

Draft Agenda
Lake Ozette Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Sekiu Community Center

Meeting Purpose: to bring the Steering Committee up to date on activities since the January 14, 2010 meeting, receive updates on other relevant plans/programs, review Steering Committee structure, discuss Implementation Plan, and where pertinent make decisions/recommendations.

Special Action Item: entities/individuals will develop their top 3 implementation actions for sockeye recovery and will bring them to share at the April 2010 Steering Committee meeting.

Time	Item	Materials
10:00 a.m.	Introductions, Review Agenda, and Announcements	
10:05 a.m.	Review and acceptance of Jan. 14, 2010 meeting summary	- Jan. 14, 2010 draft meeting summary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick review of LOSC organization decision • Citizen appointee to Administrative Team 	
10:20 a.m.	Action updates and planning efforts/programs for Recovery Plan implementation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on actions to implement Recovery Plan • Monitoring update: status of sockeye, sockeye return data and DIDSON monitoring update (Jeremy Gilman) • Report on land transfer for Olympic National Park boundary + public meeting update • Identify topics for new presentations 	
10:40 a.m.	Immediate funding opportunities for Implementation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from WCSSP & NPCLE on SRFB funding opportunities and deadlines • WCSSP role in sockeye salmon recovery • Report on timber companies partnership efforts to acquire recovery funding • Additional deadlines and/or opportunities? 	
11:20 a.m.	Developing a Draft Three-Year Implementation Plan	- 3-year Implementation Action Table with initial preferences included; Attachment 2a & 2b; Recovery Plan; Steering Committee top 3 preferences;
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of preferences • Action prioritization • Land purchases and acquisition • Discussion and recommendations by Steering Committee 	
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Developing a Draft Three-Year Implementation Plan	
2:15 p.m.	Introduction to Research, Monitoring, & Evaluation Planning (RM&E)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Next steps/timeline for completing the RM&E Plan 	
2:45 p.m.	Next Steps and Future Meetings – June 2010	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of meeting action items • Review of potential meeting topics • Facilitation support 	
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

Meeting Summary
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Sekiu Community Hall
Sekiu, WA 98381

Meeting Decisions List:

- The Committee approved the January 14, 2010 meeting summary (as amended at the meeting) by consensus.
- Friends of Lake Ozette (FOLO) will serve as the citizen representative for the Steering Committee Administrative Team.
- The Committee will write a letter of advice to OCNMS regarding the array permit.
- Steering Committee members requested that WCSSP to consider increasing the weight of the ESA listed criterion used to develop the sub allocation formula for the region.
- The Steering Committee approved supporting WCSSP to extend the contract between Grays Harbor County and Triangle Associates of any remaining meeting support funds into the next budget year (beginning July 1, 2010).

Meeting Purpose

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Introductions, Agenda Review, Announcements, and Meeting Summary Review

The meeting Facilitator, Bob Wheeler from Triangle Associates, welcomed the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee went around the table making introductions (see Attachment 1 for a list of attendees) and reviewed the agenda.

Committee Member Updates

Prior to reviewing the January 14, 2010 meeting summary, the Facilitator asked if anyone had updates to share with the Steering Committee. An Olympic National Park Service representative made several announcements. He reported that a new deputy superintendant, Todd Seuss, has been appointed. Second, he announced that the winter acoustic monitoring had ended its initial 30-day effort. This summer the project will resume with 8 sites (3 more than the winter). The monitoring is located in wilderness or potential wilderness and the hope is to incorporate the data for a potential management plan or for an air traffic management plan.

The North Pacific Coast Lead Entity (NPCLE) director reported that the North Pacific Coast Marine Resources Committee will have full funding. The Marine Resources Committee will work on issues that affect the marine environment. Its interim committee recently considered a proposal to fund research on river otter scat. Currently analysis is being done to see if Lake Ozette sockeye is contained in the remains. A Steering Committee member requested that the Makah scientist further coordinate with the Committee on that project.

Responding to a request from the Steering Committee to provide information about funding opportunities, a representative from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) spoke about upcoming options. She explained that every 5 years NOAA evaluates the status of all listed species, including Lake Ozette sockeye. This is a “30,000 foot-level” evaluation to see if changes

in species status are present and if so then more analysis would be conducted. This analysis does not constitute a new biological opinion (BiOp), and NMFS is currently seeking public input as it begins this 5-year review of salmon and steelhead populations. Committee members can check NMFS' web page for more information and, as always, Steering Committee members are able to provide comment.

