

Draft Agenda
Lake Ozette Sockeye Steering Committee Meeting

January 20, 2011, 10:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Location: Sekiu Community Center

Meeting Purpose: To review final Implementation Plan; discuss next steps for the RM&E Plan; consider LOSC facilitation through June 2011; consider budget needs July 1, 2011 through June 30 2013, bring the Steering Committee up-to-date on activities since the last meeting; and where pertinent make decisions/recommendations.

Time	Item	Materials
10:00 a.m.	“Meet-and-Greet” (optional, for those who can arrive early)	
10:15 a.m.	Introductions, Review Agenda, Approve WCSSP to chair this meeting	Draft Agenda
10:30 a.m.	Review and acceptance of October 6, 2010 meeting summary	October 6, 2010 Meeting Summary
10:45 a.m.	The Future of the Lake Ozette Steering Committee, Use of Available Facilitation Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from Steering Committee members on funding • Provide direction for proceeding with meeting facilitation 	Letter Request to RCO Support Letter from NMFS
11:15 a.m.	Review of Final Changes to Draft Three-Year Implementation Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review final changes to cover public input on specific projects • Discussion of joint approach for implementing priority actions 	Final Draft Three-Year Implementation Plan
12:00 noon	Break	
12:30 p.m.	2011-2013 Implementation Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request from WCSSP for two year projection on cost of Recovery Plan Implementation • Capital and Non-Capital expenses • Sub-Committee Membership and Work Plan 	
1:15 p.m.	Presentation by Makah Tribe staff on Previous Year’s Sockeye Monitoring Data	
2:15 p.m.	Presentation by Green Crow staff on Results of Gravel Spawning Research Study	
3:15 p.m.	Adjourn	

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Meeting Decisions List:

- The Committee agreed by consensus to have Miles Batchelder, WCSSP Director, facilitate the meeting.
- The Committee made several editing suggestions to the draft October 6th meeting summary. After agreement to these suggested edits, the Committee approved the draft October 6, 2010 Steering Committee meeting summary by consensus.
- The Committee decided to use the facilitation funding recently awarded to WCSSP to hire Triangle Associates to facilitate two meetings between January and June 2011, and explore options for how to use remaining funds on public outreach and education.
- The Implementation Schedule table was reviewed and discussed. A motion to add language to the comment column was tabled. The Administrative Team was asked to discuss this topic and bring suggested language or next step suggestions to the next Committee meeting.
- The Committee agreed that it will meet again in March 2011 and future meeting agenda topics were identified. The Committee's Administrative Team will hold a conference call to identify potential meeting dates and draft a proposed agenda.

Meeting Purpose:

The purposes of the meeting were to:

- discuss the future of the Lake Ozette Steering Committee and use of available facilitation funding;
- review the draft Implementation Plan for National Marine Fisheries Service completion and discuss landowner contact;
- discuss the 2011-2013 implementation budget
- presentation from Makah Tribe staff on previous year's sockeye monitoring data
- presentation by Green Crow staff on results of gravel spawning research study
- where pertinent, make decisions/recommendations.

Introductions, Agenda Review, Announcements, and Meeting Summary Review

It was agreed by consensus that Miles Batchelder, Director of the Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership, would facilitate the meeting. Miles welcomed the Steering Committee. Steering Committee members went around the table making introductions (see Attachment 1 for a list of attendees) and reviewed the draft agenda. There was one addition made to the agenda and that was to add "discussion of landowner contact" to the agenda item for the draft Implementation Plan.

- The Steering Committee then reviewed the draft October 6, 2010 meeting summary. There were several edits suggested for the draft meeting summary and the Committee agreed to make these edits (see edits to draft meeting summary). The summary as amended by these edits was then approved by consensus.

Announcements:

- The ONP representative announced that the proposed acoustic research study on otters by the Makah Tribe was not approved. He explained that the research permit request did not fall into the Park's standard research categories for a usual "no effect" determination. There are other options that may be explored such as government-to-government discussion. A Committee member asked for transparency during any government-to-government process.
- The NMFS representative described a process that is being coordinated by NMFS' Northwest Fisheries Science Center to standardize the limiting factor and threat terminology used in recovery plans in the northwest into consistent "ecological concerns" terminology. This will allow for consistency in terminology between recovery plans and linking them to the terms used in NMFS' Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund that funds state salmon recovery actions. This process does not change the limiting factor or threat terms used in the Recovery Plan.
- A Committee member announced that the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary has a draft Management Plan out for public review and public meetings will be held in the future. It was agreed that a Committee member will check on meeting dates. There was discussion about whether a letter should be written regarding this proposed draft showing the linkage with sockeye recovery.

The Future of the Lake Ozette Steering Committee, Use of Available Facilitation Funding

The WCSSP representative gave an update on the letter requesting SRFB funding for Steering Committee facilitation. The funding request letter from WCSSP and letter of support from NMFS were shared with the Committee. He announced that \$ 11,000 was allocated to WCSSP to fund meeting facilitation between January and June 2011.

