



LAKE CHELAN COLLABORATIVE

MEETING 3 – LAKE CHELAN WATERSHED RESTORATION PLAN

MARCH 11, 2026

1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM



Welcome and Overview

Meeting Objectives

- Provide a brief AIS subcommittee update.
- Provide a recap of what we heard, and updates made on the issues prioritization list.
- Review and discuss the tentative technical presentation approach/schedule and identify topic leads/future presenters.
- Review and discuss the draft watershed plan outline.
- Establish goals and plan for addressing the Fish Habitat Restoration topic.
- Walk through the public communication and outreach approach and solicit input.
- Recap decisions made and next steps.

Meeting Agenda

Agenda Item

Brief AIS Subcommittee Update

Issues Prioritization and LCC Workplan

Watershed Plan Outline

BREAK

Group Discussion: Fish Habitat Restoration

Communication and Outreach Plan Approach

Wrap Up & Timely Topics

Introductions and Icebreaker

Share:

- **Name and affiliation**
- **Favorite thing about springtime in Lake Chelan**

Update from the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Subcommittee

NATE HOUGH-SNEE, MEADOW RUN ENVIRONMENTAL

AIS Subcommittee Updates

- **Meeting 1** – Presentations/discussion on Lake Chelan AIS issues, background, and planning approach
- **Meeting 2** – Presentations from out-of-basin AIS Management Programs and Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board ongoing work
- Currently working on preparing Lake Chelan AIS Watercraft Inspection Program Plan and Lake Chelan AIS Management Plan.
- Anticipate presenting the Inspection Plan at the June 2026 meeting and presenting the Draft AIS Management Plan at the September 2026 meeting.

Upcoming Events

- **AIS Inspection Program Plan Open Houses** (Chelan, Manson) – Open to public (April and May, dates TBD)
 - Will send out information to email list serv
- **AIS Subcommittee Meeting #3:** Wednesday June 3, 2026, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
 - Focus on Lake Chelan AIS Watercraft Inspection Plan and AIS Management Plan Outline
- **Field trip:** Thursday June 4, 2026, Lake Chelan Inspection Station at the Lakeshore Marina

Issue Prioritization and LCC Workplan Updates

GOAL: CONFIRM THE ISSUE PRIORITIZATION AND ASSOCIATED LCC WORK PLAN, IDENTIFY TECHNICAL LEADS FOR KEY ISSUES

Issue	Votes
Aquatic invasive species proactive management and control	24
Nutrient loading and nearshore algal accumulations on Lake Chelan	20
Long term water supply	18
Fish habitat restoration	16
Forestry management, wildfire prevention and impacts to water quality	15
Fish populations - Bull Trout Reintroduction, Kokanee, land locked Chinook	12
Recreational access	11
DDT and relic toxics in fish from ongoing agricultural drainage	10
Land use change management (Generally)	10
Recreational impacts (BTEX, wave generation, noise, trash accumulation)	9
Microplastics and emerging toxics (e.g. PFAS)	8
Lake stratification/Lake dynamics/Lake water temperature	7
Water fowl populations and pathogens (e.g. swimmers itch)	7
Roses Lake nutrient impacts/algal blooms	6
ESA Listed or Other Species/ Reintroduction (Western Gray Squirrels, Beavers)	4
Cultural resources impact	3
Irrigation district consolidation	1

LCC Workplan

- Issue list/prioritization will inform future LCC meetings and the Lake Chelan Watershed Plan.
- Need feedback from the group to identify appropriate technical leads/champions for priority issues.
- Next LCC meetings to focus on technical presentations for informing the LCWRP.



Meetings 1-2

Operating principles
Issue identification and prioritization
LCC goal and vision setting
Public outreach planning



Meetings 3-5

Topic specific technical presentations and discussions
Subcommittee formation/meetings



Meetings 6-7

Prioritization of projects
Plan outline
Additional public outreach planning



Meeting 8-9

Refinement and finalizing watershed plan

LCC Workplan – Future Meeting Topics (Next 2-3 meetings)

Critical Path	Future Meeting Technical Topic	Technical Lead/Presenter
*	AIS Management Plan	Meadow Run/Justin at WDFW
*	Fisheries/ Fish Habitat	TBD
*	Water Supply/Water Rights	Geosyntec/Ecology
*	Water Quality (DDT/Nutrient Loading)	Phil Long LCRI Clay Patmont Anchor QEA
*	Forestry Management/ Wildfire Impacts and Prevention	TBD
*	Traditional Uses of Lake Chelan	TBD
	Roses Lake Cyanobacteria Management Plan	CCNRD
	Recreational Topic? TBD	TBD
	Agricultural Topic? TBD	TBD
	FERC Licensing Process and Requirements	TBD

Group Discussion

- Clarifying questions/reflections
- By topic, what are you interested in learning more about and who might champion that discussion/presentation?
 - Will get into more detail on fisheries/fish habitat later

