

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

Date & Time: **Wednesday, June 8, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Place: **Merwin Hydro Facility
105 Merwin Village Court
Ariel, WA 98603**

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Time	Discussion Item
9:00 a.m.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Preview Agenda ➤ Review and comment on notes of 04/13/11 meeting ➤ Adopt 04/13/11 Meeting Notes
9:30 a.m.	➤ BPA Mitigation Letter (if necessary)
10:00 a.m.	➤ Lands Update / Professional's Day Update
10:15 a.m.	➤ Leave for field site visits
10:35 a.m.	➤ Site visit at Speelyai Day Use Park to look at recently proposed THA for 2012 that was identified due to hazard trees adjacent to parking area and restrooms.
11:15 a.m.	➤ David Moore (PacifiCorp Recreation) to discuss the following (Includes site visit): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Saddle Dam equestrian parking, and ○ Kayaking take-out point at Yale Bridge off the 503
12:15 p.m.	Lunch (while traveling to Swift)
12: 45 p.m.	➤ Site visit to proposed timber harvest area in Management Unit 28 and/ or the Swift property acquisition
2:30 p.m.	Return to HCC
3:30 p.m.	Adjourn meeting

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Please also note:

- Lunch will not be provided, please bring you own.
- We will be going out in the field, please come prepared!
- Riparian buffer management will be discussed if time allows but is deferred until GIS maps are completed.

FINAL Meeting Notes
Lewis River License Implementation
Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting
June 8, 2011
MEETING AT MERWIN HCC

TCC Participants Present: (10)

Diana Gritten-MacDonald, Cowlitz County PUD (teleconference)
 Ray Crosswell, RMEF
 Bob Nelson, RMEF
 Bill Richardson, RMEF
 Peggy Miller, WDFW
 Eric Holman, WDFW
 Nathan Reynolds, Cowlitz Indian Tribe
 Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp Energy
 Sabrina Hickerson, PacifiCorp Energy
 David Moore (PacifiCorp Energy)

Calendar:

July 13, 2011	TCC Meeting at Merwin HCC	HCC
August 10, 2011	TCC Meeting at Merwin HCC	HCC

Assignments from June 8, 2011 Meeting:	Status
Naylor: Complete letter and assessment of BPA proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project impacts to WHMP lands as reviewed and approved by the TCC.	Completed 6/13/11

Assignments from January 13, 2010 Meeting:	Status
Naylor: Create a land acquisition spreadsheet to include type designations for the TCC review and approval as necessary.	Pending

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

Parking lot items from April 13, 2011 Meeting	Status
Naylor: Provide TCC with Riparian Management Plan in June for review.	Pending
Discuss the revising the Annual Plan and Report to meet TCC and FERC needs while reducing overall cost to write and produce – <i>To discuss in at September / October meetings.</i>	Pending

Review of Agenda and Finalize Meeting Notes

Kirk Naylor (PacifiCorp) called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. The TCC reviewed the agenda.

Diana Gritten-MacDonald (Cowlitz PUD) requested an update on the Canal bridge construction being conducted by the US Forest Service. She was advised that the contract for the work just went

out to bid last week. No further information was available since no one from the Forest Service was in attendance.

Eric Holman (WDFW) asked for a summary of how the TCC relates to the RCC. Overall, the TCC has the ability to provide comments, feedback, and request mitigation when recreation construction impacts WHMP lands and wildlife. The Settlement Agreement established a high level of communication and coordination among the parties to facilitate adaptive management and ensure that collaborative processes continue during implementation of all resource projects.

Nothing was added, deleted, or changed to the agenda and it was accepted at 9:21 a.m.

Last month's meeting minutes were reviewed at 9:21 a.m. The land acquisition spreadsheet is not needed at the moment but will remain in the parking lot should it be needed in the future. Holman suggested taking out the BPA presentation notes and Naylor agreed.

