

Draft Agenda
Lake Ozette Steering Committee Meeting
 April 19, 2012, 10:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
 Location: Sekiu Community Center

Meeting Purpose: To discuss Near Term Projects, Steering Committee public involvement activities, project funding sources, and next steps for Steering Committee.

Time	Item	Materials
10:00 a.m.	Optional “Meet & Greet” with snacks (for those who can arrive early)	
10:15 a.m.	Welcome/Introductions, Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review agenda and materials • Review April 19 meeting summary—any changes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bullet form vs. narrative paragraphs—preferences? • Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5-year status review summary (Rosemary) ○ Clallam County Shoreline Management Plan/WRIA 20 update (see www.clallam.net/realestate/html/shoreline_management.htm) ○ Funding workgroup • Summary of public comment (if any) 	-Draft agenda -April 19, 2012 draft meeting summary
10:30 a.m.	Process for Public Outreach Products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested review process for outreach products including ownership of such products • Next steps 	-Process for LOSC review of public products
11:00 a.m.	Review & Updates on Near-Term Priority List <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIDSON update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ownership of & decision-making authority for Lake Ozette DIDSON ○ Next steps • Project leads give updates • Fill in gaps on Near-Term Priority List • Long-term goals 	-Near-Term Priority List
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
12:30 p.m.	Continuation of Near-Term Priority List <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues raised at 2/2/12 meeting • N. Pacific Coast (WRIA 20) SRFB grants: what projects should be proposed (May 4 deadline for pre-proposals)? • Next steps—who will serve as lead (or co-leads) on the predation issue? 	
2:00 p.m.	Public Outreach Subcommittee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference call recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review “final draft” of article for <i>The Bugler</i> ○ Verbiage for “hot point” sites • Action items & next steps 	-Subcommittee conference call summary -NWIFC News -Draft Bugler article
2:15 p.m.	Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications submitted? New sources? Other updates? • Mechanism to demonstrate LOSC support for project/s (<i>Letter stating “LOSC gives full consensus support to X project by decision at __/__/2012 meeting” and showing LOSC membership? Statement attached to NTPL? Letter with signatures?</i>) • Idea for short-term goal: list of “shovel-ready” projects and/or project ideas we can plug into funding sources? • Confirm who will submit what projects for N. Pacific Coast/WRIA 20 grants 	
3:00 p.m.	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of action items • Next meeting dates (July field trip) & format; agenda topics 	
3:15 p.m.	Adjourn	

Meeting Summary
Lake Ozette Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 19, 2012
10:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Sekiu Community Hall

Meeting Decisions List:

- Pending one revision, the Steering Committee approved the February 2, 2012 meeting summary by consensus.
- Pending noted revisions, the Steering Committee approved the proposed process for reviewing outreach products and agreed to adopt this approach as part of the Steering Committee’s operating protocols.
- Pending one revision, the Steering Committee approved the article for The Bugler by consensus.

Meeting Purposes:

- Discuss the draft process for reviewing outreach products
- Receive updates on the status of Near-Term Projects, focusing on the Dual Frequency Identification Sonar (DIDSON)
- Discuss Steering Committee public outreach activities
- Discuss funding sources for projects
- Discuss updates and next steps for the Steering Committee

Introductions, Agenda Review, and Meeting Summary Review

The meeting Facilitator, Chris Page from Triangle Associates, welcomed the Lake Ozette Steering Committee (LOSC or “The Committee”), and LOSC members introduced themselves (*see Attachment 1 for a list of attendees*). The Facilitator reviewed the meeting agenda, and the Committee reviewed the February 2 meeting summary. Pending a modification regarding information presented on otter predation (to clarify that the high percentage of Lake Ozette sockeye bones found in river otter scat was not known until after the meeting), the Steering Committee approved the summary by consensus. There was also a request for Triangle to note Committee member affiliation in summaries, where appropriate.

Announcements

- The April 2012 issue of West End Natural Resources News features a front page article on Lake Ozette sockeye. Copies will be distributed at the beach cleanup on Saturday, April 21, and Olympic National Park (ONP) is working to put the article on its website.
- Kokanee and sockeye salmon use certain creeks, which will potentially be open for sport trout fishing when the fish are returning to spawn. Tribes are talking to the state about this issue because there is a difference of opinion regarding the fatality of “hook and release” fishing.
- Clallam County will host upcoming forums to introduce its draft Shoreline Management Plan and receive feedback from the community:
 - Tuesday, April 24 at the Sekiu Community Center (5:30 – 8:00 pm)
 - Wednesday, April 25 at the Pioneer Memorial Park in Sequim (12:30 – 3:00 pm) and at the Clallam County Courthouse in Port Angeles (5:30 – 8:00 pm)
 - Thursday, May 10 at the Forks Community Center (5:30 – 8:00 pm)
- There are two public open house forums scheduled in Forks regarding the Regional Salmon Sustainability Plan, with presentations and opportunities for public comment. (The plan will be posted on the website, and public comments can also be posted through the website.)
 - Wednesday, May 23 likely at the Forks Community Center (4:00 – 6:00 pm)
 - Saturday, June 9 at DNR (11:00 am – 3:00 pm)

