

**NOPLÉ for Salmon
Lead Entity Advisory Group Meeting
Wed. March 1, 2017
9a.m. to 12 noon
Clallam Transit Administration Building**

In Attendance:

Tom Riepe, LEG, Citizen

Jean Sigmar, LEG, Citizen

Stephanie Martin, LEG, Makah Tribe

Steve Rankin, LEG, Citizen

Allyson Brekke, LEG, City of Port Angeles

Hansi Hals, LEG, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

Kristina Mayer, Consultant

Cheryl Baumann, Lead Entity Staff

Eric Carlsen, Lead Entity Staff

Shannon Weaver, Lead Entity Contract – Note Taker

Welcome and Introductions

Cheryl Baumann, Coordinator, welcomed everyone and thanked them for being here today. Introductions were considered unnecessary because the group is well acquainted. The group agreed to skip to agenda item VI while waiting for a quorum. (Once a quorum arrived the earlier agenda items were discussed)

Fish Report

Hansi Hals announced that the Dungeness River screw trap caught 300 smolts during their Coho and Chum surveys. Hansi explained this represents 8 - 10% of the actual amount and it seems like a big number.

Jean Sigmar noticed that some large woody debris has been taken apart along the Elwha River and moved to another location.

Tom Riepe mentioned that beavers have been active along the mouth of the Elwha River and traces of them can be seen when walking along the jetty.

Cheryl Baumann spoke of the stressful negotiations that were currently taking place between state, federal and tribal fishery managers who gather to plan the Northwest's recreational and commercial salmon fisheries – known as the North of Falcon process. Cheryl mentioned many groups would like to see more public involvement in the process.

Two public meetings are schedule soon:

- March 17, 2017, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; General Administration Auditorium, 210 11th Ave. SW, Olympia.
- April 4, 2017, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Lynnwood Embassy Suites, 20610 44th Ave. W, Lynnwood.

Project Updates

Hansi Hals mentioned the great progress Robert Knapp with the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe has been making on the Kinkade Island project.

Allyson Brekke commended the Public Works team from the City of Port Angeles and their great work on the Combined Sewer Overflow project. As a result of that work, there were no overflows into the Port Angeles Harbor during winter rains this year. Allyson stressed the importance of infrastructure in keeping unwanted pollutants out of area waterways.

Stephanie Martin updated the group on the Brownfield site on the Makah Reservation. The Hake plant, above ground storage tank was removed last year and this summer they will further analyze the extent of the contamination. This project is a Near Term Action in the Puget Sound Action Agenda.

Stephanie also mentioned that they are preparing for funding cuts and will be analyzing their programs such as, the Hoko weather station and air quality sites to see where they may need to adjust.

Hansi Hals, in response to Stephanie, mentioned that the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe is doing the same thing with their smolt counts, fecal coliform and algae bloom studies.

Review, Reaffirm or Refine NOPLE Goals & Strategy – Kristina Mayer

Kristina Mayer, Consultant, reviewed the process of the North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity for Salmon, explaining to the group that today members will review strategy goals, objectives, and metrics. Kristina mentioned that the last time the group came together to review the goals and strategies was in 2013 and the LE need to determine what is still valid and what could be changed. The group worked together to evaluate the Lead Entity’s Salmon Recovery Strategy Goals, Objectives, and Metrics and came up with the following feedback:

TABLE A

	Goal	Proposed Objectives	Proposed Metrics
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1	Achieve robust fish stocks 1. Add “for the region” not just selected areas.	No comments for change	Use VSP Metrics 1. Are these established for all stocks? 2. Is this adequate?
2	Implement recovery plans and protect and restore fish habitat	1. Need consistency in terminology 2. Do we know all the recovery plans of the ESA recovery plans?	Use NOBLE Metrics 1. Questions about usefulness 2. What are the NOBLE metrics
3	Restore and maintain ecosystem function and nearshore processes No comments for change	No Comments for change	Adopt PSP Metrics 1. Does this encompass our region? 2. Why are these numbered? Why are only these numbered?
4	Instill ecosystem awareness 1. NOBLE as a group doesn’t do this per se but individuals within the group do.	Create and implement an outreach and education program 1. More involvement with other groups.	Conduct before and after surveys of attitudes, knowledge, and awareness and Assess change in behavior, such as, increased land use compliance, low impact development 1. We are not doing this.
5	Integrate efforts	Communicate and network 1. Not measurable, need something that can be measured.	No comments for change

Table B – Goal 1: Achieve Robust Fish Stocks

The group discussed that this table was mostly assessing and monitoring objectives and had no action objectives. VSP metrics was seen as inadequate.

Table C – Goal 2: Implement Recovery Plans and Protect and Restore Fish Habitat

The group thought an additional column to add specific fish would be beneficial. They pointed out inconsistencies in the formatting of the table. The group felt that adding a climate change piece to the strategies was needed. Proposed metrics should be viable salmon populations and not the VSP metrics. The group found inconsistencies in each monitoring metric of the different watersheds and would recommend a more consistent layout for both metrics and formatting. For the Hood Canal/Eastern Strait section, the group felt that there is more going on than the one listed strategy of, Implement National Forest road maintenance and abandonment program.

Table D – Goal 3: Restore & Maintain Ecosystem Function

The group felt that Table D needed more specific goals, needed to adopt regionally significant goals, than the goals and objectives of the PSP. They felt Table D was part of Table C in a larger scale and found formatting issues with the table as well.

