

Rocky Reach Meeting Minutes

To: Distribution List
From: Jeff Osborn for Michelle Smith & Kris Pomianek
Date: April 23, 2003
Subject: Rocky Reach Social Sciences Issues
Attendees: Refer to Sign-Up Sheet
Location: Hawley Street Conference Room, Wenatchee, WA
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Purpose

To review and discuss comments received on the first draft Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (PDEA) and License Application (LA).

Social Sciences Working Group Schedule (see handout)

Jeff Osborn, Chelan PUD (PUD), on behalf of Michelle Smith (PUD), began the meeting by reviewing a tentative schedule for the Social Science Working Group and relicensing documents. On the schedule Jeff (PUD) pointed out the Policy Guidance Committee kickoff meeting. The meeting is scheduled following the Full Team meeting on April 24. The intent of the meeting will be to provide an overview of the relicensing process, to assign roles and responsibilities for policy-level agency personnel and their staff and officially commence settlement negotiations for Rocky Reach relicensing.

Jeff (PUD) made note that the May 21 Social Sciences Working Group meeting is cancelled. He explained that Michelle (PUD) and [Kris Pomianek (PUD)] would be utilizing the month of May and early June to meet with individual stakeholders and discuss protection, mitigation, and enhancement (PME) measures. The working group will meet again as a group on June 25.

Comment Letters on PDEA and LA (see handout)

A handout was provided that listed the comment letters that had been received on the first draft PDEA and LA. Jeff (PUD) said that the PUD response deadline is June 1.

Social Sciences PME Matrix (see handout)

The working group only briefly reviewed the matrix since it had been reviewed and edited during the February and March working group meetings. Jeff (PUD) mentioned that the PME detail column will be the focus of the meetings that Kris (PUD) and Michelle (PUD) will be having with the individual stakeholder groups in May and June.

Members of the working group inquired about the status of the Community Recreation Fund. Jeff (PUD) explained that the fund would be presented at the April 28 Commission meeting. Jim Eychaner, Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC), requested a phone call from Kris or Michelle (PUD) with an update after the recreation fund is presented to the Commissioners. Karin Whitehall, US Forest Service (USFS) asked for a copy of the Community Recreation Fund concept paper. The working group was optimistic about the fund. Jim (IAC)

explained that IAC is very specific on what the IAC will approve for matching funding. He said that IAC will entertain applications for matching funds for projects that are above and beyond what is stated in the LA.

Sections 5.3.6 - 5.3.9 of PDEA (see handout)

A redline copy of sections 5.3.6 – 5.3.9 was distributed for the working group review. The redline copy shows the edits made to these sections based on first draft PDEA comments. Most of the comments will be incorporated directly into the PDEA. Jeff (PUD) noted that some sections include placeholders that will be completed as additional information is received and details defined.

Jim (IAC) discussed the need for managed access and nature trails. His main points were: 1) be pro-active; 2) encourage what is acceptable and appropriate access; 3) assure non-motorized access; and 4) it is ok to build trails to keep people in areas away from critical habitat. Susan Rosebrough, National Park Service (NPS) asked if a study for access development is needed. Jim (IAC) felt that an access management study would be beneficial. Jeff (PUD) explained that the PUD may be reluctant to complete another study at this point in the relicensing process. He continued by saying that an option might be to include a potential study as part of the recreation management plan that would be used for future management.

Other Business

Jim (IAC) questioned the amount of local awareness of the relicensing process. Jeff (PUD) stated that Kris (PUD) and Michelle (PUD) have been involved with a significant amount of community outreach. Wendell Black, City of Entiat (Entiat) agreed and said that Entiat has been well informed and involved.

Next Meeting

June 25, 2003

Action Items

- ✓ Kris or Michelle will call Jim Eychaner with an update on Community Recreation Fund.
- ✓ Kris or Michelle will send a copy of the Recreation Fund concept paper to Karin Whitehall.

Reference materials are posted on the Web site, www.chelanpud.org/rr_relicense. Please contact Rosana Sokolowski, (888) 663-8121, Extension 4175, if hard copies are required.

- ✓ Sign-up Sheet
- ✓ Distribution List
- ✓ List of Comment Letters on First Draft PDEA and LA
- ✓ Social Sciences WG Tentative Schedule, January – December 2003
- ✓ Redline Copy of Sections 5.3.6-5.3.9 of PDEA