

Lake Chelan Wildlife Forum (LCWF) Meeting Minutes

Date: July 25, 2017
Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Location: Chelan PUD Headquarters, Wenatchee, WA
2nd Floor Conference Room

Meeting called by: Von Pope

Note taker: Debby Bitterman

Attending Members

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Minutes

Von Pope welcomed everyone (see attendees above) to the Lake Chelan Wildlife Forum (LCWF) meeting.

Five-year Summary (2013-2017)

Comments received on the 5-year Summary 2013-2017 of the Lake Chelan Wildlife Habitat Summary Report were reviewed (the USFS was the only party to provide comments). Von asked for clarification regarding the task names in Table 1. A discussion regarding timelines for agency's input/comments, review and submittal of the 5-year Wildlife Habitat Summary 2013-2017 (and the new Wildlife Habitat Plan Draft 2018-2022 was initiated). The timeline for final review and submittal is as follows:

- 9 August 2017: Von will send clean copies of both the Summary and new 5-year plan to the LCWF for final review
- 25 August 2017: Comments due back to Von
- 1 September 2017: Draft report due to Debby Bitterman for formatting
- 18 September 2017: Submittal to FERC

Proposed Wildlife Habitat Five-year Plan 2018-2022

Rather than conducting boat-based winter wildlife surveys WDFW proposed in conducting a single aerial survey annually for specific species to get better population estimates for mountain goat, bighorn sheep, and mule deer. This updated 5-year Wildlife Habitat Plan includes some projects that were initiated under the previous Plan, as well as new project, including conservation easement acquisition, upland habitat improvements and riparian habitat improvements. Comments received on the Upland Habitat Improvements and Monitoring and Riparian Habitat Improvements sections of the Plan were discussed (the USFS was the only party to provide comments).

The Forum discussed the potential benefit of a combining finer scale task(s) that occur in the same geographic area into larger scale projects, reducing the number of projects overall but maintaining all of the proposed projects.

Action Item:

Von will contact Rosana Sokolowski regarding combining USFS Tasks together and changing the name to identify the location of the project work area.