

Meeting Notes from CAC/TAG Meeting

April 10, 2008, 4:00 to 6:00pm

Pierce County Environmental Services Building,
Cascade Conference Room

1. Introductions – those present included: Eli Asher, Karen Chang, Bart Madison, Tom Nelson, Lorin Reinelt, Dave Seabrook, Keith Underwood, Carl Ward

2. Updates and Information Sharing

- a. Update from Watershed Leads Meeting on April 10 – The 3-year work programs and narrative are due April 18. The Puget Sound Partnership topic forums are scheduled between April 22 and May 5, covering the following topics: water quality, water quantity, habitat/land use, species/biodiversity, and human health. White papers are due to be published on April 14. Action area profiles will be completed for each of the 7 action areas.
- b. Puyallup/Commencement Bay Watershed – A Stakeholders' workshop will be held on April 23 during the regularly scheduled PRWC Forum to discuss plans, programs and projects that address the five PSP goals noted above. A science workshop will be held on May 6, 9:30-2pm, to get input on threats, stressors, and hot spots in the watershed.
- c. Capacity grants – Lorin will begin work in late April/early May on the capacity grant to assist with (1) future project development, (2) Habitat Work Schedule implementation, (3) support to sub-regional coordination efforts, and (4) marketing the recovery plan.

3. Update of WRIA 10/12 3-year project list (watershed implementation priorities)

Lorin has been working with project sponsors over the past several weeks to update the 3-year project list for submittal to the PSP by April 18. The CAC reviewed the new spreadsheet template at its March 27 meeting and approved the process for removing old projects, adding new projects and refining the list.

The CAC and TAG reviewed the draft 3-year project list, gave input and asked questions on individual projects. It was noted that the costs for installation of fish screens at Electron dam is higher than previously estimated; Lorin will work with Russ to refine the project budget. It was suggested that the Calistoga project be coordinated with the possible bridge replacement by the City of Orting. There was a question about whether the Hauff property restoration project is underway; Lorin will follow up with Chris Carrel on project status. It was agreed that we should delete the marine nearshore pocket estuary project. This generic placeholder is replaced by the three specific new projects resulting from the WRIA 11/12 nearshore assessment. There was a question about whether to remove the Swan Creek project; Lorin will follow-up with Tom K. on the status of this project.

It was agreed that we should add the West Fork White River to the potential locations of road decommissioning in the Upper White watershed. Karen recommended updating costs to \$20K/mile. There was a question about whether to delete the Sequelitchew

Creek diversion project (after follow-up with SPSSEG, it was recommended that this project remain on the list). Concern was expressed about modifying a natural barrier on Boise Creek to allow fish passage upstream. Follow-up with King County revealed that the original location of the creek (prior to construction of Hwy 410) was not a natural barrier. When the creek was relocated, it was diverted over an area that became a natural barrier. King County recommended the project remain on the list at this time.

Carl noted that WSDOT is no longer pursuing the Terille property for possible acquisition and wetland mitigation, due to the recent emphasis on preserving viable farmland in Pierce County. It was decided to delete the Terille acquisition. [After the meeting, the CLC requested addition of an acquisition project for the upper Puyallup watershed.] Some concern was also expressed about the three hatchery projects on the list. It was noted that the PSP has requested that we include hatchery projects, if appropriate. It was also noted that these projects resulted from review by the Hatchery Scientific Review Group and recommendations to address concerns related to impacts on natural Chinook. We decided to keep these projects on the list; Lorin will follow up with Rich Eltrich and Brodie Antipa with WDFW to check status and update costs.

Lorin noted the addition of the Chambers Creek smolt trap to the stock monitoring support section. Tom N. noted that we should also add the South Prairie smolt trap to the list.

Dave Seabrook noted that we should officially approve the 3-year list. However, Lorin noted that we are one person short of a quorum. Bart moved that we accept the 3-year list as discussed, pending updates over the next week. There was no second. The group decided that we will update the list and send it out by Wednesday, April 16 for review by the CAC and approval by email by April 18. Lorin will then send the list to the PSP.

4. 2008 Round SRFB Funding Cycle

Lorin distributed the draft WRIA 10/12 2008 Round schedule and timeline and reviewed the key milestones:

May 28 – Due Date for WRIA 10/12 Letter of Intent to Submit 2008 SRFB Round Application

June 26 – Draft Project Applications Due

July 30 – Final Applications due to Lead Entity Coordinator

September 8 – All Project Applications must be submitted in PRISM

This is an early chance to review the proposed schedule. The CAC will be asked to approve the schedule at the May 1 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm

Next meeting will be May 1, 2008 at the Pierce County ESB.