter.	

Assignments from March 12th Meeting:	Status
Kearney: Stay in touch with Kimberly McCune (PacifiCorp Energy) and/or Todd Olson to schedule the date and location of the meeting with the TCC and interested land owner in April 2008.	Complete – 3/25/08
McCune/Kearney: Set up a combined TCC/ACC meeting in April to discuss land opportunities and interests.	Pending
McCune: Add to the April TCC agenda review of that certain portion of the wetland chapter specific to the 50:50 cover ratio.	Complete – 3/17/08
Emmerson: Schedule a wetland site visit with David Geroux and other interested TCC parties.	Complete – 4/15/08, scheduled for 4/28/08

McCune: Email Word version of Draft WHMP Chapter – Farmland, Idle Fields and Meadows to Brock Applegate (WDFW).	Complete – 3/12/08
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Assignments from January 9th Meeting:	Status
Naylor/Emmerson: Incorporate the following into the Forest Management chapter: WHMP lands that are within the SOSEA should have greater spotted owl protection than what is provided in Forest Practices Act and timber management actions should increase or improve spotted owl habitat in the SOSEA.	
McCune: Publish the Draft SMP on the Lewis River website and notify the TCC when available for viewing.	Complete – 1/10/08

Assignments from September 12, 2007 Meeting:	Status
Naylor/Emmerson: Incorporate the following text into the Forest Management chapter of the WHMP, <i>“Prior to any harvest, the areas will be evaluated (ground truth) to determine whether or not the area qualifies as NSO habitat.”</i>	In process

Parking lot items from February 10, 2006 Meeting:	Status
PacifiCorp Wildlife Habitat Management Plan (WHMP) Budget (annual)	
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. A round table introduction was conducted for the benefit of those participating via teleconference and Nathan Reynolds was introduced as the new TCC representative for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. Naylor conducted a review of the agenda for the day and requested if the TCC had any additions to the agenda. No additions were requested.

Naylor reviewed the TCC Draft March 12, 2008 meeting notes and assignments with the TCC attendees and asked for any comments and/or additional changes.

Brock Applegate (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - WDFW) requested changes relating to the SOSEA historical notes: Review of Boundary Comments as follows:

End of second paragraph, page 3, add the following text:

WDFW requested that the TCC continue the discussion over the inclusion of Section 26 into the SOSEA buffer during the next TCC meeting, when we could include Eric Holman (WDFW) on the discussion.

Add a fourth paragraph on page 3 to include the following:

WDFW disagrees with this approach of writing the forestry chapter first and then evaluating instead of resolving first. Brock Applegate (WDFW) expressed that by deciding the target management objective beforehand (IE Which areas to include in the SOSEA buffer.), the objective

would guide the development of the WHMP forestry chapter. Applegate noted that Objectives i or j only propose that the TCC manage 50% of the WHMP lands for spotted owls, leaving the other 50% for other target species. In fact the reclassification of Section 26 would change the target from 50% “submature” suitable spotted owl habitat to 50% “high quality nesting” suitable spotted habitat as the target, since most of Section 26 resides within a spotted owl management circle anyway.

At the end of the fifth paragraph, page 4, add the following text:

However, this change should only require a change in mapping, something PacifiCorp does often with updating their vegetation cover types in their GIS database, according to WDFW.

The meeting notes were approved at 9:25am with the above-referenced changes submitted by WDFW via email.

Lands Update Discussion

Kirk Naylor (PacifiCorp Energy) and Ray Crosswell (RMEF) provided updates relating to interests in certain lands, however, this discussion is considered confidential and proprietary and not for public viewing.

<Break 9:50 am>

<Reconvene 10:00am>

Shoreline Management Plan Update

Kimberly McCune (PacifiCorp Energy) informed the TCC attendees that the SMP 30-day review document is currently in internal review. The current schedule is to release the document on or about 5/1/08 to the ACC, TCC, SA Parties and the general public. A public meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2008.

License Issuance Update

No significant changes we are aware of at this time. Therefore, the earliest anticipated date for license issuance is June 2008.

Wetlands Chapter Discussion (specific to the 50:50 cover ratio)

David Geroux (WDFW) requested postponing this agenda item to the May 14, 2008 TCC meeting. Geroux will email WDFW comments on the wetlands chapter to the TCC for their review prior to the May TCC meeting. The TCC attendees agreed to move this agenda item to May 2008.

