

# McNary Fisheries Compensation Committee Meeting - MINUTES

Northern Wasco County PUD Meeting Room  
2345 River Road, The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Link to Webex:

<https://mcnaryfisheriescompensationcommittee.my.webex.com/meet/rickdm>

Your audio connection is up to you, Webex offers a few options visible once you are connected.

I will have the conference phone set up as backup. That number is 1-971-256-0996, the passcode is 148967. My cell number is 541-980-7727 if you need to call me. [Updated 11/22/2019](#)

**Thursday, December 5, 2019, 10 am.**

After struggling with IT issues in the board room we moved the meeting to the conference room. Once there we continued to struggle with the internet only to find out that it was Gorge.net that was out. We were able to send Geoff's presentation to the guys on the phone so they could follow along. We were unable to do that with the other presentation, it was too large a file.

## 1. May meeting minute's approval request – done via email.

Last call for edits.

No additional comments – minutes will be considered final.

## 2. New Proposals, Extension Request or Final Report Presentations.

### a. Final Report – Non Native Predator Recruitment Reduction-Geoff McMichael

Geoff presented his results which were basically that his approach did not work. He found only a few walleye and lots of prickly sculpin. He concluded that perhaps using strontium signatures to correlate fish with their home waters may be a necessary first step. He said there does seem to be an explosion of walleye and there is interest by other entities in predator reduction.

Geoff has about 60% of the funds we allocated left and is going to send us a one page addendum outlining additional work to utilize that money. We can review that and decide if we want him to continue work or terminate the project.

To Do: Rick - receive the one pager and distribute. Tally results and inform all parties of the committee's decision. Fill out a Vote Record Form

### b. Final Report – Upper Yakima River Restoration Project – Mitchel Long

Mitch Long and Melissa Speeg presented the results of their work to restore habitat on the upper Yakima River. They described the goals and some unexpected problems and the results which largely met their objectives. They reconnected two side channels and added 103 log structures to those side channels. They did a lot of tree planting on the south bank of the main stem Yakima as well. Overall they were quite pleased with the outcome.

To Do: Rick – document receipt of final report and make the remaining funds available should reimbursement requests be submitted. This assumes that a majority of the committee accept this presentation as their final report. If you don't, please let me know.

Rick-distribute the presentation.

A brief mention was made of the other updates received but no discussion ensued. After this the meeting was adjourned.

## 3. Other new business, agenda additions, etc.

- a. Grant Evaluation Table - review format, consider utility and decide to pursue or not.
- b. Logo selection- review current designs, decide on one or decide to redesign.

## 4. Grant Updates, work progress and financial activity.

### Active-Open Grants

- a. Upper Yakima River Restoration Project-KCT- final report/presentation scheduled
- b. Screen Angle Testing- see final report
- c. Juvenile Lamprey Tracking – see updates from Theresa
- d. Yakima Wood Fiesta – North Fork Manastash & Lower Umtanum Creeks, no update
- e. Wallowa-Baker Habitat Restoration Project – no update

f. Non Native Predator Recruitment Reduction – final report/presentation scheduled

g. Yakima River Mile 25 Thermal Refuge, see update

Closed but Update Worthy

h. Swauk Creek Restoration-Yakama Nation

i. Lamprey Habitat Restoration Guide – Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation

j. Cle Elum River Restoration- KCT

k. Yakama Beaver Project- MCFEG

**5. Change Forms**

**6. Website updates**

Rick informed those present that he added some photos from the McNary field trip to the website.

**To Do: Rick- add the final presentations to the website.**

**Rick – start work on the Annual report.**

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