

# Rocky Reach Fish Forum (RRFF) Meeting Minutes

Date: November 18, 2009  
 Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
 Location: Chelan PUD Headquarters, Wenatchee, WA  
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Meeting called by: Jeff Osborn, Chelan PUD  
 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 attendees, the Forum reviewed and approved the previous meeting minutes, 10-29-09.

### White Sturgeon update

Jeff Osborn reported in Joe Miller's absent:

- The District is working on identifying options for brood stock collection, hatchery rearing facilities, and Monitoring and Evaluation program implementation to support the Sturgeon Program in conjunction with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and Yakama Nation
- Art Viola requested to be added to the White Sturgeon subcommittee.

### Action Item:

- ✓ Joe Miller will set-up a White Sturgeon subcommittee meeting between now and mid-December.

### Pacific Lamprey update

Jeff reported that the SOQ's were sent to the potential Pacific Lamprey literature consultants: Tracy Hillman, R.D. Nellie, Bryan Nass, Chris Peery and Bao Le. The SOQ's are due to Keith Truscott no later than December 15, 2009. The consultants' responses and a consultant rating form will be sent to the Pacific lamprey sub-committee and Molly Hallock (per WDFW request) for their review. The Pacific lamprey sub-committee will rate the consultants and return them to Keith Truscott prior to the mid- January conference call and present their recommendation to the RRF at the January 28, 2010 meeting.

**DECISION:** Select preferred consultant at 1-28-10 RRF meeting

Chelan PUD will be investigating the feasibility of installing HD detection systems at Rocky Reach and Rock Island during the 2009-2010 winter fishway maintenance period. This is an effort to capitalize on the Grant County PUD migration study of Pacific Lamprey and regionally coordinate on efforts that will be conducted in 2010. Jeff noted that installation of the HD detection equipment was not a requirement by FERC or the Rocky Reach Pacific Lamprey Management Plan, but a voluntary action by Chelan PUD.

#### *Action Item:*

- ✓ Jeff will set-up a Lamprey subcommittee conference call to discuss next steps in mid January (dates of 12, 13 (afternoon) or 14) prior to the 1-28-10 RRF meeting.

Jeff reported that Bob Rose is having recurring meetings with USFWS, WDFW and Grant, Douglas and Chelan PUD's regarding joint effort to exchange information and provide regional coordination regarding lamprey issues.

### Resident Fish

Art Viola gave an overview of the draft Resident Fish Study Plan Outline. After a short discussion, the forum requested more time to review and to make comments.

#### *Action Item:*

- ✓ Art will send the Study Plan Outline in Word format to the forum
- ✓ January 8 – Forum comments returned to Art
- ✓ January 21 – Art will draft Study Plan Outline incorporating all comments
- ✓ January 21 – Art will send draft to Forum for their review before the next meeting

**DECISION:** Approve Resident Fish Study Outline at the January 28, 2010 RRF meeting.

### Review of Chair rating forms

Attending RRF representatives and participants reviewed the summary matrix evaluation spreadsheet and discussed the qualifications of chair candidates.

#### **DECISION:**

Keith Truscott called for a vote on the selection of the RRF Chair. The Forum reached consensus to support an offer to Tracy Hillman for a 1-year contract for the RRF Chair position.

The goal is to have Tracy Hillman at the January meeting.

#### *Action Item:*

- ✓ Chelan PUD will draft a 1-year RRF Chair contract and send to the RRF for their review before the end of December
- ✓ Keith will send a congratulations letter to Tracy Hillman
- ✓ Keith will send a notice of non-selection to Jeremy Pratt

The Forum agreed to cancel December 3, 2009 meeting.  
The next RRF meeting is January 28, 2010.