One Committee member raised concern about the process of seeking funds and expressed that he wished the state's Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) had communicated with the Steering Committee prior to its decision, which he felt shows they are not engaged with the Committee. There was discussion about the options for how to use these funds and what facilitator to hire. The County staff person said they were not available before June to do this facilitation work. There was discussion about the pros and cons of hiring Triangle Associates. It was noted that Triangle Associates has expressed interest in continuing to provide facilitation services and is available to do this work right now. There was discussion about the short time frame for using these funds and the difficulty of finding a facilitator who is immediately available between now and June.

After discussion and proposal of a motion and seconding of the motion, the Committee decided to hire Triangle Associates to facilitate two meetings between January and June 2011. One Committee member went on record as opposed to this decision, but was willing to have the decision move forward.

Presentation of Makah Tribe Staff on Previous Year's Sockeye Monitoring Data

A Makah Tribe staff member presented sockeye monitoring data based on data collected at the weir on Umbrella Creek. In 2009, 6,325 sockeye returned to Umbrella Creek. Of these fish, 1,170 were hatchery fish and 5,155 were naturally spawned returning fish. He shared data from the smolt trap and discussed that it is difficult to operate the smolt trap during high water events. There was discussion about whether there have been any habitat changes in Umbrella Creek and

comment that fish use unexpected habitat to spawn in. There was discussion about lake levels and whether anyone was studying bank or beach erosion factors. No research is currently being conducted on this topic.

Review of Final Changes to the Draft Implementation Schedule

The NMFS representative reviewed the latest draft Implementation Schedule and described the language added to the table header and comment column based on recommendations from the last Steering Committee meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion about actions that may affect private property owners. Language was suggested by a Steering Committee member who owns property in the Ozette watershed to address her concerns about protection of her private property rights. Committee members expressed support for addressing landowner concerns and making sure that projects are not imposed on them. There was discussion about the Park's scenic easement agreement, and the landowner noted that any habitat alterations to private property would be in violation of the landowner's scenic easement agreement. There was further discussion about proposed legal language to be added to the table stating that permission is required from a landowner for access to private property. The point was made that the recovery plan is voluntary and that projects should be kept on the list, but it needs to be indicated that projects need prior landowner permission. There was a motion proposed to incorporate language about the need to consult with private landowners and that a binding contract is required with all affected private landowners before a project can be carried out. The ONP representative expressed concern that this language may not be consistent with NEPA processes which relates to the landowner where the project is being implemented, not all potentially affected landowners.

Based on this discussion and lack of agreement among Committee members, it was suggested and agreed to table this motion of the proposed language. The motion was tabled. It was agreed to have the Administrative Team discuss this issue at its next call and come back to the next Committee meeting with a suggested alternative. The ONP representative suggested he speak further with the landowner who proposed the language after the meeting to see if they can agree on new language. One Committee member cautioned that the term "affected" has legal implications and suggested we use the language from the Recovery Plan instead.

There was another suggestion to distinguish between a "master list" of actions from the Recovery Plan and a short list of projects the Committee can agree to carry out in the near term. In support of this idea, it was suggested that the Committee go back to the short list of projects that were identified at a previous meeting and for which there is Committee support.

Presentation by Green Crow Staff on Results of Gravel Spawning Research Study

Doug Martin (Martin Environmental) presented findings from a spawning gravel sediment monitoring project that he and Harry Bell (Green Crow) performed over the past three years in streams on the North Olympic Peninsula. The project evaluated the effectiveness of monitoring trends in spawning gravel quality using fine sediment intrusion traps (sedtrap) that were installed in typical spawning areas in Coal, Umbrella, Trout, Sekiu, and Big River. The sedtrap consist of a perforated 1-liter plastic cup that is filled with clean gravel. The traps were buried in spawning gravel for two to three months during the winter incubation period. After trap removal, fine sediment intrusion was measured by sieving contents (gravel and fines) by standard methods. Based on three years of monitoring, they concluded:

- The levels of fines varied annually.
- There were significant differences among stations; however the differences were generally consistent over time.
- Sedtrap method was capable of detecting small differences (means of 2% to 3%) in fines between stations.

In addition to these findings, they compared the sedtrap method to the standard McNeil core method and to a shovel sample by collecting McNeil and shovel samples from the same riffles where the sedtraps were buried. They found that:

- The sedtrap measure of fines is not significantly different from either the McNeil or shovel; therefore the sedtrap could be used as an alternative method to measure fines in spawning gravel that is comparable to the McNeil or shovel.
- The sedtrap can detect smaller differences in the level of fines than that measured by either the McNeil or shovel methods.

They also compared the Sedtrap findings from 2010 to spawning gravel data that was collected in 1992 at some of the same sample stations (data from study by McHenry et al. 1994). This comparison showed that fines were higher in 2010 at two stations in the Sekiu River, but levels were similar or lower at stations in Umbrella, Trout, and Big River.

Another set of sediment traps will be installed this winter.

Adjourn

The Facilitator thanked the Steering Committee for its input and adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Attachment 1: Meeting Participants

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