

Meeting Summary:

Attended in Person: Bob Goedde (City of Chelan Mayor), Tom Ernsberger (State Parks), Paul Willard (USFS), Graham Simon (WDFW), Jeff Osborn, Ryan Baker, Michelle Smith (Chelan PUD).

By Phone: Annelise LesMeister (NPS), Wai Peterson (Manson Parks District).

In Ray's absence (due to illness), Michelle led introductions and discussed the purpose of the meeting and Form 80. She explained that the Form 80 is submitted to FERC every 6 years to provide recreation amenity information showing type, use, and capacity numbers. The concept is to show trends and how the project area is meeting recreation demand.

Michelle stated that the last Form 80 study was completed in 2014 and submitted to FERC in early 2015. However, we have learned that FERC is looking for all recreation amenities, such as state and federal sites, not just PUD owned sites. Therefore, Ray is working with these agencies to update the Form 80 and will be submitting an amended Form to FERC when completed.

All attendees understood the purpose of the Form 80 and are willing to help ensure accurate numbers. They look forward to working with Ray to complete the updates.

Paul Willard (USFS) asked whether the Form needed to include things outside the project boundary, since the project boundary around Lake Chelan is typically the high water mark. Michelle answered that Ray is looking into that question with FERC and will be able to answer the question soon.

The group went on to discuss current trends for recreation around the lake. NPS and USFS stated that they are looking at dock permit sales to get a pulse on use numbers. Annelise (NPS) added that it is difficult to know precise numbers for those that purchase annual passes. Both agreed that there is no sign of significant increases in use.

Bob Goedde (City of Chelan) stated that there are a number of new private marinas being planned around the lower lake area. He wondered how boating would be affected by the increase in marinas.

Tom Ernsberger (State Parks) said there numbers have been pretty flat, though they have had more use at 25 Mile. 25 Mile is a focal point for people going uplake.

The meeting adjourned at approx 11:25.

Action Items:

- Over the next couple of months, Ray will contact State Park, NPS, and USFW to assess information needed for the PUD's FERC Form 80.
- During early 2016, Ray will submit an amended Form 80 to FERC and the Recreation Forum.