

Icicle Creek Work Group
Thursday, December 3, 2015

10:00 – 3:30 PM

Confluence Technology Center (Wenatchee)

Draft Meeting Summary

Attendees:

Lisa Dally Wilson, Dally Environmental; Greg McLaughlin, WWT; Mike Kaputa, Chelan County; Keith Goehner, Chelan County; John Bangsund, City of Leavenworth (Council); Joel Walinski, City of Leavenworth; Jeff Gomes, City of Cashmere; Lisa Pelly, TU; Susan Adams, WWT; Dave Irving, USFWS; Daryl Harnden, IPID and Farmer; Gus Bekker, ALPS; Mick Mueller, USFS; Gabe Snider, USFS; Charity Davidson, WDFW; Jim Brown, WDFW; Dan Haller, Aspect; Mary Jo Sanborn, Chelan County; Melissa Downes, Ecology-OCR; Kate Terrell, USFWS; Bob Bugert, CDLT; Mickey Fleming, CDLT; Mike Kane, Kane Natural Resources. On the Phone: David Reepoloeg, Senator Cantwell's Office; Dave Rice, Anchor QEA; Tim McCoy, USBR.

Introductions, Review Agenda

IWG Decision Point: Approve September 29, 2015 IWG Meeting Summary - approved with ERU number clarification by City of Leavenworth

Steering Committee Report (Jim Brown, Others)

- SEPA and project timing (Dan Haller, Melissa Downes) - Update provided from Steering Committee meeting discussion. Programmatic SEPA Scoping will now commence. Early steps include data gaps analysis, SEPA review, SEPA Open House, and Public Outreach Meetings. Scope and Schedule of the programmatic EIS will depend on whether project specific information will be used within the programmatic environmental review. Recommendations and a decision regarding the approach (eg., how much project specific information should be included within the programmatic environmental review) will occur after the data gap analysis is complete in April or May. Will also check in with NEPA partners. SEPA roles: Chelan County and Ecology will co-lead the SEPA process. Ecology will be nominal SEPA lead for decision purposes.
- Boulder Field issues resolved from 9/29 IWG meeting: screening needs, instream flow requirements, funding coordination, fish passage and tribal fishery, design. TU did not want the Boulder Field project specifically listed on the project list but the Steering Committee wanted the concept of addressing passage on the list. The result is the change in language recommended (decision point below).

- Funding coordination meeting in January (January 7th proposed). County will coordinate on meeting date/time with funders and IWG Steering Committee (others welcome).
 - WDFW is working on getting some funding for screen design for IPID. There may possibly be funding for implementation as well. This can be discussed at the Funding Coordination meeting
 - IWG members to send ideas of other potential funders to invite to the meeting

IWG Decision Point: IWG approved Steering Committee recommendation to remove “including at Boulder Field” on Integrated Base Package table. Change to “improve passage in Icicle Creek including passage to Upper Icicle Creek”. Content in SEPA Scoping would include all opportunities in every reach of Icicle Creek. Broader language retained. Future coordination of screens and project pairing still needs to occur.

IWG Member Support Letters – update (All) - WDFW and Colville Tribe’s letters have been submitted. Cashmere, WWT, Leavenworth, County, USFWS, IPID, and TU all are in the works in December. Yakama Nation is also currently working on a support letter. NOAA and USFS status is still pending.

How will these letters be used? “To show general support, per the three bullet points from September IWG meeting”.

- Support initiation of Environmental Review
- Support the Base Package of projects through feasibility studies
- Support the ability of the Base Package to meet all of the guiding principles.

Several members of IWG asked that letters not be used to imply that they support specific projects.

LNFH Tribal Fishery Analysis (Steve Parker, Dan Haller, Dave Rice) - Deferred this to another meeting to ensure tribal participation.

Pump Exchange O&M Memo (Dan Haller, Dave Rice) Generally, the capital side of the pump exchange projects seem feasible based on these studies, however the ongoing issue is with operations and maintenance costs. Currently pump exchange projects are not explicitly listed in the Base Package, but could be included (under a broader, general description) if O&M issues can be resolved. Messaging should be broader than IPID, as it could include COIC and LNFH or other pump exchanges.

COIC Alternatives Analysis and Next Steps (Greg McLaughlin, Dave Rice) – The preferred alternative over range of options is likely to be decided in early 2016. The COIC Board is supportive and will begin shareholder outreach to do long-range planning and select an alternative. Pump exchange options could result from water coming from either the Wenatchee River or Icicle River below Reach 2. Greg also provided an example of a finance model that the

WA Water Trust employed in the Okanogan where O&M costs were financed through NWIFC (Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission). It was suggested that there be further discussion of O&M financing at the upcoming Funding Coordination meeting for the IWG.

After discussion of a number of potential pump exchange projects, Dave mentioned that the Hatchery was worried that Wenatchee River water (introduced to the Icicle via a pumpback scenario) may not be an option for hatchery use due to incompatibility and pathogens.

Communication Strategy Update (Mary Jo Sanborn, Melissa Downes, Dan Haller)

“Icicle Strategy” is a good moniker for our overall message. Will make all outreach materials consistent with “Icicle Strategy”. Coloring is good. Request for a handout focused on an implementation schedule. Implementation strategy / calendar graphic to be developed that shows schedule of SEPA, outreach, SEPA Open House, etc. Also target Icicle Tributary public meeting. Comments due to Mary Jo by December 31.

- Key messages, library of outreach materials (comments due by December 31)
- Upcoming public outreach opportunities:
 - 2016 Upper Columbia Science Conference (January 27 & 28 in Wenatchee)
 - Tree Fruit Industry Conference (December 7th in Yakima)
 - Wenatchee Habitat Subcommittee meeting (January 20 in Wenatchee)

Habitat Project Development (Mike Kane, Mickey Fleming)

Mike and Mickey discussed their habitat restoration and protection work in the Icicle Basin and future needs and opportunities. A geomorphic assessment of RM 0 to 4.5 is proposed and included in the OCR budget. There was discussion of whether to take this assessment all the way up to the Boulder Field.

Master Scope of Work and Budget (Mary Jo Sanborn, Dan Haller, Melissa Downes) IWG discussed the importance of showing other funding sources in the Master Scope of Work.

IWG Decision Point: IWG approved master SOW and budget

Public Comment - None

Summarize Meeting Outcomes and Next Steps

- January 7th funding coordination meeting date does not work for Jim. This will be re-scheduled.
- February 4th hold for Steering Committee
- Next IWG meeting: March 3rd, 2016

3:30 Adjourn