Meeting Summary Review

Then the Committee reviewed the January 14, 2010 meeting summary. One member noted that "index" should replace "protocol" regarding water quality in Olympic National Park. An edit submitted via email adjusting a description of the role of the Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership (WCSSP) was also accepted. Following this discussion, the Steering Committee approved the January 14 meeting summary.

Review of Steering Committee Structure

The Facilitator reviewed and outlined some of the key components of the *Function + Structure* document (see Attachment 2) that outlines how the Steering Committee will operate. Noting it was approved at the January 14 meeting, the group clarified the purpose of the document and then discussed needing to appoint a citizen member to the Administration Team. One member asked to clarify who, according to the *Function + Structure* document, the Steering Committee is advising. Members provided several explanations noting that the Committee advises its own members who have different roles and responsibilities, and that the Steering Committee can serve as an information clearinghouse for its membership. Members clarified that the Administration Team's role as simply a logistical body that coordinates meetings, reviews the agenda, and other logistics that support holding Steering Committee meetings.

Based on the discussion of logistics and in response to the Friends of Lake Ozette (FOLO) letter sent to NMFS and Olympic National Park representatives, members noted that at some point the Committee should determine to whom Steering Committee correspondence should be directed to. The Committee also discussed the meeting announcements that were posted in the *Forks Forum*, *Peninsula Daily News*, and on the websites of Clallam County and WCSSP.

Members then discussed filling the open citizen position on the Administrative Team. Questions surrounded the status of FOLO (a revived organization made up of landowners located around Lake Ozette whose current interest primarily relates to Lake Ozette water levels), and its membership. Following the Steering Committee's discussion, it was decided that the citizen seat for the Administrative Team would be provided to FOLO who could then coordinate with its membership regarding who participates in the conference calls.

Action updates and planning efforts/programs for Recovery Plan implementation

DIDSON Update

A Makah representative reported out that smolt trapping season equipment were slated to be put in by mid-April. The representative also updated the Steering Committee on efforts to acquire a DIDSON (Dual-frequency IDentification SONar) fish counting system for future monitoring activities. He explained that in discussions with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Pacific Salmon Commission that it will be necessary to compare the DIDSON with the current viewing chamber to confirm the DIDSON's accuracy in counting fish. It was noted that an art exists accurately recognizing the differences between fish species and that it will take time for the operational analysis of the system to be reliable.

Committee members discussed coordinating to develop a proposal for National Park Service funding to pay for the DIDSON system. The National Park Service grant awards cap at \$150,000 and the proposal could be a Park/tribal project, which could help the proposal's chances. Steering Committee members noted that the Quileute Tribe would also be a great addition to the proposal team. A Park Service representative noted that the one downside was the 3-year wait in the application process, but noted that it would be better to propose now and get in the queue rather than waiting for later.

Olympic Park Land Acquisition

A National Park representative then provided an update on the recent discussions surrounding a land transfer between the Cascade Land Conservancy and Olympic National Park. The 240 acres is located upstream from the mouth of Umbrella Creek. The Park held two open houses: one in Sekiu and one in Port Angeles. The Park still has to complete its consultation with the Makah and Quileute tribes. Everything is in place in terms of funding, but the Park has learned valuable lessons for future land transfers and acquisitions. Specifically, the Park's Management Plan states that any transfers over 200 acres requires Congressional approval, and this transfer failed to account for that provision. As a result this of oversight, the transfer may be delayed for up to a year.

Steering Committee members discussed several issues related to the land transfer. In response to one member's expressed concern that money for land acquisition could take money from restoration activities, it was noted that the funding for transfers comes from a separate pool of funding than restoration. A Park representative also noted that while extensive opportunities to restore habitat exist on the property, the Park would work to ensure that they are consistent with activities that adjacent landowners need to use their property. A representative from Green Crow reported that representatives of the Sierra Club and Coalition had contacted large landowners in the Ozette Basin for Wilderness about selling timberlands. Green Crow turned down any requests for selling land, and they are opposed to Park expansion.

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Permit Request

The Facilitator then reported that the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) had contacted the Steering Committee seeking their input on a permit application to install a monitoring array off of Cape Alava. Olympic National Park explained that it had been approached by OCNMS about the issue and that generically it sees merit in having this additional monitoring equipment installed. Steering Committee members then discussed the value in learning more about marine survivability for Ozette sockeye and the potential that such an array could help provide more information about Ozette sockeye smolt. Members also discussed whether Cape Alava was the best location for Ozette sockeye and some of the merits of tracking salmon in the marine environment.