- [NOTE: the two above forums have been consolidated into one session in Forks, on Saturday June 16th 10 am to 2 pm in conjunction with the west end natural resources picnic mentioned below.]
- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) sent a letter to the Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding (SRF) Board on February 9, 2012 outlining Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) priorities for 2012 grant opportunities, and Lake Ozette projects (among others) were listed as the first priority.
- The film “River as Spirit: Rebirth of the Elwha” will be playing at the Elwa Heritage Center on April 21, 2012 at 7:45 pm.
- There is a west end natural resources picnic in Forks on June 16, 2012.
- NOAA completed a 5-year status review in 2011 for salmon stocks in the Northwest Region, and the Lake Ozette sockeye retained its “threatened” status until the next review. This review is published in the Federal Register notice online.

Proposed Process for Reviewing Outreach Products

The facilitator outlined the draft process for reviewing outreach products, which was developed by the Admin Team to ensure that Steering Committee members know what outreach products are planned and have the opportunity to review and provide comment on them. Examples that would require review by the Steering Committee include products that: are written on behalf of the LOSC and in which the LOSC is an active participant; refer to a decision of the LOSC or support by the LOSC; refer to information provided by the LOSC; and describe the role/function/history of the LOSC. The Committee discussed examples of products that would not have to go through review, such as products that merely cite the LOSC as a partner.

It was noted that some products are time sensitive, and information must be released in a timely manner. To address this issue, the Committee revised step one to allow the LOSC to determine if a review process is needed or not. One participant noted that the LOSC should be collaborative and not hinder the work of individual agencies.

The Committee discussed the proposed process, suggested refinements, and approved the proposed approach pending changes agreed upon at the meeting (*see Attachment 2 below*). The Committee agreed that the document should become part of the Steering Committee’s operating protocols.

Near-Term Priority List (NTPL)

Updates and discussion items included:

- The North Pacific Coast Lead Entity (NPCLE) only has about \$310,000 this year, so they cannot fund all the projects on this list. It would help to prioritize the ones the LOSC cares about the most so we don’t leave it up to NPCLE to decide.
 - Grantors like seeing multiple, diverse groups partner.
 - It is possible to submit proposals for stages of a project rather than the whole project at once.
- The Committee is still looking to understand what options exist to control predation.
 - Triangle will follow up on the status of a National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) presentation on the Marine Mammal Act and other aspects of predation, specifically 1) predation by (non-native) fish and 2) predation by marine mammals.¹
 - Triangle will work with agency and tribal representatives on the Steering Committee to research what tools we can use to address predation on Lake Ozette sockeye by fish.

¹ Note: River otters are not considered “marine mammals” and are not listed under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Dual Frequency Identification Sonar (DIDSON)

