

McNary Fisheries Compensation Committee Meeting

Northern Wasco County PUD Meeting Room

2345 River Road, The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Call in Number: 1-971-256-0996 , passcode: 148967

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Link for Web Meeting: <https://www.conferencecalling.com/meeting/14896798>

Monday, November 21, 2016, 10 am

Attending: Dan Rawding-WDF, Julie Carter-CRITFC, Rick Martinson-PUD. Calling In: Gary F-NMFS, Erick VanDyke-ODFW. Presenting Guest-Mitchell Long-KCT.

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

- a. Upper Yakima River Habitat Restoration Project, Kittitas Conservation Trust. Mitchell Long will be presenting this proposal.

Mitchell used a Powerpoint presentation to walk us through his proposal, The project secured SRF funding to design the project and is now seeking funds for the construction phase. They are seeking \$225, 210 from the MMF. Washington state has an easement for the land around the project site so access is secured. The project consists of excavating two side channels, adding flow deflector structures at the entrance, placing LWD structures in the side channels and extensive riparian planting. A major concern is the high use of recreational floaters that use this stretch of the river, so concessions and provisions were adopted in the plans. KCT is applying to WA Dept. of Ecology for stewardship funding to water the riparian planting for three years. There was some discussion about why the channels are dewatered now and what will prevent that from happening in the future. Mitch said past practices and sediment transport patterns contributed but didn't really assure us that it couldn't happen. Dan asked about exceedance curves, Mitch responded with data for September and October (not sure what year(s)).

We talked quite a bit about boater/floater risk of getting into the side channels and what had been done to minimize the chance of that. The flow deflector design and the slope of the first 100 yards of the channels were designed to keep floaters out and reduce velocity in the first 100 yards to enable floaters to get out. This is when Gary joined the call and he wasn't concerned about this risk, rather he expressed concern for a decline in the function for fish as a result of the design compromise for safety. The presentation finished up with a short discussion on funding, Mitch doesn't have the DoE grant yet so if we commit and that falls through the project wouldn't go through until he secured funding elsewhere.

After Mitch left the committee discussed the project some more with most members in favor of the project but interested in exceedance curves for both channels for September through May for multiple years.

TO DO-Rick to request data from Mitch, circulate response, request comments, follow up as needed and finally create vote record form, request votes and either proceed with GAD or draft denial letter.

2. August meeting minute's approval request.

Minutes approved.

3. Other new business, agenda additions, etc.

- a. Annual contribution to Trust Fund

Rick reported that the contribution to the Trust fund would be reduced to \$11,823K this year due to the OOS status of the turbine at McNary.

4. Grant Updates, work progress and financial activity.

Active-Open Grants

- a. Wallowa-Baker Restoration Project – ODFW

Colleen submitted a written update, project is on schedule.

Closed but Update Worthy

- b. Swauk Creek Restoration-Yakama Nation
- c. PIT Tagging Spring Chinook Parr-WDFW
- d. Facilities Inventory and RME for Lamprey-CRITFC
- e. Lamprey Screen Type Testing – USGS
- f. Lamprey Habitat Restoration Guide – Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation

- g. Cle Elum River Restoration- KCT
Mitch provided some drone footage of the project and offered to get more of the drone footage to us.
- h. Yakama Beaver Project- MCFEG
- i. Evaluation of Tucannon Restoration Work-WDFW – Dan mentioned that some of this work was being used Life cycle modeling work.

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 did submit a draft rewrite of the decision making section which generated quite a bit of discussion focusing on when is a vote final? It was generally agreed that a vote is not final until the vote record form is signed. Up until that time, a vote can be changed.
TO DO: Julie to rewrite to incorporate comments and distribute for review.
TO DO: Rick will create the change form for this and the vote record form, request comments and votes from members, finalize, update protocols document and get uploaded to website.

6. **Website updates** Website is up to date, latest versions of all documents.

7. **Next Meeting Date** Mid February.