

# Lake Chelan Watershed Planning Unit – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm – Chelan Fire Hall

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

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## Minutes

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| 1:00-1:10 pm | Welcome and Introductions  |
| 1:10-1:40 pm | Water Quality – Phil Long <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 2024 Water Quality Monitoring</li><li>▪ Periphyton Study Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▫ See PPT in Meeting Materials</li></ul></li></ul>   |
| 1:40-2:10 pm | Aquatic Invasive Species and Keep It Blue – Lisa Dowling <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 2024 Mobile Watercraft Inspection Program</li><li>▪ Citizen Science Early Detection and Monitoring<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▫ See PPT in Meeting Materials</li></ul></li><li>▪ KIB Spring Events<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▫ Restore the Shore II ~ Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-12:30pm</li><li>▫ Share link below to signup online:<br/><a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbkFX6b4ejNyeTiiI9uYDg-tO_0giLO-Z0qKm_I9CuAGSCIQ/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbkFX6b4ejNyeTiiI9uYDg-tO_0giLO-Z0qKm_I9CuAGSCIQ/viewform</a></li></ul></li></ul>   |
| 2:10-2:25 pm | Voluntary Stewardship Program – Stephen Lesky <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Program overview and update<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▫ See PPT in Meeting Minutes</li></ul></li></ul>  |
| 2:25-2:45 pm | Water Supply – Andrea Reyes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Coordinated cost reimbursement update<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▫ See PPT in Meeting Minutes</li></ul></li></ul>  |
| 2:45-3:15 pm | Regular updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ USFS<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▫ The Agencies (FS, EPA, ECY, and Yakama Nation) are working on the Phase 2 documentation to proceed with remaining hydraulic containment of mine influenced water from the unwallled portion of the tailings piles.</li><li>▫ The Forest Service is negotiating the terms of that documentation with the Agencies to meet the requirements of CERCLA and MTCA (Federal and State legal requirements). The negotiations for Phase 2 of the cleanup have been made the top priority and therefore the Five-Year Review is still in progress and not yet ready.</li><li>▫ All Operations and Maintenance and monitoring activities have been going well.</li></ul></li></ul> |

- Lake Chelan Fishery Forum
  - The Chelan River Fishery Forum (CRFF) and the Lake Chelan Fishery Forum (LCFF) had their annual meetings on November 14, 2023. Some of the topics discussed included the Chelan River Habitat Channel success, Chelan River Summer Chinook Spawning results, WDFW M&E Lake Chelan Creel Surveys, and NPS Stehekin Kokanee survey results. The forums also discussed anticipated projects to be included in the following seasons Annual Work Plan (AWP).
  - Chelan PUD is working with WDFW and NPS to finish up this field seasons Annual Work Plan which will be finalized in April.
  - Chelan PUD has hired a new Water Resource Program Manager, Sara Gerlitz Peck. Sara holds a Master of Water Resources (MWR) degree from the University of New Mexico and has over seven years of experience in Southwestern water resources, environmental restoration, and natural hazard mitigation. Sara will be the PUD contact for future LCWPU quarterly meetings.
- Chelan County Noxious Weeds:
  - Exploring options to treat Eurasian milfoil infestation at Domke Lake with herbicide application
  - Cost estimate prepared and working to secure grant funding
- Cascadia Conservation District:
  - Washington State Conservation Commission (WSSC) has new grant funding program to help landowners restore and maintain riparian management areas
  - Follow this [link](#) to learn more about this funding opportunity and contact [Alex Harwell](#) with questions or project ideas
- 2024 Meeting Schedule
  - June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

3:30 pm

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