Lake Chelan Watershed Restoration Plan Outline

GOAL: SOLICIT INPUT FROM LCC TO INFORM THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE WATERSHED PLAN

LCC Feedback

- **The plan outline was developed based on feedback from the LCC during Meetings 1 and 2**
 - *Capitalizing on previous work completed.*
 - *Accountability for future actions.*
 - *Actionable goals and implementation plan.*
 - *Identifying key stakeholders.*
 - *Identification of 4-5 high priority projects, responsible parties and funding sources.*
 - *Projects supported by the community*
 - *A plan that is used*
 - *Maintain flexibility to address topics as they become a priority/adaptive management*
 - *Focus on key priorities that are likely to be successful*
 - *Increase public awareness and access.*

Overview of Key Plan Elements

- Approach
 - Highly focused plan with an eye towards implementation and public/stakeholder engagement
 - Specific issue-related details included as appendix
- Key issues and prioritization process
 - How the group determined which issues to focus on
- Project and strategies developed for addressing issues
- More exhaustive Implementation Plan Matrix
- Focus on implementation plan for 4-5 key priority projects
 - Milestones
 - Goals
 - Funding
 - Schedule
 - Champions

Group Discussion

- Any clarifying questions?
- Is there anything missing?
- Any section that particularly resonates or doesn't resonate?

Fish Habitat Restoration

GOAL: BETTER DEFINE THE FISH HABITAT ISSUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFORMING FUTURE TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS AND GOALS OF THE WATERSHED PLAN.

Lake Chelan Fisheries Resources

- 2002 - Lake Chelan Fishery Management Plan (WDFW)
- 2004 - Lake Chelan Subbasin Plan (NW Power and Conservation Council)
- 2005 – Holden Mine Proposed Restoration Project Descriptions (Hart Crowser)
- 2007 - Lake Chelan Fishery Plan (Chelan PUD)
- 2011 - WRIA 47 Habitat Component (The Watershed Group)

Group Input

- Other relevant studies/plans?
- Ongoing fisheries/fish habitat work in the Lake Chelan Basin?

Group Discussion

- What kinds of fisheries issues is the group interested in hearing about?
- How does the group envision addressing fisheries/fish habitat issues in the plan?
- Who would be the right person/people to speak to these issues and support this component of the watershed plan?

LCWRP Communication and Outreach Plan

GOAL: PRESENT COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH APPROACH AND TIMELINE

Informed by LCC Feedback (Meeting 1)

- *Sharing information / Education process for public*
- *Public engagement / input into prioritization*
- *Transparency on existing data and studies*
- *Meet people where they're at*
- *Collaborative, bringing everyone together and being on the same page*
- *Provide written materials in Spanish*
- *Engagement of business community*
- *Important to get buy-in from public for efforts to be affective – a lot depends on the public.*
- *The plan should recommend addressing issues through public outreach and education (i.e. signs, materials, etc.)*

Outreach Goals

- The ultimate goal of the communication and outreach efforts detailed in the plan is for the **LCWRP to accurately reflect community and stakeholder priorities.**
- CCNRD to lead outreach efforts with support from consultant team
- Objectives:
 - **Inform** – Provide transparency throughout the LCWRP planning process and educate the public on key watershed issues being considered by the LCC.
 - **Consult** – Solicit feedback to inform the LCWRP.
 - **Involve** – Encourage participation in the LCC and more engaged participation in the LCWRP development

Communication/Outreach Methods

- Use of existing “information distribution points”
- Webpage (complete)
- Email List Serv (complete)
- Development of an FAQ flyer for website and distribution (in progress)
- Online or in-person surveys for soliciting public input (in progress)
- In-person community events in Chelan and Manson (in progress)
- Use of social media, radio or local news media outlets (in progress)

Implementation Plan and Schedule

- Two main phases, one during the preliminary planning process, and one after the draft LCWRP has been prepared

Timing	Outreach Effort
March to June 2026	<p><i>Phase 1 Outreach</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCC provides input into Communication and Outreach plan Develop an FAQ Make updates to the County webpage Prepare Survey #1 Coordinate with media outlets to do news articles, radio ads, and/or social media postings and provide materials at public events (such as Chelan Earth Day Fair) to share information on community events, share survey links and share information on the Lake Chelan planning effort. Prepare presentation materials and secure a venue for Community Event #1. May 2026 – Community Event #1 Present results of first phase of outreach to the LCC.
April to June 2027	<p><i>Phase 2 Outreach</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare Survey #2 Coordinate with media outlets to do news articles, radio ads, and/or social media postings for the purpose of sharing the draft LCWRP and soliciting feedback from the public. Prepare presentation materials and secure a venue for Community Event #2. May 2027 – Community Event #2. Present outreach results to the LCC.

Group Discussion

- Clarifying questions?
- Additional input and/or suggestions?
- Interest in supporting/participating in outreach efforts?

Wrap Up and Timely Topics

- Roses Lake Cyanobacteria Management Plan (Elle Robinson, CCNRD)
- Updates from the field
- Recap of decisions made and next steps

- Next Meeting