

Chelan River Fishery Forum Conference Call Minutes

Date: October 24, 2014
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Fish and Wildlife Conference Room

Meeting called by: Jeff Osborn, Chelan PUD

Note taker: Jeff Osborn

Attending Chelan River Fishery Members

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Jeff Osborn welcomed everyone to the Chelan River Fishery Forum (CRFF) conference call. The intent of the call was to review CRFF members' evaluations of consultant proposals for the Chelan River Riparian Feasibility Investigation and select a consultant to conduct the investigation. Proposals were received from the following consultants:

- Cardno-Entrix
- HDR, Inc.
- Herrera Environmental Consultants
- Intermountain Aquatics, Inc.
- Tetra Tech

All 5 participating CRFF members rated Herrera as their preferred choice for conducting the Chelan River Riparian Feasibility Investigation (RFI). The CRFF recommended that Chelan PUD enter into a contract with Herrera as soon as possible.

The CRFF discussed questions and additional information needed from Herrera in the following areas:

1. GIS: Need high quality maps of existing conditions and site potential. Use for reporting as well as analytics;
2. 2-D model: Investigate components of proposed model. What are the two "Ds" being analyzed? How does it differ from the HEC-RAS model being proposed for temperature modeling? What, if any, outputs are different? Can elements of the proposed 2-D model be integrated into the HEC-RAS model and do all modeling at the same time?;
3. Limiting Factors Analysis: Factors being analyzed? Level of detail? Are these elements needed, versus "nice-to-know," to conduct a thorough investigation?;
4. Species list: Prepare lists of existing riparian species and potential future species;
5. Water table: Techniques for estimating depth of moisture and associated depth for planting;
6. Browse protection: Observe affects of browsing during site visit; and
7. Planting plan: Step 2 of the investigation once areas and species are identified. Methods to be employed?

Steve and Jeff agreed to initiate a conference call with Herrera staff to gather more information and direct Herrera to develop a new project scope, schedule, and budget based on the additional information requests. The revised proposal will be sent to the CRFF for a rapid review. Once the CRFF review is complete, Jeff will enter into a contract with Herrera for conducting the investigation.