## Lake Chelan Recreation Forum Meeting

Monday, December 7, 2015 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Chelan County PUD 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Large Conference Room Wenatchee Headquarters

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Facilitator: Ray Heit Type of meeting: Lake Chelan Recreation Forum

Participants: Annelise LesMeister (National Park Service)

Ryan Baker (Chelan PUD) Deborah Bitterman (Chelan PUD) Bob Goedde (Mayor of Chelan)

Ray Heit (Chelan PUD)

James Urness Karyl Oules

Mike Steele (Lk Chelan Chamber)

Myra Barker (Wash State Rec & Conservation Office)

P Willard (US Forest Service)

Paul Schmidt (City of Chelan Administrator)

Richard Uhlhorn

Scott & Connie McKellar Graham Simon (DFW)

Tom Ernsberger (Washington State Parks) Tom O'Keefe (American Whitewater)

Wai Peterson (Manson Parks & Rec Manager)

## Agenda Meeting Purpose: 4.4 Recreation Resources Management Plan Review Schedule

This Recreation Resources Management Plan will be reviewed every six years to coincide with FERC's schedule for submittal of Form 80. A Lake Chelan Recreational Forum (LCRF) shall be formed as provided in section 18 of the Agreement, and will meet within six months following submittal of Chelan PUD's FERC Form 80 to review federal, state and local recreation policies, goals and planning documents relevant to the Project Area. The purpose of the LCRF is to exchange information related to recreation resources within the Project Area to improve future management decisions. Additionally, the LCRF will provide input and comment to the recreation use assessments plan and report conducted by a consultant chosen and funded by Chelan PUD during years 20 through 23 of the New License. Based on the results of the Recreation Use Assessment, the managing agencies and the LCRF may determine it necessary to reallocate the funds spent under this Chapter. However, in no event shall a reallocation of funds increase the funding obligation by Chelan PUD.

Welcome, introductions and agenda review 10:30 to 10:45 Ray
Form 80 Review 10:45 to 11:00 Ray

Questions and comments 11:00 to 12:00 Group

History of document, FERCs reasoning, process we took, results, changes needed.

Future of reporting.

Handouts: Agenda, Form 80 (filed)

## Meeting Summary:

Attended in Person: Bob Goedde (City of Chelan Mayor), Tom Ernsberger (State Parks), Paul Willard (USFS), Graham Simon (WDFW), Jeff Osborn, Ryan Baker, Michelle Smith (Chelan PUD. By Phone: Annelise LesMeister (NPS), Wai Peterson (Manson Parks District).

In Ray's absence (due to illness), Michelle led introductions and discussed the purpose of the meeting and Form 80. She explained that the Form 80 is submitted to FERC every 6 years to provide recreation amenity information showing type, use, and capacity numbers. The concept is to show trends and how the project area is meeting recreation demand.

Michelle stated that the last Form 80 study was completed in 2014 and submitted to FERC in early 2015. However, we have learned that FERC is looking for all recreation amenities, such as state and federal sites, not just PUD owned sites. Therefore, Ray is working with these agencies to update the Form 80 and will be submitting an amended Form to FERC when completed.

All attendees understood the purpose of the Form 80 and are willing to help ensure accurate numbers. They look forward to working with Ray to complete the updates.

Paul Willard (USFS) asked whether the Form needed to include things outside the project boundary, since the project boundary around Lake Chelan is typically the high water mark. Michelle answered that Ray is looking into that question with FERC and will be able to answer the question soon.

The group went on to discuss current trends for recreation around the lake. NPS and USFS stated that they are looking at dock permit sales to get a pulse on use numbers. Annelise (NPS) added that it is difficult to know precise numbers for those that purchase annual passes. Both agreed that there is no sign of significant increases in use.

Bob Goedde (City of Chelan) stated that there are a number of new private marinas being planned around the lower lake area. He wondered how boating would be affected by the increase in marinas.

Tom Ernsberger (State Parks) said there numbers have been pretty flat, though they have had more use at 25 Mile. 25 Mile is a focal point for people going uplake.

The meeting adjourned at approx 11:25.

## **Action Items:**

- Over the next couple of months, Ray will contact State Park, NPS, and USFW to assess information needed for the PUD's FERC Form 80.
- During early 2016, Ray will submit an amended Form 80 to FERC and the Recreation Forum.