

Lake Chelan Fishery Forum (LCFF) Meeting

Date: July 25, 2007
 Time: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
 Location: Chelan PUD Headquarters, Wenatchee, WA
 Hydro Services Conference Room

Call in number: (509)661-4844, Password is 4000.

Meeting called by:	Jeff Osborn, Chelan PUD	Type of meeting:	LCFF Meeting
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Attendees listed in bold above.

Minutes

Task	Discussion	Action Items
Welcome and Introductions		
Review and approve May 16 th meeting minutes.	Action items were reviewed and minutes were approved.	<p>Jeff will follow up with Dr. Beauchamp on visual foraging model.</p> <p>Phil will check if regional USFS team has developed criteria and could provide assistance in tributary barrier removal/monitoring.</p>
Review lake level operation	<p>Michelle gave an overview of upcoming lake level operation.</p> <p>Start drawdown after Labor Day and get to 1097.4 by October 1st (one foot lower than previous license).</p> <p>Tributary Barrier report: Safety Harbor = 1092, Prince = 1092, and Fish = 1090</p> <p>There will be a news release to publicize drawdown.</p>	<p>Jeff will verify actual lake level elevation on October 1, 2007 with the minimum elevation allowed in license.</p> <p>Forum members' support implementing the new license Lake Chelan lake level operation in August 2007 – 2008.</p> <p>Jeff will contact Anton Jones regarding public outreach ideas.</p>

<p>Discuss food web model development next steps (Eric Schoen proposal)</p>	<p>Food web model project budget was discussed.</p>	<p>Jeff will contact Dr. Beauchamp and obtain total project cost and scope.</p> <p>Jeff will check with Dr. Beauchamp on what is recommended as future action plan after food web model is complete.</p>
<p>ESA consultation and permitting for licensing work</p>	<p>Michelle informed group of six month extension for Chelan River project being submitted to FERC. Approval needed from both Chelan River Fishery Forum and this forum; updates will be given at future meetings.</p> <p>Jennifer recommended detailed design drawings for each project for a Nationwide permit. She also recommended we start with 2 projects for a one year permit.</p> <p>Safety Harbor and Prince Creek are scheduled to start next year.</p>	<p>Steve Lewis will consult with Jeff about programmatic agreement.</p> <p>Jeff will work with Jennifer to arrange discussion with Corp of Engineers to facilitate permit process.</p> <p>Reed will check on availability of John Reidel to assist in barrier removal projects.</p>
<p>Discuss and provide input on Lake Chelan Fishery Plan development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document format • Tributary barrier removal • Monitoring and Evaluation Program 	<p>Group discussed revising format of Plan.</p> <p>Reed shared map of Stehekin upper and lower channels with forum and 2000 kokanee spawner lower channel survey.</p> <p>Tributary barrier removal (process) :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop RFP for tributary barrier 2. Select a consultant 3. Spring 2008- evaluate tributaries 4. Consultant submits report 5. Removal/repair – Spring 2009 <p>Group discussed future plans for Monitoring and Evaluation plan.</p>	<p>After next draft, forum members will contribute updated information on current species to include in Section 3.</p> <p>Jeff will research estimate of cost for the kokanee surveys and coordinate with Finance department.</p> <p>Reed will attempt to provide a cost estimate for side channel surveys and snorkel surveys.</p> <p>Reed and Art will work together on alternatives for main channel surveys.</p> <p>Jeff will put together an RFQ and solicit request for tributary barrier consulting. Intent is to have Forum review RFQ and approve by September 15th.</p> <p>Jeff will send out the final draft of the Lake Chelan Fishery Plan to forum by August 3rd. After forum has a chance to provide input, it will be submitted to the stakeholder list provided by FERC in the License Order for additional review.</p>
<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting scheduled for either September 10th or 17th. • September 15 - start 30 day review period 		
<p>Parking Lot Items:</p>		