

**Technical Review Group Meeting Summary
October 25, 2017
Elwha Heritage Center**

In Attendance:

**Mike Haggerty, TRG, Makah, Haggerty Consulting
Mike McHenry, TRG/ LEG Alt., Elwha Klallam Tribe
Jim McCullough, TRG, Citizen
Chris Byrnes, TRG, WDFW
John Cambalik, TRG, Strait ERN LIO
Jim Walton, TRG, Citizen
Keith Denton, TRG, Citizen
Randy Johnson, TRG, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
Peter Vanderhoof, TRG, Citizen
Joshua Chenoweth, TRG, Olympic National Park
Sean Halberg, TRG, Citizen
Ian Miller, TRG, Washington Sea Grant
Michele Canale, TRG, North Olympic Land Trust
Coleman Byrnes, TRG, Citizen
Cathy Lear, TRG, Clallam County
Tim Rymer, TRG, Citizen
Sarah Doyle, TRG, North Olympic Salmon Coalition
Meghan Adamire, TRG, Clallam Conservation District
Erin Ryan-Peuela, Puget Sound Partnership
Cheryl Baumann, Lead Entity Coordinator
Dave Schreffler, Lead Entity Contract
Eric Carlsen, Lead Entity Staff
Shannon Weaver, Lead Entity Contract - Note Taker**

Welcome and Introductions

Cheryl Baumann, Coordinator, started the meeting at 9:00 a.m., with thanking the membership for attending and asked for introductions.

Project Updates

Cheryl Baumann, Coordinator, asked the group to share any project updates:

Sarah Doyle, North Olympic Salmon Coalition, updated the group on the lower Dungeness levee, stating, they are trying to make progress with the Army COE and the removal of pilings that extended out from 3 Crabs. Sarah Doyle also wanted to thank Patagonia for the planting and invasive species removal that was done along the

Dungeness River. The North Olympic Salmon Coalition has staff in Port Angeles again. Olivia Veto and Katie McClean are now in the 127 E. First Street office.

Next Steps: Sarah will send out the linear feet associated with the levee removal.

Eric Carlsen, Lead Entity, is making progress on the Advancing Western Strait Fish Barrier Culvert Removal by focusing his inventory efforts in WRIA 19 East. Shannon Weaver is currently analyzing WRIA 19 West to find priority culverts which will be verified with our partners. By the end of the year Eric Carlsen hopes to be out in the Neah Bay to Pillar Point area. Eric thanked Stream Keepers, Jim McCullough, and Coleman Byrnes for their dedicated volunteerism.

John Cambalik, Strait ERN LIO Coordinator, continued the NTA discussion by announcing that the LIO receives a yearly allocation of \$100,000 and has voted to fund the WSU Extension, Bob Simmons NTA this year. John urged the group to contact Bob Simmons for volunteer needs.

Randy Johnson, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, mentioned two projects; The Robinson floodplain project from the 2015 grant round now has decommissioned wells, bulk heading has been removed, road removal has started, and it has been reforested. The Kinkade phase from the 2016 grant round is still awaiting a contract dependent on the capital budget. Randy stated in the mean time they have purchased two other properties to open up more expansive floodplain.

Mike McHenry announced progress to the Indian Creek Habitat Restoration project with design underway. Mike commented on the Elwha ELJ Project that now has a completed design. Mike mentioned that the Elwha River is migrating away from two of the ELJs in that reach and they are looking at more habitat friendly design structures. Mike also updated the group on the 2015 Pysht River project along RM 8-9.5. They have completed work on three of the properties but due to narrow working seasons, higher than projected costs, and the loss of crew members the project has been going slower than planned.

Ian Miller discussed the Ediz Hook monitoring of the influence of nutrient material from the Elwha River that was added to increase the beach. Ian mentioned that there is not a sediment source in that area anymore due to it being disconnected from the drift cell, he added, there may need to be more nourishment and annual monitoring is being done to determine when. Ian also spoke of a home owner on the Elwha floodplain that decided to move their home back away from the floodplain and remove some armoring. Ian was able to see an immediate response once the rock was removed and wanted to give credit to the North Olympic Land Trust for that success.

Fish Report

Randy Johnson stated that the Hood Canal Summer Chum return was great but the Eastern Strait area was terrible and has not been this bad in the last ten years.

Keith Denton said the Steelhead return on the Elwha was similar to last year. Keith heard of observations of Steelhead in the upper river which is good news.

Residual Issues Stock Status Work & Scoring Criteria

Dave Shreffler, Lead Entity Consultant, asked the group to focus their attention to pages 1 and 2 of their packets along with a handout that addressed the need to recommend Non-capital project criteria and weights for scoring and ranking.

The group had time to look over the tables:

John Cambalik asked that in Criteria #7 “Fulfills requirements of external agencies,” change “agencies” to “entities.”

Mike Haggerty asked about the ten-year temporal scale. Dave answered that it was the same time scale as capital projects.

Cheryl Baumann announced that the Rubric was still being worked on.

There were no other comments.

Dave Shreffler asked the group to turn to the NOBLE Stock Status & Trends table and asked for recommendations on how to score “unknown” status and trends. Dave mentioned that Walt Pearson suggested that all nearshore projects that benefit Chinook would automatically get a 5.

John Cambalik suggested that all “unknown” be pre-scored by staff.

Michele asked if “no data” is the same as “unknown” and wondered when there would be a situation where there is no trend?

Dave said that “no data” will be deleted.

Mike Haggerty asked how did we score it last year? Suggesting that we had no table then for reference and the scores were based on what the project proposer said about their project.

After some discussion regarding nearshore projects, estuary projects and projects targeted for the weakest stock, Jim Walton motioned to agree with Walt’s suggestion that nearshore projects that benefit Chinook with get a 5 and will be pre-scored by staff.

John Cambalik seconded the motion.

It was unanimous.

Solicitations for Local & Regional Near Term Actions (NTAs)

Erin Ryan-Peuela, Puget Sound Partnership, addressed the membership on the process and key dates for submitting Near Term Actions. Erin outlined the development steps that are required by all NTA owners to propose their NTAs on the Action Agenda. Erin identified regional and local priorities and how to get a “best fit” for your NTA. Some benefits were identified including, being eligible for NEP funding, using the Action Agenda as a pre-application for ESPR funding, and engaging the private sector.

John Cambalik added that there was a strong encouragement to submit salmon projects. John also encouraged everyone to attend his upcoming workshops.

October 27, 2017 Red Cedar Hall, 10:00 - 12:00

November 29, 2017, Red Cedar Hall, 9:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00

December 1, 2017, Red Cedar Hall, 9:00 - 12:00

Lead Entity Workplan Request New Projects & Project Updates & Project Removal

Cheryl Baumann, Coordinator, discussed this year's call to add, update or withdraw project narratives for out 2018-2019 workplan. Cheryl noted that the deadline for this is November 20, 2017, this includes capital and non-capital projects that could be reasonably started within 2018 through 2022. Cheryl then asked for questions - there were none.

Cheryl asked the TRG to put aside some time in their schedules for scoring all projects on the work plan by the end of the year.

Approval of September 20, 2017 Meeting Summary

Due to time constraints, this agenda item will be on the November 15, 2017 meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned 12:22 p.m.

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