Following the discussion, the Steering Committee chose to develop a letter of advice to OCNMS regarding the array permit. Because of a concern of the location of the array, members chose to make special note of their concern on the impacts on commercial fishing, specifically trawling. They also decided to ask to have additional input on the location of the array and whether or not research could include movement of Lake Ozette sockeye smolt. Quileute and Makah representatives noted they would abstain from any letter stating they will have a government-to-government consultation with OCNMS regarding the array. Steering Committee members discussed a plan to coordinate with OCNMS and to write a letter noting the above points.

Immediate funding opportunities for Implementation

The Committee then discussed NPCLE funding opportunities. Noting that NPCLE's jurisdiction stretched from Cape Flattery to just south of the Hoh River, the Lead Entity is sending out requests for proposals due in June. The director asked Committee members for their emails to provide updates and he noted that the next round of Salmon Recovery Funding Board funding will be able to include timber company projects. He outlined the immediate timeline for submitting proposals and explained that NPCLE has developed a one-page application letter and that all letters of intent will be added to a rolling list to be considered over time. The representative from the Quileute Tribe mentioned that it is valuable to partner with the two tribes who have usual and accustomed fishing rights in the Ozette Basin as it helps to bolster the application and it is useful to consider all of the fisheries issues involved.

WCSSP's Role with the Steering Committee

Based off a previous request to gather feedback from the Steering Committee about the appropriate role of WCSSP, its director provided background and an explanation of the organization's current role and some questions for Committee members. First, he noted that WCSSP is structured as a federation of strong lead entities that guide the organization and it is understood that each of the four lead entities does not tell the other three lead entities what to do. WCSSP, as one of Washington state's regional recovery organizations serves as a funding mechanism for Salmon Recovery Funding Board dollars, but it also can serve as a resource for outreach (which is what much of the role that WCSSP has been to-date for the Steering Committee). Still, over time the director said that he expected that the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office will look to WCSSP to communicate about issues regarding Lake Ozette sockeye salmon recovery. As a result, he asked the Steering Committee to further consider its relationship to WCSSP.

The Steering Committee then discussed funding and prioritization activities as they relate to WCSSP. In response to a question about the criteria used in determining funding allocations to the lead entities, it was noted that last year the criteria included salmonid stream miles, listing status, species diversity, and shoreline and estuarine miles. Last year diversity and Endangered Species Act (ESA) listings were ranked low as criteria, which affect the ability for Lake Ozette sockeye to acquire more recovery funding. In response to a series of Committee member questions about why prioritization differs across the coast region, it was noted that Lake Ozette is the only listed species (other than bull trout) on the coast and that, relatively speaking, stocks are doing well, which has resulted in a "protect the best, restore the rest strategy" for salmonids within the WCSSP region. Additionally, the thinking of WCSSP members has been that it is harder to get money for non-listed fish than with listed fish, hence the decision to weight the criteria in favor of non-listed salmonids.

The NPCLE representative noted that maintaining existing stocks but not excluding ESA-listed stocks exemplified the philosophy and differed somewhat from WCSSP. The WCSSP director asked Steering Committee members if they would like to pass along a sense of the Committee to the WCSSP board. Based on the discussion, Steering Committee members requested that WCSSP to consider increasing the weight of the ESA listed criterion used to develop the sub allocation formula for the region.

Due to the robust discussion on this more short-term action of increasing ESA weighting in criteria setting, the Steering Committee asked to include a more in-depth discussion about WCSSP's long-term role at the next meeting.

Facilitation Support

The Committee then discussed whether to authorize funding to allow for facilitation at the next Steering Committee meeting. A motion was made and approved for the Steering Committee to support WCSSP to extend the contract between Grays Harbor County and Triangle Associates of any remaining funds into the next budget year. Steering Committee members discussed future funding opportunities, including continued NMFS involvement in funding the Steering Committee meetings and recovery projects. A NMFS representative noted that there are a number of ways to work with NMFS to look at future funding and to augment the already tremendous investment that NMFS has provided for sockeye recovery at Lake Ozette.

Developing a Draft Three-Year Implementation Plan

A NMFS representative presented the latest version of the draft Three-Year Implementation Schedule that incorporated input made by Steering Committee members at the January 14, 2010 meeting. She noted that the Implementation Plan now included a more in-depth introduction, and that the implementation actions were divided into three categories: on-the-ground actions; research, monitoring, and evaluation (RM&E) actions; and public education and outreach actions. She underscored the fact that the Schedule is simply meant to be used as guidance and as a tool for acquiring funding to implement recovery actions.