Peggy Miller (WDFW) had a comment on page seven. The vegetation study area did not match up with the eagle study area and Miller wanted to overlay the two to determine how they were related (i.e. where the eagle roosts were in relation to old-growth and the proposed corridors). The notes say this overlay is included in the MB&G report and it is not. Sabrina Hickerson (PacifiCorp Energy) will delete the statement as requested.

Nathan Reynolds (Cowlitz Indian Tribe) has a question on page eight. Naylor was to speak with the ACC regarding BPA's proposed transmission line. Naylor advised that he did call into the ACC meeting on May 12, 2011 and provided the ACC with a summary of the plans for the transmission line and potential impacts it will have on habitat and wildlife. The ACC requested that riparian habitat, stream buffer, and erosion be addressed in the letter response to BPA. Miller requested that the ACC be mentioned in the letter to BPA and the TCC agreed. Naylor will add a sentence to the letter indicating the ACC's concerns.

No other comments, changes, deletions, or additions were made and the meeting notes were accepted at 9:36 a.m.

Next month's meeting will be on July 13, 2011. Topics will include a discussion on riparian buffers and lands update.

BPA Mitigation Letter (Confidential)

Lands Update (Confidential)

< Depart 10:30 a.m. for site visits >

Speelyai Day-Use Area

The TCC visited the day-use site at Speelyai to review the hazard trees over-hanging the public parking lot. It was agreed to cut down the alders as they threaten public safety and property. A conifer mix will be planted in place of the alders with a dense screen immediately adjacent the

parking lot (likely western red cedar) and the remaining hillside should be planted at a wider spacing interval to encourage more shrub establishment. Based on TCC agreement, this harvest will be added to the 2012 forest plan.

Saddle Dam Equestrian Parking

David Moore (PacifiCorp) presented the plans for the parking area for equestrian trailers at the Saddle Dam recreation site. This was a license requirement from the Settlement Agreement (11.2.2.5 c) for establishing improved parking to accommodate 5-10 vehicles with horse trailers. The TCC agreed to the plans as they were presented including a visual survey for raptors in the immediate adjacent forest area prior to tree falling. The trees will be removed this fall following Labor Day and construction will be planned the following year.

Kayaking Take-Out at Yale Bridge

Moore presented to the TCC the plan to install a staircase at the currently-used kayak take-out site next to Yale Bridge. This will provide a safer means of egress from the river for kayakers as required in the license. There are osprey nesting on the bridge, and it was agreed that construction should take place during August after the fledging offspring have left the nest. There were no other concerns or needs to be mitigated.

Proposed Timber Harvest at Management Unit 28

Naylor toured the TCC through the 2011 proposed timber harvest area that includes lands owned by the Cowlitz Tribe but are part of the WHMP. The prescription is to remove over-story trees to release understory shrubs (vaccinium as primary target species). Naylor explained the intent to remove trees less than 12" dbh and thin larger conifer (excluding western white pine). A buffer of 150-200 feet has been maintained along the Forest Service public roadway. Cultural resource surveys are planned for later this month and will be coordinated with PacifiCorp's consultants and the Tribe. Significant browsing of the understory vaccinium was pointed out and the TCC agreed that this was a good plan.

Next Meeting's Agenda

- Review of 6/8/11 Meeting Notes
- Riparian Buffer Management in Timber Harvest Areas
- Updates on land transactions
- Discuss results and comments from RMEF/PacifiCorp tour of forest land management for seral habitat.
- Possible review of FGS GIS data.

Public Comment Opportunity

No public comment was provided.

Next Scheduled Meetings

July 13, 2011	August 10, 2011
Merwin Hydro Control Center	Merwin Hydro Control Center
Ariel, WA	Ariel, WA
9:00am – 3:00pm	9:00am – 3:00pm

Handouts

- Draft 5/11/11 Meeting Notes
- Draft 6/8/11 Agenda
- BPA Proposed Transmission Line Response Letter