SOSEA Review of Boundary Comments

Naylor provided a map which illustrated SOSEA boundaries and vegetation cover types in Sections 25 and 26. General discussion took place regarding why Section 25 was not included in the original 2-mile SOSEA buffer. It was agreed that PacifiCorp would write an addendum to the

raptor chapter for TCC review and comment specifically relating to the SOSEA boundaries to further explain/interpret the addition of utility ownership in section 25 and a more definitive explanation of why.

In regards to PacifiCorp ownership in the NE corner of Section 26, there was continued discussion regarding its potential inclusion in the 2-mile SOSEA buffer. The WDFW discussed that the reclassification of Section 26 as part of the SOSEA buffer would change the target from 50% “submature” suitable spotted owl habitat to 50% “high quality nesting” suitable spotted habitat as the target, since most of Section 26 resides within a spotted owl management circle anyway. PacifiCorp stated that Objective i (4.2.4 Raptor Site Management Goal and Objectives) specifically used the statement “Unless separated by a reservoir” as a criterion for the boundary of the 2-mile buffer and the inclusion of PacifiCorp lands in section 26 conflicted with this.

- **Objective i:** *Unless separated by a reservoir from the SOSEA over the life of the licenses, manage at least 50 percent of WHMP lands within a 2-mile (3.2 km) buffer outside of the Siouxon SOSEA to provide/develop high quality nesting spotted owl habitat, as defined by WAC 222-16-085 (1) (a).*

Applegate (WDFW) noted that the SOSEA boundary technically crossed the reservoir or existed on the north side of the reservoir, so no reservoir separated the 2-mile SOSEA buffer from the SOSEA boundary. He requested that we argue the merits of spotted owl habitat value in Section 26 and not ones of political boundaries. Does it make sense to increase spotted owl habitat between the SOSEA and Gifford Pinchot National Forest lands to the north or not? WDFW thought that extending the 2-mile SOSEA buffer to the Panamaker-Cougar Creek Conservation Covenant made some sense to offer spotted owls migration corridors between important spotted owl habitats.

PacifiCorp also described that the current stand conditions in Section 26 are Upland Deciduous and there are errors in the DNR water type map that fail to show an additional stream. When the revision of the water typing is completed and the stream buffers are added these areas will provide additional corridors connecting to the Forest Service lands across PacifiCorp’s property boundary. The group noted the Cougar Conservation Covenant in the NW quarter of Section 26 as dispersal habitat and a further corridor connecting to the Forest Service Monument lands.

Discussion on the inclusion of Section 26 into the Spotted Owl Management is ongoing, as no resolution has been achieved.

In regards to Section 25, the group concluded that PacifiCorp should include further interpretation of the objective to the TCC in the raptor chapter. PacifiCorp Energy will write an addendum to the raptor chapter for TCC review and comment and revise the maps. The TCC attendees agreed that PacifiCorp’s addendum will further explain/interpret the addition of Section 25 (not including Section 26) as part of the SOSEA buffer and a more definitive explanation of why (i.e., “TCC recognized that the SOSEA crossed the bypass reach ”..... as added rational for that additional area).

As regards to forest management in the SOSEA, Naylor suggested allowing the writing of the forest management plan to go forward at this point, and evaluating additional needs and

opportunities for doing more inside the SOSEA as part of the TCC discretion when developing site specifics. WDFW continues to disagree with this approach, as was also noted in the March 12th meeting notes.

Farmland, Idle Fields and Meadows Chapter Discussion: 30-day review document

Geroux informed the TCC attendees that WDFW will be submitting formal comments on or before April 11, 2008. All comments and edits below are suggested and will be discussed further by the TCC.

X.2.3 SPECIES ASSOCIATION

On page 2, modify the last sentence to read as follows: These species will be the focus of wildlife detection during inspections (Section X.4).

X. 3 FARM, IDLE FIELDS, AND MEADOWS MANAGEMENT AREAS

On page 4, add clarification/definition of active meadow vs. passive meadow

On page 4, modify 3rd sentence to read: “Idle areas were managed to reduce shrub encroachment and maintain grasses by conducting invasive plant species control and mowing as needed, but if possible, PacifiCorp should conduct mowing after August 15 or as close to as possible to protect migratory birds and their nests.”

