

## Rocky Reach Meeting Minutes

**To:** Distribution List  
**From:** Kris Pomianek  
**Date:** January 28, 2004  
**Subject:** Rocky Reach Social Sciences Issues  
**Attendees:** Refer to Sign-Up Sheet  
**Location:** Relicensing/Implementation Conference Room, Wenatchee, WA  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Review Recreation Resources Management Plan

The working group reviewed the Third Draft Recreation Resources Management Plan dated January 12, 2004. The focus of the discussion was on *Section 4, Development Plan and Implementation Schedule*.

#### **Section 4.1 Development of Recreation Enhancement Options**

Kris Pomianek, Chelan PUD (PUD), said that the detailed description of each park enhancement is described in the appendices of the management Plan.

#### **Section 4.2 Recreation Measures and Implementation Schedules**

##### ***Operation and Maintenance***

Kris (PUD) noted that the plan includes \$1.7 million for the operation and maintenance (O&M) of all Rocky Reach parks.

Susan Rosebrough, National Park Service (NPS) (via teleconference), asked if the \$1.7 million included O&M for the State Parks. Kris (PUD) explained that those parks are not included in the \$1.7 million. Through the relicensing process, the PUD is working with Washington State Parks to provide capital improvements in Lincoln Rock and Daroga Parks to increase the possibility of making these parks more self-sustaining.

Karin Whitehall, US Forest Service (USFS), recommended that Orondo Park be added to the list of parks since it is a park along the reservoir. Kris (PUD) agreed and mentioned that the park is a cooperative effort. Douglas County Port owns the major portion and provides all of the O&M. Chelan PUD assists in capital projects for Orondo Park.

Chris Hall, WA Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), recommended adding the access sites to the plan. Kris (PUD) explained that the sites along the Wenatchee River are not maintained by the PUD. Chris (WDFW) acknowledged that, but said the sites were lost recreational opportunities from the original license and would like them noted in the Recreation Resources Management Plan. Kris (PUD) said that her understanding was that those sites were being addressed through the Natural Sciences Working Group. She will discuss with Scott Kreiter to avoid duplicating efforts.

#### ***Expanded Facilities at Lincoln Rock State Park***

The as-built drawings for the proposed expanded facilities are provided in Appendix B. The proposal includes a plan for the addition of group camping. With the proposed location being so close to the Eastbank Fish Hatchery,

Chris (WDFW) asked if educational opportunities about fish could be included. Kris (PUD) said that interpretive options with the fish hatchery are an option but may be too costly. Interpretive signs will be part of the plan, but other educational opportunities are still being discussed with the fish hatchery staff.

#### ***Expanded Facilities at Daroga State Park***

The need for convenience camping will be evaluated five years following license acceptance. Chelan PUD would be responsible for the infrastructure and State Parks responsible for the cabins. Appendix C provides details of the proposal.

#### ***Revitalization of Entiat Park***

The City of Entiat and the PUD have been working intensely over the past two years with the Entiat community on park enhancements. Appendix D shows the major renovation that has been developed for the Entiat Park. Bob Whitehall, City of Entiat (Entiat), noted that the southend improvements will enhance fish habitat. He also mentioned that the renovation would be done in phases and would begin as soon as the license is issued.

#### ***Sale of 22 shoreline acres in Entiat***

Chris (WDFW) discussed the erosion site demonstrations that will be part of the Shoreline Erosion Management Plan. She suggested that the 22 acres might be a good erosion demonstration. Kris (PUD) mentioned that the PUD has been working with Entiat to get the 22 acres back on the tax roles.

#### ***Interpretive/Nature Trails on lands adjacent to Project waters***

Four trail projects have been recommended as part of the new license. The first is to develop a trail from Entiat aqua on the Entiat River into Entiat Park. This trail would be developed upon completion of the Entiat Park revitalization. Secondly, Washington State Parks recommended adding interpretive trails in both Daroga and Lincoln Rock State parks. These trails would provide educational opportunities about the dam, fish, wildlife and vegetation. Chris (WDFW) recommended adding water quality as part of the interpretive opportunities. The PUD is also proposing to provide funding for the final mile of the Rocky Reach Trail being coordinated and built by Washington State Parks.

#### ***Recreation Enhancement Fund***

Kris (PUD) explained that the goal of the fund is to make monies available for projects that provide public access to Project lands and waters. The boundaries are on the Columbia River from Wells Dam to Rock Island Dam and the following tributaries, 1) Wenatchee River, including Icicle to Hatchery to Tumwater Dam; 2) Chelan River including all of Lake Chelan; and 4) Entiat River to Entiat Falls.

The first year after license issuance, \$1 million would be made available and between \$50,000 - \$500,000 each additional year throughout the life of the license. The fund will be governed by an advisory committee and projects will have to meet specific criteria before consideration. An evaluation of the fund will be done every six years through out the license.

#### ***Recreation Use Study***

A recreation use study will be conducted in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the new license and finishing in the 23<sup>rd</sup> to assess recreation use and needs within the Rocky Reach reservoir. Chris (WDFW) recommended that a winter use study and hunting be included as part of the studies.

### **License Preparation Schedule**

Kris (PUD) briefly noted that the final Comprehensive Management Plans, License Application, and Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment will be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on June 30, 2004. She continued by encouraging the group to review the documents and provide comment.

### **Review Comment Letters (see handout)**

Kris (PUD) provided the group with a summary of comments that have been received on the Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment: 1) the development of more trails; 2) build additional parks; 3) increase Recreation Enhancement Fund. Susan (NPS) reiterated the importance of trails.

## Other Business

A public meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2004, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Wenatchee Convention Center. The purpose of the meeting is to inform and help the public understand that in the relicensing process there has to be a balance between recreation and the other resources. Kris (PUD) urged the working group's participation.

### Next Meeting

March 24, 2004

### Action Items

- ✓ Kris (PUD) will discuss Wenatchee River access sites with Scott Kreiter.

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