

Rocky Reach Fish Forum (RRFF) Meeting Minutes

Date: September 24, 2009
Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Location: Chelan PUD Headquarters, Wenatchee, WA
Second Floor Conference Room

Call in number: (509)661-4842, Password is 0201

Meeting called by: Jeff Osborn,
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Type of meeting: RRFF Meeting

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ATTENDEES IN BOLD

Meeting Purpose: Meeting of the Rocky Reach Fish Forum to continue Rocky Reach license implementation

Minutes

Keith Truscott welcomed everyone to the Rocky Reach Fish Forum (RRFF) meeting. After introductions of the attendees, the Forum reviewed and approved the previous meeting minutes, 8-27-09.

RRFF representatives and participants reviewed and provided comments on the third DRAFT Operating Protocols. The Forum agreed to change the name from “Rocky Reach Fish Forum Meeting Protocols” to “Rocky Reach Fish Forum Protocols.”

Action Item:

- ✓ Jeff Osborn will revise and submit via email to the RRFF the FINAL Draft Rocky Reach Fish Forum Protocols.
- ✓ Bob Rose will provide language for an additional paragraph that will describe the RRFF ability and method to make future modifications to the Protocol document as deemed necessary.

Decision item at next RRFF meeting, 10-29-09:

- ❖ Approve Rocky Reach Fish Forum Protocols

Jeff updated the Forum regarding the 2-year extension request for recreational fishing evaluation and resident fish monitoring study plans.

Action Item:

- ✓ Jeff Osborn and Art Viola will draft and submit to the RRFF via email a 2-year extension request letter no later than October 9th.
- ✓ RRFF representatives and participants will review and submit comments back to Jeff Osborn no later than October 16th.
- ✓ Chelan PUD will submit a 2-year extension request to FERC via electronic filing no later than October 30th.

RRFF representatives recommended using the Priest Rapids resident fish study plan as a source for developing goals, biological objectives, and methodologies etc. and that a working group be formed to develop the recreational fishing evaluation and resident fish monitoring study plans.

Action Item:

- ✓ Jeff will send an email to potential working group members to confirm possible meeting dates; September 30th, October 1st 5th or 6th are available dates.

RRFF representatives and participants reviewed and provided comments on the September 2nd, DRAFT Rocky Reach Fish Forum Facilitator Considerations. Jeff discussed with the RRFF representatives and participants that they should consider changing the word “facilitator” to “chair” to be consistent with the Settlement Agreement. The RRFF representatives and participants approved and recommended the change.

Action Item:

- ✓ Jeff Osborn will revise the Chair Considerations document and submit to the RRFF representatives and participants via email for their final review.

Decision item at next RRFF meeting, 10-29-09:

- ❖ Approve Rocky Reach Fish Forum Chair Considerations

Keith Truscott presented to the RRFF representatives and participants a DRAFT Criterion evaluation matrix for their review and comments. This Criterion matrix would be a tool to use during the evaluation process of potential chair candidates. The RRFF representatives and participants approved to further develop the idea. Jeff Osborn reported that the following individuals have indicated that they are interested in the Rocky Reach Fish Forum chair position:

- Mike Schiewe
- Jeremy Pratt
- Tracy Hillman/Kevin Malone

Action Item:

- ✓ Keith will revise the Criterion Matrix as per the RRFF representatives and participants comments and submit to the Forum at the next RRFF meeting.
- ✓ Jeff will draft the SOQ's for the Rocky Reach chair consideration and send to RRFF representatives and participants for review and comments.

Decision item at next RRFF meeting, 10-29-09:

- ❖ Approve Rocky Reach Fish Forum Chair Considerations SOQ's.

Joe Miller updated the representatives and participants regarding progress on the White Sturgeon Broodstock Collection Plan development. Bob Rose recommended that the subcommittee focus efforts and thoughts to regional coordination of sturgeon activities when possible while developing Chelan PUD's White Sturgeon Broodstock Collection Plan. Joe Miller responded by requesting that the forum also read the Chelan White Sturgeon Management Plan to evaluate available options.

White Sturgeon subcommittee is as follows:

- Brad James – WDFW
- Bob Rose – YN
- Steve Lewis – USFWS
- Patrick Verhey – WDFW
- Par Irle – Ecology

Action Item:

- ✓ Joe will schedule a meeting for the subcommittee to meet.
- ✓ Joe will provide the committee with a web address for Grant PUD's White Sturgeon Study Plan.

Jeff Osborn presented to the RRF representatives and participants a DRAFT Pacific lamprey upstream passage literature review consultant-rating matrix for their review and comments. This matrix was proposed to be a tool to use during the evaluation process for the Pacific Lamprey upstream passage literature review consultant. The Forum supported the concept and suggested that one additional requirement would be to require the consultant to be available for a Rocky Reach fishway site visit when dewatered for annual maintenance.

The forum discussed the option of requesting a 2-year time extension and expanding the literature review to include pre-design engineering feasibility of recommended treatments for upstream passage. The Forum agreed to the option to request the 2-year extension and asked Jeff to move forward.

Pacific lamprey subcommittee is as follows:

- Molly Hallock – WDFW
- Bob Rose – YN
- Steve Lewis – USFWS
- Pat Irle – Ecology

Action Item:

- ✓ Jeff will revise and submit to the RRF representatives and participants a FINAL DRAFT Consultant rating matrix for final comments.
- ✓ Jeff will send an email request asking for the lamprey subcommittee's recommendation for a 2-year extension and submit to the Forum for decision.
- ✓ Jeff will draft the SOQ's for the literature review consultant consideration and send to RRF representatives and participants for review and comments.

Decision item at next RRF meeting, 10-29-09:

- ❖ Approve 2-year extension for lamprey upstream passage literature review

Bob Rose initiated the discussion with the RRF representatives and participants regarding forming a Regional group comprised of Chelan PUD, Grant PUD, Douglas PUD and key Fish Managers in order to coordinate resources, and exchange studies and ideas. The Forum was open to the idea and recommend that Bob move forward.

Action Item:

- ✓ Bob will send an email to Grant PUD, Douglas PUD and key Fish Managers to discuss the idea of a joint effort to exchange information regarding lamprey.

Keith informed the Forum that he would not be at the next scheduled meeting, October 29th, and Michelle Smith would facilitate the meeting.