

Icicle Creek Work Group

December 6, 2013 9:00-2:30

Confluence Technology Center - Wenatchee

Workshop #7

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Mary Jo Sanborn, CCNRD; Kate Terrell, USFWS; Dave Irving, USFWS; Anthony Jantzer, IPID; Susan Adams, WWT; David Rice, Anchor QEA; Steve Kolk, USBR; Greg McLaughlin, WWT; Lisa Pelly, TU-WWP; Gus Bekker, ALPS; Rachel Osborn, CELP; Steve Parker, YN; Dale Bambrick, NMFS; Tom Tebb, WDOE; Ryan Brownlee, Aspect Consulting; Keith Goehner, Chelan County; Bob Schmidt, City of Cashmere; James Fletcher; WFC; Dan Haller, Aspect Consulting; Mike Kaputa, CCNRD; Jay Manning, Cascadia Law Group; Gabrielle Snider, USFS-WRRD; Bob Stoehr, USFS-WRRD; Dick Rieman, Icicle Watershed Council; Paul LaRiviere, WDFW; Steve Croci, USFWS; Lisa Dally Wilson, Dally Environmental; Chuck Brushwood, CCT; Dave McCarthy, Forgren Associates; Richard Vacirca, USFS-SO

Meeting Schedule

The 2014 Icicle Work Group (IWG) meeting schedule was established as quarterly on the 3rd Thursday of the month starting with February. The meeting dates for 2014 are: **February 20, May 15, August 21 and November 20.**

Process Subcommittee Assignment

Guiding Principles – the group had no disagreement with the changes to the guiding principles as they are outlined in ver.4 of the Draft Operating Procedures. However, there was request for discussion regarding how the Guiding Principles will be used in this process. .

Parking Lot (for further discussion): What will guiding principles be used for?

Participants discussed how the timing of decisions made by the IWG can be coordinated with other schedules and timelines that are requirements of implementing agencies. There is a question regarding whether implementing entities (eg., LNFH) will be able to implement the work group recommendations. There is a need to communicate in such a way that timelines and funding constraints of individual implementing agencies are understood and accommodated by the IWG. For example, the Flow Management Plan for the LNFH has a number of associated timelines. A suggestion was made that the flow management timelines could be included in the adaptive management description and that associated activities are fine-tuned over time, and this forum helps with that. The challenge is to integrate this Icicle effort with other processes such as

the BiOp and 401 Certification. Tom noted that DOE is at the table to try to engage this group in their 401 Certification process. The instream flow metrics subcommittee would be a good place to have a full discussion of the schedule for the 401 and understand how this IWG can best dovetail with those efforts. Rachel noted that there is a current appeal to the 401 regarding instream flow.

All of these efforts and timelines will be combined into the master scope of work for future discussion on how to integrate them into this process.

Parking Lot (for further discussion at the next IWG): How do we (IWG) integrate regulatory processes into the Icicle Process. More details are needed for a full IWG discussion.

Operating Procedures Discussion

Further discussion on the guiding principles focused on how they'd be used. Some individuals stressed that the power of the IWG is the idea that the group could achieve more together than each entity could on its own. All members will need to support *all* of the guiding principles. If an organization cannot support all the guiding principles, then the IWG might not be the best place for them.

Further work on the description of dispute resolution and dissenting opinion (including an explanation of why something did not succeed) is needed. Include reference to phases or a timeline for achieving the guiding principles (add a bullet under the Decision-Making section). Also the conflict of interest section may need some edits. Chuck agreed to take others' suggestions on wording and will re-work these sections.

Steering Committee: The IWG agreed to "move forward with the Steering Committee structure (see below) understanding that two caucuses will decide on representation. Organizations have two weeks to get the names to Mary Jo. The Steering Committee can be formed and begin meeting". The recommended composition of the Steering Committee consists of a representative from the organizations listed below. Tom Tebb (WDOE) agreed to be Chair of the committee.

Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery
City of Leavenworth
Chelan County
Icicle and Peshastin Irrigation District
NOAA – Fisheries
WA Department of Ecology
Tribal Caucus
Environmental Caucus

Others suggested adding WA Department of Fish and Wildlife and the US Forest Service. Follow up discussion with those organizations will determine their willingness to participate on this committee.

IWG Membership – The co-convening organizations (Ecology and Chelan County) will send a letter out to the original membership list asking that they confirm their member representative

and an alternate. Letters will also be sent to ALPS and the USFS inviting them to participate as members.

Operating Procedures Approval Process: A formal decision on the Guiding Principles and Operating Procedures will be made at the February 20th Icicle Work Group Meeting. Revisions will be discussed by the Steering Committee in January and a new version will be sent out to the IWG at least one week in advance of the meeting.

Master Scope of Work - this discussion was skipped to allow time for the LNFH presentation and presentations on IPID project updates. This SOW will be discussed by the Steering Committee and brought to the IWG in February for a full discussion.

LNFH Operation of Structures 2 and 5 (Steve Croci)

This presentation is available online on Ecology's Icicle Creek Project website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/cwp/icicle.html> Look under the materials for Workshop #7.

Steve gave an overview of the historical and current operations of the LNFH structures, including their original installation purpose and how hatchery operations have changed over time. Currently, the two remaining structures are operated based on the following: fish release, property protection (flood control), maintenance of structures, aquifer recharge and broodstock management. Future aquifer recharge management will be defined by current information gathering and the exploration of alternatives. This includes water quality sampling necessary to determine if effluent can be used to recharge the aquifer and groundwater data collection to determine if new well locations are an option. The Reuse Pilot study is currently on hold due to high cost estimates.

IPID Projects

Several presentations were given on the current status of pump exchange project development and the Eightmile Lake appraisal study. Presentations given by CCNRD/Aspect/Anchor on the Eightmile Lake Appraisal Study and on the next steps (Fatal Flaw Evaluation) for the IPID Pump Exchange project near Dryden are available on the Ecology website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/cwp/icicle.html> under Workshop #7.

Presentations were also given by TU/Forsgren on how an alternatives analysis will be done for potential Icicle-only pump exchange locations and on data collection at Eightmile Lake. These presentations will be posted when they are made available.

Discussion on these projects focused on Wilderness regulations and Irrigation District ownership at Eightmile Lake and the need to clarify authority. Eightmile Lake has very high recreational use. Part of the work effort proposed is to gather information on all of these issues and determine authority, etc. When technical subcommittees are established, an Eightmile Lake subcommittee will discuss data needs, gather information and bring it to the IWG for a full discussion.

Next Steps for IWG

1. Steering Committee organizations and caucuses need to submit names of participant to Mary Jo by Dec. 20. The Steering Committee will meet in January and will: a) discuss

the establishment of Metrics and Projects Subcommittees including expertise needed. This will go to the IWG as a recommendation in February, b) develop an agenda for the Feb. IWG meeting and flag decision points on the agenda so participants are aware in advance, c) discuss the Master Scope of Work, d) clarify schedules for 401 Certification, BiOp, and other process.

2. Revise Operating Procedures with suggested language and discuss with the Steering Committee in January. The Steering Committee will make final modifications and make a recommendation to the IWG for approval in February. Decisions for the IWG will be flagged/highlighted on the agenda, and materials sent out at least one week prior to the IWG meeting.
3. Co-convenors will send a letter to IWG membership asking for confirmation of representative and alternate.
4. Future discussion of Wilderness Issues is needed.
5. Add a roundtable item to future IWG agendas so IWG members can share relevant information.