

Draft Agenda
Lake Ozette Steering Committee Meeting
March 30, 2011, 10:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Location: Sekiu Community Center

Meeting Purpose: To discuss next steps for the Implementation Plan; to recommend Steering Committee public involvement activities through June 2011; and to bring the Steering Committee up-to-date on activities since the January 20, 2011 meeting.

Time	Item	Materials
10:00 a.m.	“Meet-and-Greet” (optional, for those who can arrive early)	
10:15 a.m.	Welcome/Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review agenda and materials • Approve January 20, 2011 meeting summary 	-Lake Ozette Steering committee Function + Structure - January 20, 2011 draft meeting summary
10:30 a.m.	Implementation Plan Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review status • Discuss Steering Committee goals • Options for moving forward • Steering Committee identifies recommendations and/or next steps. 	- Draft Implementation Schedule (Jan. 2011) - Attachments 2a and b (including priorities table) - Recovery Plan page 7-40
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Implementation Plan Discussion (cont.)	
2:00 p.m.	Lake Ozette Steering Committee Public Involvement Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committee public involvement update • Discussion on public involvement for Steering Committee • Identify next steps/timeline for enacting efforts identified 	
2:40 p.m.	Action updates and planning efforts/programs for Recovery Plan implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on actions to implement Recovery Plan • Identify topics for new presentations or discussion 	- Mercury Concentrations in Lake Ozette Sockeye - Schindler, et al, <i>Population diversity and the portfolio effect in an exploited species</i>
3:00 p.m.	Next Steps and June 1 Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of meeting action items • Review of next meeting potential topics 	
3:15 p.m.	Adjourn	

Meeting Summary
Lake Ozette Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 30, 2011
10:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Sekiu Community Hall

Meeting Decisions List:

- The Steering Committee provisionally approved the January 20, 2011 meeting summary (pending discussed changes) by consensus.
- The Committee agreed by consensus to support the short list of public outreach ideas, to form a subcommittee on public outreach, and to use the remaining GSRO funds for Triangle Associates to support this effort.
- The Committee reached provisional consensus to keep a Recovery Action Master List that will serve as a reference sheet (pending revisions to the comment column)
- The Committee agreed by consensus to develop a “Near-Term Project List.”

Meeting Purpose

The purposes of the meeting were to:

- Bring the Steering Committee up to date on activities since the January 20, 2011 meeting;
- Discuss Steering Committee public involvement needs and next steps;
- Discuss the options and next steps for the Implementation Plan; and
- Receive updates on other relevant plans/programs.

Introductions, Agenda Review, Announcements, and Meeting Summary Review

The meeting Facilitator, Blake Trask from Triangle Associates, welcomed the Steering Committee and reviewed the agenda and meeting materials. The Steering Committee went around the table making introductions (see Attachment 1 for a list of attendees). Members agreed to add land transfers to the agenda and to switch the times for discussions on the Implementation Plan and public involvement.

The Committee then reviewed the January 20 meeting summary. One member requested that the third bullet on the decision list include public outreach and education. Another member requested a revision to the statement on scenic easement agreements on page 3. A paragraph on Doug Martin’s presentation will be added to the summary, although concern was expressed that his presentation did not have accurate information. Following the discussion, the Steering Committee provisionally approved the January 20 meeting summary and agreed to allow Rich Osborne to audio record the meeting.

DNR-Green Crow Land Transfer

Committee members discussed the proposed land transfer between the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Green Crow, which has been in the making since the 1980s. In Lake Ozette, the transfer would occur between DNR to Green Crow and would involve four parcels of land in Critical Habitats. The land proposed for transfer includes one section that straddles Big River and smaller sections on Gold Creek. Green Crow intends to log much of this land in the near future should the transfer be completed.

For Information about the proposed land transfer,

visit: www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/Topics/LandExchanges/Pages/amp_exc_foothills_exchange.aspx

It was noted that the public meeting with DNR was sparsely attended and that DNR staff lacked detailed knowledge on the potential transfer. DNR has offered to meet with the Makah Tribal Council regarding the transfer. Several concerns were raised about the potential transfer. One member expressed concerns

about the impacts that logging would have on sockeye, as Green Crow would have less restrictive rules than DNR. For these reasons, it was said that the sockeye would be better off if DNR retains ownership. There was also concern about access to Makah sediment monitoring stations on these lands, which Green Crow has historically denied.

There was discussion on Washington Department of Natural Resources Habitat Conservation Plan and Washington State Forest Practices Habitat Conservation Plan and their relation to the Recovery Plan. One Committee member felt the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process should acknowledge concerns about the Recovery Plan, and individual members discussed following up on what would require SEPA review for this land transfer process.