Table E – Goal 4: Instill Ecosystem Awareness

Formatting issues was again a theme of this table, the table vs. narrative format was discussed. The objective needs to be reworded to say “education plan,” instead of the current “program” because it seems too institutional. Goal 4 needs to be changed to add the word community. Assessment - Identify Obstacles to Awareness, needs to be changed to add opportunities. The group felt that the proposed metrics are over reaching and could use some simplification. Questions were raised about getting the public more involved. Strategy – Create a Media Plan, was discussed and many were not sure of the meaning of this strategy, they thought this could be broadened to talk about the website and keeping it updated.

Table F – Goal 5: Integrate Efforts

The group discussed that the objectives of this table do not align with the goal of this table, stating that, some of the objectives are staffing issues and some are unrealistic. The goal title should be changed to add the words, community and agency. The task – Prioritize according to decision criteria, was not understood by the group.

Table G – was not assessed by the group.

Summary and Next Steps

Kristina Mayer will combine the collective TRG/LEG feedback that was provided and address the inconsistencies with in the tables. There will be a comment period and then LEG approval.

- All tables are improperly labeled.
- Tables should be able to stand alone so it has meaning in and of itself.
- The goals and strategies are more for an action group when this is a facilitation and coordination group.
- The tables do not encapsulate the social considerations that are done by this group, more social aspect is needed.
- Do we need scoring criteria for LEG?

Brief Update on Multi-Reach Scale Acquisition Task Force – Kristina Mayer

Kristina Mayer, Consultant, gave an update on the progress of the Acquisition Task Force. She explained to the group that the Task Force has made considerations for policy development and will be adopting a new policy by the July 12, 2017 meeting. Kristina looked forward to meeting with the LEG for policy approval in the near future.

Approval of January 25, 2017 Meeting Summary

The group had the opportunity to look over the meeting summary and agreed that on page 11 of the packet the pronoun “She” needed to be changed to “Cheryl” for clarification purposes.

With that correction, Tom Riepe motioned to accept the meeting summary, Jean Sigmar seconded the motion, Allyson abstained, it was unanimous.

Review, Discussion, Decision and/or Next Steps Re: Technical Team Recruitment

Cheryl Baumann, Coordinator, asked the group to review the 2017 Technical Review Group Membership list, adding that we have 17 TRG members currently but we need to have more. Cheryl focused the group’s attention to the two resumes from prospective members; Josh Chenoweth and Sean Halberg, asking if the group would like to discuss or accept these two members to the TRG.

Steve Rankin asked if Josh Chenoweth would be representing the National Park?

Cheryl Baumann said he would be based on his cover letter.

Tom Riepe stated that it was critical to maintain a large pool of TRG members and he felt the group should invite these two.

Allyson Brekke stated she had no hesitation to make a motion to include Josh Chenoweth and Sean Halberg to the Technical Review Group.

Hansi Hals seconded the motion.

It was unanimous.

Update & Next Steps for North Olympic Representative to PSP’s Salmon Recovery Council

Cheryl Baumann, Coordinator, invited the group to discuss possible representation recruitment for the Salmon Recovery Council. Currently Scott Chitwood and Doug Morrill, as an alternate, are the representatives for the North Olympic, however, Scott is retiring in October and someone else is needed. The group discussed possible nomination of Hansi Hals, Mary Ellen Windborn, and Doug Morrill. No motion was made due to a lack of a quorum but group thought maybe Scott would have a recommendation. The group also discussed the need for this person to be able to report back to the LEG. It was noted that there is an SRC meeting at the end of March in Kingston.

Coordinator Updates

Cheryl Baumann, Coordinator, directed the group’s attention to the *2017 Salmon Recovery Related Funding Requests & North Olympic Connections* handout in their packet. Cheryl stated that this gives information about PSAR, PSAR Large Cap, SRFB, Fish Passage Barrier Removal Board, and Floodplains by Design funding and budget requests. Cheryl noted this was not a complete listing but gave a good overview of the requests.

Cheryl also asked the group to review the *SOS Call to Action!* handout, stating that PSAR is so critical to salmon recovery network and she encouraged everyone to call, email, write to their legislation because they need to hear that these projects are important. She reminded the group that at the state level, the allocation subcommittee is looking at the “pie” of allocated funds and the Puget Sound is seen as getting more than their share of the pie, it is expected we will get

less. Cheryl mentioned that Derek Kilmer will be at the Sequim High School on March 6, 2017 and it is important for everyone to go and ask questions about funding for restoration. There was some discussion by the group about budget funding cuts and it was mentioned that many groups are trying to send a message that recovery work is important and needs to be funded.

Cheryl updated the group about the NOBLE website, being done by InsideOut Solutions, stating that work was starting tomorrow, March 2, 2017.

Cheryl also updated the group on the EPA funding of \$100,000 for the Hoko/Pysht WRIA 19 watershed to advance passage work. Cheryl stated that NOBLE plans to do field work, habitat surveys with NOSC, pre-design work, and GIS work with the grant.

Cheryl ended her update by reminding the group of the 3 Crabs project and how important it is to have a grand opening and public outreach event at 3 Crabs.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:00 p.m.

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Edited by: Cheryl Baumann