

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 14, 2014

Meeting of the **Lake Chelan License Settlement Parties**

Location: Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Center Way, Wenatchee, WA

Attendees: see attachment

Meeting:

Michelle Smith, Chelan PUD, welcomed all participants to the meeting. Michelle noted that Chelan PUD would like to discuss with the signatories their position and perspective on the Chelan community proposal to permanently increase the October 1 lake level target elevation to 1098 feet. Michelle explained that this proposal would require 100% agreement by all Settlement Parties and a Non-Capacity License Amendment with FERC.

Kirk Hudson, Chelan PUD, emphasized this meeting will provide an opportunity for all Settlement Parties to ask any remaining questions and/or express their concerns regarding the proposed October 1 target elevation change. To help Chelan PUD to determine their next steps in responding to the October target elevation change request by the Chelan community, Kirk requested that all Settlement Parties submit their formal response by September 23, 2014. Chelan PUD anticipates being able to provide their final decision in October 2014.

Summary of City of Chelan's reason for requesting higher Oct 1 target elevation:

- There has been a major weather pattern change since the Settlement negotiations
- Original agreement not fair-lacks the human side
- There are economical impacts on the city
- Increase in baby boomers that are retiring and using the lake later in the season
- Lack of private dock usage window
- Maintain the City's mission

Summary of agencies concerns/comments:

- The present lake level targets were developed through a compromise by all, noting that no one got 100% what they wanted but they could "live with" the agreed targets
- Not being able to drawdown to meet the November elevation level may cause a significant negative effect on tributary barriers
- Risk of a potential high spill event may increase
- A higher risk of entrapment in spawning locations
- An increase in shoreline erosion
- Other negative environmental effects may occur that haven't been studied or evaluated

- City needs to quantify their request and provide a statement of lost economics to justify their stated impact
- If changes to docks, check to ensure dock extensions don't encroach on DNR property

Summary of ideas for communicating and educating about lake levels:

- Provide to Chelan community educational material (brochure) in a common language that they may hand out
- City of Chelan invited the agencies to attend their community meetings so that they may explain their position and answer questions regarding the lake level issues and potential impacts of a fall change
- All attendees agreed and recommended a public education outreach program would be a good idea
- Provide information to dock owners, how to improve/adjust their docks to facilitate dock usable time
- Educate dock owners on "steps to obtain a dock permit"
- Agencies agreed that working together could help dock owners.
- The Settlement Team could help identify public education opportunities or offer other possible options for consideration such as, pamphlet(s) or public meetings
- Chelan PUD would consider conducting a private dock survey
- Attendees recommend that the City of Chelan web site has a link to Chelan PUD's lake level web site

Next Steps:

- Each agency will provide a formal response to Chelan PUD regarding the October target elevation change by September 23, 2014.
- Chelan PUD will review all formal agencies' responses related to a fall change in lake level.
- Chelan PUD will provide their next steps in October.

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Sign-in sheet

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