

McNary Fisheries Compensation Committee Meeting

Northern Wasco County PUD Conference Room

2345 River Road, The Dalles, Oregon 97058

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Tuesday February 16, 2016, 1 – 4 pm

Attending: Rick M-PUD, Brian M-CRITFC, Brandon R-Yakama, on phone: Erick V-ODFW, RD N-USFWS
Presenters: Mel Babik-MCFEG, William Meyer-WDFW, on phone, Colleen Fagan & Winston Morten-ODFW

1. New Proposals, Extension Request or Final Report Presentations.

a. Final report presentation, “Yakama River Beaver Project”, Mel Babik, MCFEG.

Mel and William presented a power point presentation based on the questions Rick sent them after reading their final report. They did a good job quantifying their results as best they could. They emphasized that quantifying the results are difficult because beavers and beaver colonies are pretty dynamic. Success is evaluated based on the number of relocated animals still present after a year. They also made it clear that the literature is clear on the benefits of beaver colonies for fish so they didn't feel the need to confirm that preferring to put that energy toward colony creation. There were enough committee members present to vote in favor of accepting the final report and this presentation as meeting the final report requirements.

To Do List: Rick - **prepare vote record form**

Rick - **Release remaining funds**

b. Wallowa River-Baker Salmonid Habitat Restoration Project, Colleen Fagan, ODFW

Erick began his presentation of this preliminary proposal by highlighting how it satisfies all of our criteria. The proposal intends to restore an old side channel that meanders through an alfalfa field. The project includes 30 acres around the side channel and a 15 year easement/agreement disallowing crop production or grazing. The area would be fenced, log structures would be added and lots of seedlings planted. They anticipate movement of the channel, increased complexity and increased fish production. Brandon asked if there would be flow in it at low flows. They said during all but the driest years. Rick asked if they were concerned about stream movement destroying plantings or going outside easement boundaries. They said they were concerned but would evaluate if and when that happened and decide then if the project was still meeting its goals. RD asked about fish production expectations and if that information would be in a full proposal. They said there would be some of that in the full proposal. There was some discussion of this being phase 1 of a larger project and how there were other projects working on different sections of the same river.

RD suggested that they we may want to let them know that the Committee did not care to fund design work so they could avoid requested changes in fund allocation. Erick said they had done that and Colleen added that the Engineering money in the budget was for on site work supervision by an engineer, not design work.

There was an interest in giving them our decision today so we voted and got enough votes to ask them to submit a full proposal.

To Do List: Rick - **Vote Record Form**

2. December meeting minutes approval request.

Minutes were approved

To Do List: Rick - **Post minutes to web page.**

3. Other new business, agenda additions, etc.

2015 Annual Report

2015 Annual report was presented as a draft, a couple of sections not updated yet, comments requested.

To Do List: Rick - **Finish report and distribute for comment.**

4. Grant Updates, work progress and financial activity.

i) Swauk Creek Restoration- Yakama Nation-Henry Fraser (ED-2/10/12)

ii) Lamprey Test Tank Construction-WDFW-Pat Shille (ED-12/4/12)

iii) Yakama River Adult Lamprey Tracking-Yakama Nation, Bob Rose, (ED-6/30/13)

iv) PIT Tagging Spring Chinook Parr-Year 1- WDFW-Dan Rawding, (ED-9/30/13)

v) Facilities Inventory and RME preparation, CRITFC, Brian McIlraith, (ED-3/31/14)

vi) Lamprey Screen Type Testing-USGS, Matt Mesa & Theresa Liedtke, (ED-12/31/13)

vii) Lamprey Habitat Restoration Guide, Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation, John Crandall, (ED 5/31/15)

- (1) Haven't gotten e-copy yet.
- viii) Cle Elum River Restoration-Phase 2, Kittitas Conservation Trust, Mitchell Long (ED 12/31/14).
 - ix) PIT Tagging Spring Chinook Parr-Year 2, WDFW, Todd Miller (12/31/2015)
 - x) Yakama River Adult Lamprey Tracking-Tags only, Yakama Nation, Bob Rose (ED 3/31/15) **Final Report Received** Report receipt mentioned, it has been distributed.
 - xi) Yakama River Beaver Project, Mid C.Fisheries Enhancement Group-Mel Babik & WDFW-William Meyer, (ED 12/31/15) Final report received, approval pending. **Final Presentation Today**
 - xii) Adult Pacific Lamprey in the Snake- Receiver update (ED 12/31/14). **Report received 2/16/** Report mentioned and distributed.
 - xiii) Evaluation of Restoration Actions to Increase Overwintering Survival of Juvenile Tucannon River spring Chinook and summer steelhead. (ED 12/31/15) Final report requested.
Rick mentioned the one month extension granted this project to finalize the report. Also, that Dan thought the reports had been sent out but Rick couldn't find them. Rick had email issues and thought they may have gotten lost. He will investigate and distribute the reports when found.

See updated Grant Summary Table for complete list of activity.

5. Change Forms

- a. Committee Protocols – waiting for rewrite of section on decision making by Julie Carter, CRITFC. Julie reiterated that she will try to get to this ASAP.
- b. CF-2016-1 delete reference to land owner acknowledgment form being available on web site. Rick suggested the reference be dropped and that applicants provide their own form. Change was accepted.
To Do List: Rick - vote record form
Rick - Make change in application form
- c. CF-2016-2 delete instructions advising applicants to send applications to Korenna. Rick suggested this to remove the step of Korenna forwarding applications to him. Change was approved.
To Do List: Rick - Vote Record form
Rick - Make change on the application form.
- d. CF-2016-3 Addition of a preliminary proposal (PP) application
This change form was intended to provide a preliminary application for applicants that choose to use the PP application approach. Erick said he thought we decided to use the PP for all applications. Rick thought it was optional.
To Do List: Rick - Receive Erick's PP format proposal and distribute.
All- Review format for PP and get comments to Rick.

6. **Website updates** Updated tables and added June minutes.

7. **Next Meeting Date** Mid May.

To Do List: Rick –Doodle poll