The Steering Committee then asked questions, provided ideas, and noted their comment on the latest Three-Year Implementation Schedule. One Committee member commented on the November meeting's green dot exercise (e.g., it was not representative of enough Committee members). In response to one member's concern that the Schedule was not fine-scale enough, it was noted that such detail was not meant to be part of an Implementation Schedule but instead it would be included in a project workplan (whereas the implementation schedule dealt with a higher level plan prioritization efforts). One Committee member commented that there needed to be a protocol for ensuring communication between the community and implementers. NMFS noted that it would review the comments and revise the Schedule based on input, but that some of the feedback referred more directly to the Recovery Plan itself.

Next Steps and Future Meetings

Steering Committee members outlined next steps to prepare for the upcoming Steering Committee meeting. Based on discussions, the Steering Committee requested that the upcoming meeting be scheduled earlier than later, perhaps as early as June 2010. The Steering Committee also authorized Triangle to help with the logistics for organizing a call for the new Administrative Team.

Potential agenda items for the upcoming meeting included approving the Implementation Schedule, a discussion on the long-term role for WCSSP in sockeye recovery, a presentation on the RM&E plan, and in discussing financial support for funding the Steering Committee and recovery actions.

Adjourn

The Facilitator thanked the Steering Committee for its input and adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Attachment 1: Meeting Participants

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Attachment 2: Steering Committee Function + Structure

Steering Committee Function

The focus of the Steering Committee is to:

- Develop an Implementation Plan and Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation (R, M, & E) Plan (Adaptive Management Plan) that meets the needs of National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and members of the Steering Committee;
- Be informed of activities;
- Recommend roles and responsibilities for implementing the Recovery Plan;
- Identify and obtain sources of funding for implementation and projects;
- Communicate with all the parties and the public;
- Proactively inform and educate the public about Lake Ozette Sockeye salmon and related issues;
- Monitor the status of the Lake Ozette Sockeye salmon;
- Provide input to agencies and entities on actions that impact the Lake Ozette Basin;
- Recommend changes to the recovery and implementation plans (as provided in Lake Ozette Sockeye Salmon Recovery Plan sections 3-14 and 3-15); and
- Appoint subcommittees as needed and supported.

Steering Committee Structure

The Steering Committee structure places an emphasis on open membership, an advisory role for the Steering Committee, and for a delegated administrative team that will help coordinate logistical and administrative matters. Components of this approach include:

- 1) The Steering Committee provides advice to government entities, to entities taking voluntary actions, or regulated entities that are required to act on projects that directly or indirectly are related to the Recovery Plan:
 - a. The Steering Committee will attempt to reach consensus decisions on its advice, where feasible, understanding that there may be a range of agreement in a consensus decision. If consensus is not reached, differing positions by whom and intent will be recorded.
 - b. Governments, entities taking voluntary efforts, or regulated entities will ultimately make their own decisions on what they will do, but with the understanding and good faith that they will consider the input provided by the Steering Committee.
- 2) For funding requests and/or additional correspondence to legislature/Salmon Recovery Funding Board/other government entities, the Steering Committee would seek:
 - a. Consensus.
 - b. If consensus is not possible, individuals or entities could send letters or provide input on behalf of themselves (it would be acceptable for them to note they serve on the Steering Committee, but that their current correspondence is only representative of their position).
- 3) Steering Committee Logistics – The Steering Committee delegates an administrative team to carry out administration and logistics for the functioning of the Committee with

the understanding that it seeks input from the general Steering Committee membership. The Administrative Team’s tasks includes but is not limited to:

- a. When to meet
- b. Where to meet
- c. Utilize contracted resources
- d. Agenda
- e. Communications
- f. Advertising meetings

The initial members of the Administrative Team include representatives of (assuming their willingness to serve): Quileute Tribe, Makah Tribe, Olympic National Park, NMFS, Clallam County, Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership (WCSSP), citizen at-large (appointed by Steering Committee), and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

- 4) Consensus decision making: Decisions of the Steering Committee will be based on consensus. Consensus is defined as general agreement of the proposal among all members. Members of the Steering Committee will develop recommendations and advice on the following consensus-based process continuum:

Consensus Decision				Block
“Fully agree”	“Can live with it”	“Abstain”	“Disagree for the record, but support the decision”	“Veto the consensus”

- 5) Adjustments to the Steering Committee structure can be proposed, discussed, and decided as future conditions warrant it.