

McNary Fisheries Compensation Committee Meeting

Northern Wasco County PUD Conference Room

2345 River Road, The Dalles, Oregon 97058

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Tuesday, November 18, 2014 10 AM

Attending: Gary Fredricks-NOAA, Rick Martinson-PUD, Korenna Colquit-PUD. On Phone: Dave Wills-USFWS, Julie Carter-CRITFC, Brian McClraith-CRITFC, calling in at 11:25, Bob Rose-Yakama, Erick VanDyke-ODFW.

1. New Proposals/Extension Request

a. Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group- Beaver Relocation Project end date extension request.

Margaret Neuman and Melisa Babik from Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group were present to present results from 2014 and request a one year extension on their grant to use the remaining funds. Melissa went through a PP presentation and discussed number of beavers relocated in 2014 (35), she talked about success rate in 2013, which was 50% of beavers relocated still in place and building structures. She wrapped it up by stating the goals for 2015 which were to relocate 10 – 15 beavers, improve methods, monitor success and present results. They anticipate having about \$35K left over and they believe that with increased volunteer help, remaining funds in other grants, and other savings, they will have enough money to accomplish their goal.

There was some talk of measuring success or at least effect of beavers, because after all we aren't interested in more beavers, we are interested in more fish. The consensus was that it is well established that beaver habitat can benefit fish which justifies continued beaver dispersal.

After the presentation and Mel and Margaret had left, a short discussion was followed by a vote which was unanimous in favor of granting the extension.

ACTION ITEM: RICK TO PREPARE END DATE EXTENSION AMENDMENT. FILL OUT VOTE RECORD FORM AND ADD TO FILE.

2. August 12 meeting minutes and August 26th conference call minutes approval.

Gary requested that one line in the discussion about impacts of the McNary turbine be changed. Rick will make the change and send to Gary for concurrence. If the change is satisfactory, the minutes will be approved and added to the website.

There were no comments on the conference call minutes.

ACTION ITEM: SEND REVISED MEETING MINUTES, POST TO WEBSITE. POST CC MINUTES AS IS.

3. Review of "MFCC project type priority" paragraph by Julie Carter.

Julie did not have this paragraph ready for review so this item was tabled.

4. Question- Are grant recipients eligible for reimbursement after the grant end date w/o requesting an extension?

This question had morphed into a change form by the meeting time so the change form was considered. It was agreed that some language was needed in the protocols and on the GAD. The GAD does stipulate that a report is due no later than 60 days after the end date on the GAD. Dave thought reimbursement requests deadline should match that. He also mentioned that the language Julie had emailed sounded good. Others had not seen that yet. So, Rick said he would look at what Julie submitted and make a revised change form for folks to consider before changes would be made. Until this is resolved, this issue will be handled on a case by case basis.

5. Grant financial activity since last meeting.

Rick went through the following financial activity updates:

- i. **WDFW PIT Tagging Spring Chinook Parr-Year 1**
- final report received, all funds dispersed.
- ii. **CRITFC Facilities Inventory and RME preparation**
- Final invoice was submitted, revised copy requested.
- Revised invoice received and accepted, waiting for final report before releasing funds.
- iii. **USGS Lamprey Screen Type Testing**
- All funds dispersed.
- iv. **Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation Habitat Restoration Guide**
- no financial activity
- v. **Cle Elum River Restoration-Phase 2**

- Invoice #CE2 McNar-1 submitted and paid- \$134,592
- vi. **WDFW PIT Tagging Spring Chinook Parr-Year 2**
- no financial activity
- vii. **Yakama River Adult Lamprey Tracking-Tags only**
-Invoice#S137190 submitted and paid, \$5,830.15
- viii. **Yakama River Beaver Relocation Project**
-Invoice#2014-2-YBP-Inv #1 submitted and paid-\$10,108
-Invoice#2014-2-YBP-Inv#2 submitted and paid- \$32,150.84
- ix. **Adult Pacific Lamprey in the Snake- Receiver update**
-Invoices #'s S139585 and S140046 rcd., both paid, total of \$12,357.71

See updated Grant Summary Table for complete list of activity.

6. Committee Protocols – Review of Julie’s paragraph on funding protocols

This is the same issue mentioned in the new business section above.

7. Website updates – two new tables were added, Vote History Table and All Applications Table

Rick just mentioned again the addition of these two tables to the website.

8. Project Updates- progress updates from Grant sponsor or project manager.

- a. USGS, Matt Mesa – Lamprey Test Tank Screen type testing – Draft report submitted, final requested. See update from Matt Mesa.
- b. CRITFC- Brian/Julie - Facilities Inventory and RME for Lamprey- Brian to add remaining comments, change 95% to FINAL and submit.

Brian reported that he had sent out the FINAL report just this morning.

ACTION ITEM: DISTRIBUTE FINAL REPORT, DISPERSE FINAL FUNDS, CLOSE GRANT.

- c. WDFW – Todd Miller, Tagging Spring Chinook Parr-Year 1- see Final report
- d. WDFW – Andrew Murdoch, Tagging Spring Chinook Parr-Year 2- see updates and Final Report.

The final report for this grant was submitted and circulated. Most folks had not thoroughly reviewed it but Gary had looked through it and was a little discouraged with the lack of error bars on the data, the general lack of data, the organization, and readability.

Dave said he would like to see river miles on the maps and more data.

Erick Vandyke and Bob Rose joined the meeting via conference line at about this point in the meeting.

Erick said he remembered a similar reaction to their first report.

Bob questioned how the data would be used, which Gary said should be our first question.

Dave added that he would like to see an appendix with the PIT tag codes used.

Rick suggested we all take some time and read through the report, generate any questions you have, send them to Rick who will combine into one letter, send that out for review, and then send the final version to WDFW.

ACTION ITEM: EVERYONE NEEDS TO READ THE REPORT AND SEND ANY RESULTING QUESTIONS TO RICK. RICK WILL COMBINE, RECIRCULATE FOR COMMENT, SEND FINAL TO WDFW.

- e. KCT- Mitchell Long, Cle Elum Restoration, Phase 2, see update and trip report by Rick.

Briefly discussed Mitch’s report. Rick reported that Mitchell will have a final report submitted by the end of the year and would come to our Feb meeting to present his project summary. Rick reported that the project was impressive and he needed to send out his update.

ACTION ITEM: RICK NEEDS TO SEND OUT HIS PICTURE COLLAGE.

- f. Yakama – Bob Rose, Adult Lamprey Tracking,

Bob reported that the radio tracking portion of the project is on hold. They have decided on some passage structures but a new participant had created some delays. So once the Lamprey passage structures are built, they may want to do more tagging to evaluate the new structures.

- g. MSRF – John C- signed GAD Amendment extending end date added.
- h. WDFW- Hank- Swauk Creek
- i. MCRFEG & WDFW - Yakama River Beaver Relocation- see update and extension request.

Rick reported that the Tucannon project Grant Award Document, sent out in September had not been returned. Rick also realized that he had not added this grant to the tables.

ACTION ITEM: RICK WILL ADD GRANT TO TABLES AND FOLLOW UP ON GAD.

9. Next Meeting Date

ACTION ITEM: RICK TO SET UP A DOODLE POLL FOR FEB.