
Rocky Reach Meeting Minutes

To: Distribution List
From: Scott Kreiter
Date: January 19, 2000
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Subject: Rocky Reach Cultural Resource issues
Attendees: Refer to Sign-Up Sheet
Location: Chelan County PUD 2nd Floor Conference Room, Wenatchee, WA

PURPOSE

To discuss and identify cultural resource issues for Rocky Reach relicensing and develop steps for addressing cultural resource issues. Provide information on the alternative relicensing process.

Q&A with Rob Whitlam

The question-and-answer session with Rob turned out to be a lengthy discussion regarding the letter from FERC that will address government-to-government consultation. It seems that the confusion is that, technically, FERC is exempt from government-to-government consultations because FERC is not an "executive" branch of the federal government. However, they do carry the responsibility since they are the lead government agency. Frank explained that the response that FERC will be sending will clarify the issues and will recognize tribal regulations and laws.

Relicensing/Federal Power Act Presentation (see Power Point Presentation)

Tim Bachelder, Duke Engineering & Services (DE&S) provided a presentation on the hydropower relicensing process. He explained that there are two licensing processes, the traditional and the alternative. The PUD is using the alternative relicensing process. He pointed out that using the alternative process offers a greater opportunity for crafting a process and approach that best suits the project-specific issues. He noted that the Cultural Resources Working Group would interact with other working groups to provide guidance and perspective.

Section 106 Compliance

The PUD has hired Western Historical Services (WHS) to be the Section 106 advisor for Rocky Reach Relicensing. WHS is headed by Robin Bruce. She is a historian who has a background in hydro relicensing and overviews. Vera Morgan is an archaeologist and has experience in the mid-Columbia region as well as knowledge in the 106 process. They will provide 106 guidance to the PUD, help develop study plans, and provide peer review of cultural resources study reports.

The working group reviewed the steps for Section 106 Compliance. The group decided to add to Item 4 a "brief summary of past work to determine any gaps." The group also decided to move the TCP Study from Item 7 and add 6.5, which will be the TCP report. In addition, an outline for the Background Overview was drafted.

OVERVIEW

- I. Introduction
- II. Cultural and Physical Environment
- III. Cultural History
 - Pre-historic
 - Historic
 - Ethnohistoric
- IV. Survey Methods
- V. Property Types
- VI. Known Sites
- VII. Future Actions

Gregg listed three priorities:

- 1.) Complete Overview
- 2.) Hire a consultant to do TCP Study
- 3.) Develop a Study Plan for Rocky Reach

Scott reviewed the list of past cultural resource investigations on Rocky Reach. Copies of the study reports were mailed to the work group members. WHS is going to review these studies and make recommendations on whether additional work needs to be completed.

Action Items

- ✓ Gregg will write letter to FERC and request schedule for response on the "government-to-government" issue.
- ✓ Frank will determine turn around time for letter and provide status update by the end of the month.
- ✓ Western Historical Services will summarize previous studies and make recommendations.
- ✓ Develop Study Plan Rocky Reach.
- ✓ Scott will send copies of Rocky Reach report to Frank Winchell.

Reference materials are posted on the web site, www.chelanpud.org/relicense.

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- Sign-up Sheet
- Distribution List
- Cultural Resources Overview Study Plan
- Relicensing/Federal Power Act Power Point Presentation
- Steps for Section 106 Compliance handout

STEPS FOR SECTION 106 COMPLIANCE
ROCKY REACH RELICENSING

12/19/00

1. Establish policy-level consultation via FERC
2. Select consultant/advisor to PUD
3. Organize Cultural Resources Work Group and establish roles.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Role</u>
- Colville Confederated Tribes	
- Yakama Nation	
- Wenatchee National Forest	
- State of Washington (Parks?)	
- BIA	
- BLM	
- Chelan PUD	
- Other?	

<u>Others Involved</u>	<u>Role</u>
- SHPO	
- THPO	
- FERC	
- ACHP	

The workgroup will be responsible for:

- Evaluating existing information to determine if additional studies are needed to make management decisions.
 - Scoping additional studies (if needed).
 - Interpreting results and identifying potential solutions.
 - Participation in development of a management plan
4. Establish Goals and Objectives
 - Fulfillment of Section 106 consultation requirements through collaborative development of a Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP).
 5. Develop Study Plan Outlines
 - Summarize past work and identify holes.
 - Determine need for background overview.
 - Other?

6. Select consultant(s) for Background Overview (if required)
7. Select consultant(s) for Traditional Cultural Properties
8. Complete Background Overview (if required)
9. Determine field studies required and methods
 - Phase I field survey?
 - Phase II field survey?
 - Other?
10. Select consultant(s) and complete field studies
11. Programmatic Agreement
12. Cultural Resource Management Plan
13. Data recovery/ Protection Mitigation & Enhancement