The Steering Committee discussed how the proposed land transfer fits into the Steering Committee role. While the group felt it important to be informed on this issue, individual Steering Committee members will follow up on this issue outside of the Steering Committee.

Public Outreach

Interest was expressed in developing public outreach strategies for Steering Committee activities. The Facilitator reported that March 30 Steering Committee meeting announcements were placed in *Forks Forum*, *Peninsula Daily News*, and on the Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership (WCSSP) and Clallam County websites. Understanding that limited funding exists for public outreach, the Committee discussed a variety of different approaches for the remaining monies in the current contract with Triangle Associates.

Committee members discussed public outreach goals, which included: increasing public awareness and understanding of salmon recovery issues; engaging local schools and science teachers; promoting transparency; and defining strategies to best involve the public.

After brainstorming several possible approaches, the Steering Committee agreed by consensus to support the list of public outreach ideas, which included: posting advertisements/notices for the June meeting in the *Peninsula Daily News*, *Forks Form*, and on the WCSSP and Clallam County websites; having *Peninsula Daily News* write and publish an article about the sockeye salmon recovery process; developing a website archive of past Steering Committee meeting agendas and summaries; and forming a subcommittee on public outreach activities. Committee members also agreed to use the remaining Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO) funds for Triangle Associates to support this effort.

The subcommittee will discuss engaging local schools/science teachers, developing content for a poster/flier to be displayed in Olympic National Park and potentially other locations (schools, businesses, etc.), and exploring opportunities for collaborating on sockeye-related articles with Peninsula College journalist students. The subcommittee will schedule a conference call to discuss their next steps. Triangle will coordinate posting advertisements for the next meeting, developing the website archive, and contacting a journalist at *Peninsula Daily News* regarding an article.

Additional public outreach ideas to potentially pursue in the future included: a press release; a roadshow PowerPoint (one for kids and one for adults); advertising Lake Ozette successes by profiling "how the fish are doing" and using numbers; advocating for support by having public meetings and creating a summary page to educate state/federal lawmakers.

Implementation Plan Discussion

The Facilitator and Administrative Team members provided background on the February Administrative Team conference call about potential agenda topics, including how to move forward on creating a plan for Recovery Plan implementation. One of the concerns expressed was that the current draft 3-year Implementation Schedule contained more recovery actions than what was viable in a 3-year plan.

Additional concerns noted were that the prioritization process and the resulting draft Implementation Schedule had seemingly diverged from the Lake Ozette Recovery Plan itself.

The North Pacific Coast Lead Entity (NPCLE) Coordinator added that the Lead Entity needs a short list of recovery action projects to propose for Salmon Recovery Fund Board funding. He explained that NPCLE's annual plan strategy was just finalized for this year, but that the Lead Entity proposal lacked a list of Lake Ozette-specific projects to move forward for funding. While a project can still be funded if it is not on the NPCLE priority list, it helps to be on it. Ideally, the Coordinator explained, this project list would be refined to around 5-6 projects annually in support of the SRFB funding process.

The Steering Committee then reviewed four options included in the table titled "Identification of Options for Lake Ozette Steering Committee." Option 1 would maintain the status quo and move forward with the Implementation Schedule prioritizing *all* actions contained in the Recovery Plan. Option 2 would deprioritize the Implementation Schedule by creating a "Master List" of recovery actions ordered numerically or alphabetically and create a separate recovery action list of specific Committee priorities. Option 3 included the option that the Committee would not recommend the Implementation Schedule but would recommend implementing a smaller list of recovery actions. Finally, Option 4 would be that the Steering Committee would not recommend either the Implementation Schedule or a separate recovery action list.

Recovery Action Master List

In order to focus the conversation, the Steering Committee chose to first focus on the larger list of recovery actions prior to addressing how it wanted to address potential short-term priorities. One Committee member expressed concern about missing funding opportunities for projects that are not chosen to be on a short-term list. Another Committee member requested that projects on the long-term list not be forgotten. Additionally, a Lake Ozette landowner requested that language from landowners and others be included in the comments column of the long-term list, identifying projects that are "highly controversial to landowners."

Following this discussion, the Steering Committee reached provisional consensus to create a Recovery Action Master List (13 people in agreement). The "Master List" will serve as a reference sheet that is not ordered by any prioritization method, but still includes all of the recovery actions contained within the approved Recovery Plan.

Consensus is provisional and will require a review of language to include in the comment column of the Recovery Action Master List. The NMFS and Olympic National Park representatives agreed to discuss this issue with a Lake Ozette landowner prior to the June meeting.

