

Rocky Reach Resource Forums

15.1 Rocky Reach Forums

- Chelan PUD shall establish within 90 days of the effective date of SA four (4) forums: Rocky Reach Fish Forum (RRFF), Rocky Reach Wildlife Forum (RRWF), Rocky Reach Recreation Forum (RRRF), and Rocky Reach Cultural Forum (RRCF)

15.1.1 General Forum Responsibilities and Authorities

- responsible for:
 - shall meet to share information
 - shall coordinate efforts
 - shall make recommendations/decisions
 - periodically review the relevant chpts of the Comprehensive Plan
- shall consult with Chelan PUD during development of the annual work plans, due October 1st of each year (after effective date of the New License)
 - Annual work plan shall:
 - describe scope of work for the following year
 - establish corresponding schedule for the proposed scope of work
 - establish tentative meeting schedule for upcoming year
- shall consult with Chelan PUD during preparation of the annual progress reports, due by February 1st of each year (following the first year after the effective date of the New License).
 - Annual progress reports shall:
 - describe progress meeting the objectives set forth in the Comprehensive Plan
 - reports shall be filed with FERC by Chelan PUD and provide to Forum members
- authorities
 - authority to resolving disputes see Section 17 of SA

15.1.2 Membership

- all Parties are eligible to be members of any forum (except as provided in Section 15.5 for RRCF)
- each party in a forum shall designate a forum representative and alternate to speak on behalf of its organization

15.1.3 Participation

- all forum meetings shall be open to the public (except as provided in Section 15.5 for RRCF)
- any individual may attend and participate in the forum's discussions
- forum members may caucus in private with other forum members

15.1.4 Meetings

- within 180 days of the effective date of the SA, Chelan PUD shall organize each initial forum's meeting
 - forum's initial meeting
 - each forum shall select an acting chair until a chair is selected
- forums shall meet as necessary after the effective date of the New License
- Chelan PUD shall provide administrative staff support for forum meetings
- Chelan PUD shall provide space for forum meetings
- Meeting request by Chelan PUD or two members of the forum (in writing) that the chair convene a meeting within 21 days or as practicable
 - responsibility of the chair
 - agendas are distributed 7 business days prior to each meeting
 - meeting notes document all decisions/recommendations/assignments/scheduling matters and action items discussed at forum meetings
 - prepare/distribute meeting notes to each forum member within 10 business days of meeting
 - may reschedule final action, one time for each member on any decision/recommendation
- each forum may adopt additional procedural rules for its forum as necessary/appropriate

15.1.5 Decision-Making

- forums shall make decisions/recommendations by consensus
 - consensus means the unanimous consent of all forum members
 - member's abstention/non-participation shall not preclude consensus
- forum chair may call special meeting/form subgroups to develop recommendations to avoid dispute and reach an unanimous consensus

15.1.6 Initiation of Dispute Resolution Process

- chair declares an impasse
 - initiates dispute resolution process provided in Section 17 of this Agreement
 - prepare a written statement describing dispute issue
 - chair's statement shall be distributed to all forum members within 10 days of declaration of impasse
- if forum member is unable to join in decision/recommendation
 - notify the chair within 10 business days of receiving the meeting notes
 - notification must be in writing (on organization's letterhead)
 - be addressed to the chair
 - be distributed to all forum members
 - state reasons organization is unable to join in decision/recommendation
- upon receipt of such notice, chair shall:
 - initiate dispute resolution process as provided in Section 17 of this Agreement
- if forum member fails to notify chair within 10 business days of receipt of meeting notes
 - constitute consent to decision/recommendation
- lack of consensus at the forum level
 - Chelan PUD and RRPC determines delay could be deleterious to Comprehensive Plan objects
 - Chelan PUD or Agency needing a proposed action to occur may proceed with proposed action pending the outcome of dispute resolution process