

Chelan River Fishery Forum (CRFF) Meeting Minutes

Date: October 15, 2013
Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 noon
Location: Chelan PUD Headquarters, Wenatchee, WA
Second Floor Conference Room

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Meeting called by: Jeff Osborn, Chelan PUD

Note taker: Suzanne Hodgson

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Meeting Purpose: Meeting of the Chelan River Fishery Forum to continue Lake Chelan license Implementation

Minutes

Jeff Osborn welcomed everyone to the Chelan River Fisher Forum (CRFF) meeting and made known that voice recording of the meeting was initiated for note-taking purpose.

Chelan River Temperature Modeling

Pat Irlle, Ecology, reported she joined Ray Walton, West Consultants, Paul Pickett, Ecology, and Steve Hays and Jeff Osborn, Chelan PUD, on the site visit at Chelan River to discuss what temperature model would be appropriate to use for the Chelan River to meet goals and objectives. Jeff reported that Chelan PUD has received the final draft from Ray. Ray requested that Chelan PUD do an internal review and then forward to the CRFF for their review and comments.

Jeff Osborn reviewed the next steps;

- new contract with Ray to prepare a QAPP for temperature modeling
- run the model for base line calibration
- build and calibrate the model
- CRFF review the numbers and plan gaming options

Jeff stated that Chelan PUD has received an approved revised temperature modeling report schedule from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and will review the letter and report back to the CRFF regarding the revised report schedule.

Chelan River Pool to Habitat Channel Gravel

Jeff stated that he or Steve Hays were not able to observe yellow rock movement in the channel before the Chelan PUD implemented spawning flows. However, a snorkel survey is scheduled in November and the survey crew will be asked to observe yellow rock movement.

Jeff was able to verify that the yellow rocks that were placed in the thalweg, main channel, did move during the whitewater spill (375-400 cfs) event.

In addition, Jeff was pleased to announce that Chinook are spawning in large numbers in the channel at this time.

Riparian Feasibility Investigation

Jeff is in final steps of compiling the initial potential riparian consultant list and once it is completed he will forward his spreadsheet to the CRFF for their review and recommendation(s) on the selection of a consultant. After discussion, the attending CRFF agreed to the following steps:

- Chelan PUD draft riparian feasibility investigation proposal
- CRFF review of riparian feasibility investigation proposal
- CRFF send comments to Jeff
- Chelan PUD will draft a final proposal to be sent out to the potential riparian consultants
- CRFF will review proposals received from potential consultants
- Selected consultant that will draft a report

Jeff estimated the above process would take roughly 3-5 months and the model construction would be implemented 1 year from now, August/September 2014.

Chelan River westslope cutthroat trout

Travis Maitland, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, had no update regarding westslope cutthroat trout.

Jeff shared with the CRFF, according to Alene Underwood, Chelan PUD, that space for cutthroat at Eastbank is available. Cutthroat at Chelan Falls hatchery will be moved to Eastbank in November 2013 and winter until Spring/summer 2014. The goal is to raise the cutthroat to catchable size before release.

Habitat Channel Ramping Rate Investigation

Jeff noted that the habitat channel ramping rate investigation that was initially agreed to at the 20 June 2013 meeting will be implemented in May 2014.

Habitat Channel Flow Reduction Proposal

Jeff reported that Chelan PUD is now implementing the 4-pump operation. Jeff confirmed to Jim Pacheco, Ecology, that the Chinook are attracted/focused to the new gravel.

Action Items:

- Jeff will provide the revised temperature modeling report schedule to the CRFF.
- Jeff will complete the riparian consultant list and send to the CRFF for their review.
- Jeff will review FERC's temperature modeling report(s) timeline schedule and send to the CRFF.
- Graham Simon will contact Jeff to schedule a habitat channel site visit that will include Patrick Verhey and Justin Allego.
- Jeff Osborn will provide the Chelan PUD Lake Level Discussion web page link to Graham Simon.
- Jeff will check with Todd Miller regarding the status of the detection equipment.
- Travis will send Jeff an email regarding as to the status of the cost estimate for constructing and installing the PIT-tag array in the Chelan River at the bottom end of Reach 1.
- Jeff will send to the CRFF potential meeting/conference call date(s) options.