Near-Term Project List

Steering Committee members had a discussion on what to call the short-term list of projects that had previously been referred to as a 3-year priority list. They ultimately agreed by consensus to develop a document with the title, "Near-Term Project List." Committee members then discussed and decided on assignments (see assignment chart on the March 30 Decisions/Action Items document) for developing specific projects from the October 2010 list of priority recovery actions. More than one project may be developed from a recovery action, and a single project can draw on multiple recovery actions; the priority recovery actions will merely serve as a reference. It was acknowledged that while many additional projects on the Master List could be near-term projects, it was better to focus only on those projects that had a proponent to advocate for them.

Many felt that some of the prioritized recovery actions were too broad and that some of the specific details had been lost, so they would be fleshed out in the "Near-Term Project List." The near-term projects should identify what studies have been done so that it can serve as a reference and so science

guides policy and program development. It was also requested that language on the Makah Tribe's priorities be incorporated into the "Near-Term Project List." Additionally, Steering Committee members discussed the potential road relocation and road improvements to Hoko Road.

Steering Committee members agreed by consensus that the "Near-Term Project List" will contain the following: (1) an edited proviso noting that the Near-Term Project List will not preclude other recovery actions from being considered for funding; (2) specific projects that refer to one or more of the following recovery actions HRA-2, HRA-3, HRA-10, HRA-21, PRA-5, PRA-6, PRA-7, PEA-6, RME-5, RME-18; (3) language noting the need to conform to the annual schedule in support of the Lead Entity Group; (4) inclusion of Makah recovery action priorities. Steering Committee members were asked to contact Triangle Associates if there were any "red flag" projects.

Committee members also agreed to add reference to the potential road relocation and road improvements to Hoko Road on the "Near-Term Project List." NPCLE agreed to discuss this issue with a Lake Ozette citizen prior to the June meeting.

Each project that Committee members develop should include the five NPCLE requirements in preparation for next year's submittal—a title, the location of the project, the limiting factor being addressed, the action itself, and any stocks being affected (for example, sockeye). Individual Committee members will report back on their projects by early May. The Near-Term Project List will need to be refined to 5-6 projects annually in support of the NPCLE process, as they cannot fund all projects. Committee members agreed to further discuss the NPCLE process, its proposal schedule, and how it should be integrated in the long-term structure of Lake Ozette Steering Committee at the June 1 meeting.

Funding Opportunities

The Steering Committee discussed several funding opportunities. The North Pacific Coast Marine Resources Committee has a grant proposal deadline coming up for consideration of funding. Like NPCLE funding, it would require receiving funding through a tribe, county, non-profit entity etc., which is limiting for an ad hoc group, like the Steering Committee. One Committee member suggested that the nonprofit West End Betterment Society could potentially serve as an entity for acquiring grant monies.

Updates and planning efforts/programs for Recovery Plan implementation

Steering Committee members provided the following updates on past and upcoming items.

- The facilitator noted that a decision made at the March 2010 Steering Committee meeting to modify the *Function + Structure* document (number 3, top of page 2) was not incorporated. The Administrative Team language on membership should note that a citizen at-large is appointed by Friends of Lake Ozette (FOLO). Committee members discussed whether an additional citizen position should be included but chose to defer on any decision.
- Additional Administrative Team discussion included that Committee members felt it important to keep a Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) presence. The Committee recommended that Rich Osborne should clarify if he is the official Clallam County representative, or not.
- Louise Johnson is the new Natural Resources Coordinator at Olympic National Park. She previously worked at Yosemite National Park and at Lassen Volcanic National Park. Feel free to contact her.
- Washington Coast Savers (a program of the Washington Clean Coast Alliance) is sponsoring a beach clean-up on April 23. Visit CoastSavers.org to sign up.
- The Marine Sanctuary Management Plan comment period closed. Some Committee members felt it important to express that the LOSC wants representation.
- The Salmon Recovery Conference is being held at Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound, WA on April 26 and 27.

- North Pacific Coast Marine Resources Committee, which is funded through WDFW, has funded a river otter scat study on sockeye for the second year in a row. Genetic analysis for fish bones is done on the otters' scat to determine what salmon species are being eaten by the otters. It will be published in September.
- There is a new organization called "Working Wild Olympics" that is questioning efforts to expand park boundaries. The group could potentially present issues for the Steering Committee to consider.

Next Steps

A request was made for DNR to give a 15-20 minute presentation at the beginning of the June 1 meeting on the proposed Green Crow/DNR land transfer. There was also a request to further discuss Dual Frequency Identification Sonar (DIDSON). The public outreach subcommittee will give an update on their public outreach and education efforts. Steering Committee members will report back on the status of the comment section of the Master List and discuss the status of the Near-Term Project List. The group will also discuss the long-term funding, structure, and operational functioning of the Steering Committee. Committee members will discuss how to package deliverables for the additional education/outreach funding from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). Finally, Triangle will report back on the status of additional public involvement activities.

Adjourn

The facilitator thanked the Steering Committee for its input and adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Attachment 1: Meeting Participants

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