

WASHINGTON COAST SUSTAINABLE SALMON PARTNERSHIP

SUMMARY OF REGIONAL MEETING

October 15, 2008

In attendance:

Nancy Allison, Executive Director, WCSSP

North Pacific Coast Lead Entity

Rich Osborne, Lead Entity Coordinator

Ed Bowen, Citizen

Katie Krueger, Quileute Tribe

Quinault Nation Lead Entity

John Sims, Lead Entity Coordinator

WDFW

Lauri Vigue; Lead Entity, Watershed

Steward Coordinator

Grays Harbor County Lead Entity

Lee Napier, Lead Entity Coordinator

April Boe, The Nature Conservancy

Lonnie Crumley, Stream Works

Doug Fricke, RFEG State Board

Barbara Morris, Citizen

Pacific County Lead Entity

Mike Johnson, Lead Entity Coordinator

Bob Burkle, WDFW

Key McMurry, Ecological Land Services, Inc.

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- ✚ The meeting opened with a review of the agenda and the meeting summary from September. There were no changes made.
 - ✚ Lauri Vigue, Lead Entity and Watershed Steward Coordinator for WDFW was introduced to the group. Lauri explained her role with the agency and pledged that she would make our monthly meetings a priority. Lauri and WDFW want to help WCSSP in any way that they can. They will be working with us, as co-managers of the fishery with the tribes, to help us flesh out the best criteria and databases for the Coast Region sub-allocation process for the next SRF Board.
 - ✚ Director's report:
 - SRFB project presentation. Nancy, together with the LECs and some project sponsors, provided information to the SRFB Review Panel on October 14. Amongst the Coast Lead Entities, there were three Draft Projects of Concern (Quinault LiDAR Assessment, Gatton Creek Fish Barrier Culvert Replacement, and the Black River Conservation Initiative—Water Rights) There was also one project for which the panel requested more information

(Chehalis Water Type Assessment). The project sponsors will address the comments and concerns before the Review Panel submits its final recommendation to the SRF Board at the end of November.

- A letter to the Governor was sent in September requesting her support for the request by the Recreation and Conservation Office for the state's part of the SRF Board funding. A response was received from Governor Gregoire thanking us for the letter and assuring us that our request would be given careful consideration.
 - A letter of invitation to be a signatory on the Interlocal Agreement was sent to all Cities, Counties, Tribes, and Ports in the Coast Region. As soon as we agree on the language, the final will be distributed to the interested governments for signature.
 - A Position Description was drafted for the Program Assistant and the job was advertised in the Grays Harbor area.
- ✚ November and December WCSSP Meetings. Meeting times for the November and December WCSSP Regional meetings (November 19th and December 17th) are changed from the normal 10AM-2PM to 1PM-4PM and we will meet at the Montesano City Hall. In light of Grays Harbor County's meetings to explore the concept of a Marine Resources Committee during the morning of those same days, we will meet in the afternoon.
- ✚ Hatchery vs. Wild Fish. There was concern raised about some organizations in the area wanting to reduce the use of hatcheries. Bob Burkle explained how the WDFW hatchery program protects wild populations. The consensus was that we will keep this issue in mind as we work through the planning process with our Regional Plan.
- ✚ Interlocal Agreement. There were punctuation corrections and some minor word smithing. A definition of the Council of Regions was added along with two additional sections. Section 5.5 provides language that allows local governments that have chosen not to participate at this time to be added at a later date. Section 15.0 allows copies of the document to carry the same force and effect as the original. Specific language is as follows:
- 5.5** Any local, tribal, port or other governmental entity authorized in the Preamble, that lies within the external boundaries of the four above-named LEGs, and which was not an original signatory to this Agreement, may participate at a later date by signing an Addendum to this Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 12.0.

15.0 COPIES OF DOCUMENT

Upon completion of signatures, each signatory party will receive a copy, which shall have the same force and effect as the original.

The final draft of the Interlocal Agreement was approved pending a vote by NPCLE.

- ✚ WCSSP Work Plan and Budget. Over the next several weeks, Nancy will be drafting a work plan and budget for the remainder of the biennium. The work plan that was developed for the initial years of the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board will be used as a template. The scope of work from the RCO contract was discussed as being necessary to include in the work plan, but other ideas were also brainstormed by the group. Nancy will use the direction received from the Interim Committee as a starting point and will work closely over the next couple of weeks with Phil Miller in the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office. The goal is to have a final draft for review by the Interim Committee at the November meeting. Given the agenda for the November meeting, however, we may want to do as much of this as possible through email.

Some work plan functions from the scope of work were discussed as follows:

- There is some concern about the language in the scope of work regarding the WCSSP's relationship with the North American Salmon Stronghold Partnership (NASSP). That relationship is yet to be determined. The Quinault and Queets Rivers in WRIA 21 have been endorsed by NASSP. However, there is still concern from the NPCLE. We will continue to discuss the relationship between WCSSP and NASSP as the work plan is developed.
- Discussion ensued about outreach and whether it was a function of the Region or the Lead Entity Groups (LEGs). The general consensus was that general outreach and communication could be done by the Region, but that detailed outreach was a function of the LEGs. Nancy expressed sensitivity to "stepping on the toes" of the LEGs, but also felt that it was an important role for the Region.
- A fairly detailed discussion about the website led to the fact that all LEGs could tag on with the Region's website. It will be a priority in the work plan.

Other ideas for the work plan included:

- Define and establish the Advisory Board.
- Establish general operating procedures for the Board.
- Develop a long-term strategic vision.
- Build relationships with diverse stakeholders.
- Build relationships with the media.

- Identify and pursue funding sources.
- Develop GIS/Database capabilities.
- Submit list of projects recommended for funding to the SRFB.
- Coordinate regional allocation and report to SRFB.
- Monitor and coordinate Community Salmon Fund project solicitation and review.
- Support fish and wildlife education activities in local schools.
- Exploration of 501©3 non-profit status.
- Explore the pros and cons of defining and establishing a regional technical review group.
- Use HWS to identify all projects within the Region, not just the ones funded through the SRF Board.

 **PRIORITIES:**

- Generate a WCSSP work plan and associated budget for the remainder of the biennium.
- Determine technical criteria for the next sub-allocation process and agree on how to measure it.
- Determine structure and function of the governing unit.
- Establish operating procedures and/or by laws.
- Commence the discussions on the development of a regional planning document.