

# WASHINGTON COAST SUSTAINABLE SALMON PARTNERSHIP

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## SUMMARY OF REGIONAL MEETING

September 17, 2008

In attendance:

Nancy Allison, Executive Director, WCSSP

### **North Pacific Coast Lead Entity**

Rich Osborne, Lead Entity Coordinator

Ed Bowen, Citizen

Devona Ensmenger, Wild Salmon  
Center

Katie Krueger, Quileute Tribe (via  
phone)

### **Quinault Nation Lead Entity**

John Sims, Lead Entity Coordinator

Guy McMinds, Quinault Indian Nation

### **Grays Harbor County Lead Entity**

Lee Napier, Lead Entity Coordinator

Eric Delvin, The Nature Conservancy

### **Pacific County Lead Entity**

Mike Johnson, Lead Entity Coordinator

Bob Burkle, WDFW

Kathryn Moore, Capitol Land Trust

Key McMurry, Ecological Land Services,  
Inc.

- ✚ The meeting opened with a review of the meeting summary from August. There were no changes made.
- ✚ Lee Napier requested one addition to the agenda and that was whether or not to renew Nancy Allison's contract as the Executive Director for the WCSSP. Nancy's original contract runs from May to September 2008 with the idea that by the end of September there would be a better understanding of her scope of work. The Interim Committee agreed that Nancy would provide an updated scope of work to Lee and Lee would make the request through the Grays Harbor Board of County Commissioners for the new contract to run through June 2009.
- ✚ Nancy facilitated a debriefing session on the WCSSP Regional SRFB submittal for 2008. The SRFB submittal documents were reviewed and Nancy explained what they were and how they related to the project lists and allocation. Questions were raised about the sub-allocation process and how the remaining dollars from NPCLE (WRIA 20) and Pacific County Lead Entity (WRIA 24) were reallocated across the region. The \$20,670 from NPCLE and \$4,836 from Pacific County were reallocated to the other two Lead Entities based on conference calls between Nancy and the four LECs. It was agreed that this process worked well and that it was good to maintain the funding within the Region. It was further agreed that the November WCSSP meeting will be dedicated to a scientific discussion of what criteria will be

used next year and how the numbers associated with the criteria will be determined. Concern exists across the Region that data are not generated equitably. We need to ensure that there is a consistent “measuring stick” across the Region for the criteria used for funding allocations. We need to get the basic building blocks in place and strengthen the existing data.

- ✦ The Interim Committee agreed to have Nancy work with Lee to advertise for an Administrative Assistant for the WCSSP.
- ✦ Additional discussion revolved around how best to use the Technical Assistance funding available through the Regional contract. Possibilities include hiring a facilitator to begin the regional planning process, support the needs assessment proposed for the coast by the Wild Salmon Center, support a region-wide analysis of the sub-allocation criteria for 2009. The Interim Committee will discuss these ideas with their respective Lead Entity Groups and come to the October meeting prepared to make some decisions.
- ✦ The remainder of the meeting was spent on a creating a final draft of the Interlocal Agreement. The Interim Committee finalized the draft text and each Lead Entity Group will review it and provide final comments and suggestions before the October WCSSP meeting. It was further agreed that Nancy will draft a letter of invitation to each County, City, and Tribal government and to the Ports inviting them to be a signatory to the document. A time limit for response will be applied so that the Interim Committee will know in October what governments within the Region will be signatories. Nancy will follow up the letter with phone calls and meetings to ensure that each invitee understands who we are and why they are being invited to participate.
- ✦ **PRIORITIES:** Now that the 2008 SRFB submittal is complete, and we are making progress on the Interlocal Agreement, other Regional priorities were discussed:
  - The highest priority now is to generate a WCSSP work plan and associated budget for the remainder of the biennium. Nancy will attempt to get a rough draft out for review before the October meeting.
  - The Interim Committee needs to make decisions on what the governing unit will be and how it will be structured. To that end, we need to start the process of drafting operating procedures and/or by laws.
  - The Region needs to show progress on the development of a regional planning document by the end of the biennium in June.