Table X.3.1

On page 5, modify title to read Current WHMP Lands Meadows, Farmland, and Idle Areas.

X.4.1 INITIAL INSPECTIONS

On page 6, modify the fifth bullet to read as follows: “Describe current access to the area and access restrictions or limitations to determine type of management”.

X.5.1 MOWING OR HAY HARVEST

In third paragraph, revise first sentence to say: “Actively managed meadows will be mowed annually between August 15 and August 31 to promote fall regrowth and to improve winter big game forage.”

In fourth paragraph, revise second sentence to say: “Idle fields should not be mowed earlier than August 15 and it should coincide with the Saddle Dam Farmland mowing.

On page 8 & 9, add text regarding “fire Hazard”, and adjust the fall mowing dates/text to read: August 15 to August 31, if possible.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (Mowing or Hay Harvest)

On page 9, adjust the August 1 date to read, “August 15, if possible”.

On page 9, remove the fifth bullet which reads as follows:

- Avoid changing tractor implements or refueling within 100 ft (30 m) of an occupied nest box.

X.5.2 SOIL TESTING

On page 9 change “approximately 15 samples” to “the number of samples should be broad and represent the size and variation of the area”

X.5.4 FORAGE RESTORATION

On page 12, research why the minimum 50 percent cover of desirable grasses changed from 60 percent.

Add text on page 12 relating to, “Therefore it may be more cost-effective to do two fields in the same growing season” add the additional language “or to do a portion of a single field”.

X.5.4 ACCESS CONTROL AND DISTURBANCE REDUCTION

On page 15, modify the following sentence in the first paragraph to read as follows: “Line-of-sight within farmlands, idle fields, and meadows will be reduced with visual screens to no more than *600 ft from cover*, where feasible and necessary (Woodland Fish and Wildlife Project 1992)”. Kendel will verify that this is consistent with the current SOP.

On page 15, change the text, “...gaps that average 10 feet or less” to “gaps that are no more than 10 feet” in the second paragraph.

X.6 SCHEDULE AND ESTIATED EFFORT

Under Inspections change “5-year Spring Inspection” to 5-year Passively Managed Meadows Inspections”

Table X.6.1 Farmland, Idle Area, and Meadow Habitat Management Schedule and Estimated Effort

Revise Fall Mowing/ Hay Harvest timing to read: “August 15 to August 31, if possible.”

Appendix X-2

To the Lewis River WHMP – Meadow, Farmland, and Idle Area Initial Inspection survey form, add“” Savannah Sparrow in the Wildlife Observation section.

New topics/issues

Naylor informed the TCC attendees that PacifiCorp began funding the WDFW enforcement officer as of 4/1/08.

McCune reported that the present balance in the Lewis River Yale Land Fund (SA Section 10.1 – 10.1.1) as of 3/31/08 is \$3,203,742.47 (**Attachment A**).

Next Meeting’s Agenda

- Review of 4/09/08 Meeting Notes
- Jon Rose, Pope Resources
- PacifiCorp Memorandum, SOSEA review of boundary comments
- Wetland Chapter Discussion (specific to the 50:50 cover ratio)

- Shoreline Management Plan Update
- License Issuance Update
- Old Growth Chapter overview (?)

Public Comment Opportunity

No public comment was provided.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.

Next Scheduled Meetings

May 14, 2008	June 11, 2008
Merwin Hydro Facility	USFWS
Ariel, WA	Lacey, WA
9:00am – 3:00pm	9:00am – 3:00pm

Handouts

1. Agenda
2. Draft meeting notes from 3/12/08
3. **Attachment A** – Lewis River Yale Land Fund financial report as of 3/31/08

Lewis River License Implementation
Lewis River Yale Land Fund
Section 10.1 - 10.1.1

Funding Start Date: 4/1/05

Release Date	Funds Received	Expense	Interest	Balance	Notes
12/31/05				\$ 1,573,922.62	Contributions in 2003 dollars, adjusted for inflation Fixed prime rate nearest April 1 of each year
4/30/06	\$ 1,081,853.45				
12/31/06			\$ 90,500.56	\$ 2,746,276.63	
12/31/07			\$ 212,836.46	\$ 2,959,113.09	
3/31/08			\$ 244,629.38	\$ 3,203,742.47	
Total Spent to Date:			\$ -		
Running Total:			\$ 3,203,742.47		