

**FINAL (Approved 11/14/12)**  
**10/17/12 Meeting Summary**  
**RESOURCE COORDINATION COMMITTEE (RCC)**  
**North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. P-1927)**

RCC Members or Alternates Present

Monte Garrett (PacifiCorp Energy)  
Pam Sichtung (USDA-FS)  
Ed Meyer (NMFS)  
Rob Burns (USFWS)  
Dave Harris (ODFW)  
Chris Stine (ODEQ)  
Anne Shirley (BLM)

Also Present

Steve Albertelli (PacifiCorp Energy)  
Mike Blum (PacifiCorp Energy)  
Rich Grost (PacifiCorp Energy)

Absent

Craig Kohanek (OWRD) – Proxy to Chris Stine

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**INTRODUCTIONS, AGENDA, OLD BUSINESS**

Member/Organizational Updates

**USDA-FS** – Aaron Grimes has left the USDA-FS and Andrew Christenson will also be leaving in the near future. Miles Barkhurst and Dillon Hokanson will provide input for the TMP spreadsheet for the upcoming RAP meeting. Pam indicated that Gina Owen has been appointed as the new Deputy Forest Supervisor.

19.3 Fund Proposal (Status Update)

Pam reported that proposed projects for 2013 were selected by the BOD and advanced to Alice Carlton for approval. This list was distributed to the RCC. Monte indicated that PacifiCorp expect to get an opportunity to review the 5-Year Strategic Plan, now in preparation.

Public Tour Planning

The public tour is confirmed for November 14, starting time of 10:30 AM, with an RCC meeting convening at 9:00 AM before the public arrives. The tour will focus on reintroduction of anadromous fish, the fish passage facilities, the tailrace barriers, and the habitat enhancement areas of the bypassed reaches. Monte said the tour announcement, to be released in the News Review in the near future, has been prepared and reviewed by External Communications staff of both ODFW and USDA-FS. Reservations are required for participants to have a seat on the bus

due to a limited number of seats. In the public announcement, tour attendees are instructed to confirm a reservation with Rich or Pam. Rob indicated that the USFWS will provide an 8-person van and PacifiCorp will provide an additional vehicle with space for 52 attendees. The RCC was encouraged to not have other agency attendees for the tour. Another tour may be available the next day when a media site visit is planned.

#### Presentations to the Public

October 31 – Roseburg Executive Club  
November 2 – Optimists Club  
November 15 – tour provided for local media  
December 6 – Rotary Club

Monte will give the above presentations, with support from Pam and Dave.

#### Other Presentations

**October 20** – Rich will give a presentation to the North Umpqua Foundation annual meeting.

**October 25** – Rich will provide a presentation for the USDA-FS' all employee meeting being held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

Public Information Opportunities – *none at this time.*

**RCC Action:** Review and approve the September 19, 2012 Meeting Summary – **Approved**  
**10-17-12**

## **CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES**

### Soda Springs Fish Passage

Water-up testing of the facilities has begun. The ladder was watered-up beginning on October 11; the ladder entrance and exit is blocked with grates to prevent access by fish during this testing period. The upstream cofferdam has been completely removed and the reservoir is being held at fairly high levels (1806 ft.). On October 16, the screen was watered up to provide for testing of the penstock gates; the structure will then be immediately dewatered to enable concrete repairs of several areas. It was also pointed out that the project is currently completely shut down due to transmission and substation issues. During this outage, local service is being provided by continued operation at Lemolo 2.

Rich reviewed punch list items that are continuing to be addressed. Training for operation of the new facilities will be initiated in late October, and this will continue until the end of November.

The USDA-FS closure of the construction area continues until November 25, with work and clean-up by the construction contractor expected until the end of December.

**Proposals** – At the last RCC meeting, four proposals were presented for consideration. RCC members reviewed and provided comment.

- The work platform proposal for operations access to the Soda Springs reservoir was dropped from consideration by PacifiCorp.
- The chute constructed on the screen structure for gravel placement into the bypass reach was considered and rejected by the group.
- The proposal to not plant the riprap bank between the bridge and the evaluation building was accepted; this area will be monitored and, if invasion by noxious species occurs, appropriate steps will be taken.
- Criteria for monitoring the performance of the fish viewing window will be developed by the RCC by April 2013. If data collected over the 2-year monitoring period are inadequate to accommodate objectives of the evaluation plan, then the fish viewing window will be replaced with a 60-inch sized window by 2016.

#### Slide Creek Tailrace Barrier (Status)

Most punch list items have been completed. The last work to assure basic functionality of the facility will be completed by the end of November. Hydraulic testing for full functionality will occur during high flows in spring 2013.

#### Fish Creek Fish Screen Hydraulic Improvement

The new wall directly across the floor from the T-screens has been completed and inspected. The screen pond may be watered up this fall to facilitate completion and initial testing of the new systems. Full testing will occur when diversion for generation is expected to resume in early 2013.

#### Lemolo 1 Forebay Operations

MaxDepth has completed monitoring and its report is expected by the end of year. There is an operational regime for daily flushing to minimize algae and hopefully reduce pH levels in the long-term. Continued monitoring will determine if operational changes are sufficient.

#### Flume 12 Plan

PacifiCorp signed contracts for aerial photography and data collection per the remediation plan to develop a baseline for the study areas. Aerial imagery is planned for late October, and habitat measurements will be conducted by Meridian Environmental the first week in November. Habitat restoration, constituting compensatory mitigation, is complete in the Soda Springs bypass reach.

## TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) UPDATES

### FHS TWG

There is a meeting planned for October 18, 2012. This is a planning session to address the interim phase of the long-term monitoring program.

- SA 19.2 Baseline Conditions Report  
The report is complete and considered final unless RCC has comments. It's an internal report to RCC only; not required for FERC.
- SA 8.2 Slide Bypass Reach Monitoring  
The field work has been completed and the report should be complete by the end of the year. Craig Street's annual reports of USDA-FS work upstream of the FC confluence will be forwarded to other TWG members.
- SA 7.2 Monitoring for Gravel Patches and Salmon Use Mid October  
Patch monitoring planned for October 19 will be rescheduled.

### Operational Updates

The Soda Springs reservoir elevation is being kept at 1805-6 ft. during the water-up and testing period for the fish passage facilities. Some ramping is expected during the testing period.

On October 17, the Slide Creek bypass was ramped-up to more than 240 cfs to meet the new instream flow requirement; the Fish Creek bypass reach will not have water diverted into the canal until natural flows exceed the new instream flow requirement of 130 cfs.

Lemolo Lake Drawdown Plan – this plan is required each year in consultation with USDA-FS and ODFW. The 2012 plan has been reviewed and approved.

Public Comments – *none at this time.*

The next RCC meeting will be held at TCC at 9:00 AM prior to the public tour on November 14, 2012.

Meeting adjourned.