- SRF Board approved funding for the DIDSON project!
- The state is required to spend 10% of salmon recovery grant funding on monitoring. Makah and NMFS put together a project proposal and submitted it. These funds focus on monitoring that can be used in other parts of the state, so the committee asked Makah to rewrite the application to include analysis of replacing the weir with the DIDSON to provide data on whether/why the DIDSON is more effective. The grant contract still needs to be written. \$104,000 is the total grant amount, which is \$5,000 short of the total proposed amount to cover the DIDSON, a pole mount, power source, training, and maintenance.
- The money has been awarded, and the grant is in the contracting phase. No money can be spent until the contract is finalized. If the contract and training are put into place, it was estimated that the DIDSON could be available by late summer at the earliest.
- The data coming out of Lake Ozette efforts will have nation-wide significance (e.g. Canada and Alaska) because there has not been research done on beach spawning.
- Advice from individual LOSC members for the DIDSON contract (consensus on the following points was not reached):
 - Keep it simple and focused on the weir, the Lake Ozette sockeye Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU), and the research data/project/report.
 - When funding is set up, Makah scientists should do the work.
 - Data will be made accessible to the LOSC.
 - If the DIDSON is not needed, Makah should consider loaning it out for broader use (to people/entities who know how to use it).
 - There was a suggestion to check with the grantor about any rules for using the DIDSON outside of Lake Ozette.
 - Base verbiage for the contract on the Recovery Plan.
 - Develop a calendar for proposed uses.
- Additional comments from individual Committee members/Discussion Topics (consensus on the following points was not reached):
 - Questions/topics for consideration:
 - What is the plan for coordinating uses outside of Lake Ozette, or for Lake Ozette uses other than the weir?
 - Who is/are the responsible party/parties?
 - What is the plan for making data accessible?
 - Who will make decisions around these and other issues, and how?
 - What employment opportunities can emerge from this?
 - Where does the LOSC come in? Is it an active participant?
 - The initial purpose of the DIDSON is to replace the weir; after the two-year research project, the primary purpose is for Lake Ozette sockeye and, if and when available, to serve as a regional resource.
 - The DIDSON is under the management of the Makah Tribe for the two-year research project. No decision was made in regards to the role of the LOSC in long-term management and application of the DIDSON, though Committee members expressed support for collaborative decision-making and ensuring the instrument is applied in the best interest of Lake Ozette sockeye ESU recovery.
 - If it is confirmed that the DIDSON is an accurate tracking measure, one Committee member suggested removing the weir and addressing other limiting factors. There could be a need for additional DIDSONs.
 - Once the funding comes through and the DIDSON is in Makah's hands, it will be important for the LOSC to stay informed and look for opportunities to supplement its work or assist in determining where and how it can best be employed.
 - Once the research is done, Makah should come back to the LOSC to make recommendations and discuss potential future research opportunities.
 - Makah should make available a digital archive of the raw data that the DIDSON captures since:

- These are public funds
- At least one agency letter of support requested this
- The raw footage can reveal important information about Lake Ozette sockeye that's outside the scope of the research project
- It will be important to provide predation data from the DIDSON to the Park to prove that predation is occurring and to enable the Park to take action.
- There was a question about if the DIDSON can be used to track the outflow of juveniles.

Dunham Creek:

- Makah noted that after a site visit, it became clear that this project (removing and/or replacing a bridge/culvert limiting fish passage) should be combined with the Big River bridge abutment removal since they are in the same hydraulic project approval (HPA) area.
- Prior to the meeting, a Merrill & Ring representative informed Triangle that it intends to partner with Makah to combine the two above projects and pursue funding.

National Parks Service (NPS) Projects listed under Habitat Recovery Actions (HRA)-21:

- Cabin removal is not on the list for FY2012, as NPS lost funding. This is now put off to FY2013.
- There was a request to change “redesign” to “rehabilitation” in the project title.
- Concern was expressed about “re-vegetation” and that it may go beyond natural habitat.

Road relocation:

- The Clallam County representative has been speaking with the Clallam County Engineer on how this project fits into the County's transportation plan. There was some confusion regarding if this project refers to realignment of the entire road or just part of it. Once this is clarified, Clallam County can move forward with the Engineer. Committee members noted that the recovery plan outlines specific sections of the road.

Public Education Action (PEA)-6: For information on public education and outreach projects, see below.

Public Outreach Subcommittee Update

A representative from the Public Outreach Subcommittee summarized the outcomes of the April 12, 2012 conference call. One Committee member requested a revision to the call summary to clarify that the LOSC has not yet received permission to post Lake Ozette sockeye information at Hoko River State Park, but that the Friends of the Hoko River will be taking over management of the park and are open to having this information posted. Triangle will make the revision.

Appendix C of the Recovery Plan articulates public outreach recommendations. A Committee member commented that the outreach subcommittee should keep those outreach and community support suggestions for sockeye in mind.

Oral Histories Project

NMFS applied for two grants to fund student oral history projects: a National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) “Preserve America” grant (\$12,000) and a NOAA Fisheries Internal Education grant (\$10,000). NMFS won the NOAA Fisheries grant, but did not win the Preserve America grant. NMFS is looking for additional funding opportunities to support this project, as \$10,000 may not accomplish their goals.

It was suggested that NMFS consider:

- How oral histories projects will help with recovery;

- Incorporating “sense of place” into the project (NMFS should speak to Jim Woods about the long house and fish camps that used to be on the lake, which are missed.);
- Talking with two other schools: Joyce Crescent and Home School Association; and
- Makah Cultural Research Center as another potential resource.

Hot Point Site

The ONP representative to the LOSC is tasked with developing draft language for a 1-800 number that park visitors can call at designated visitor centers, and he asked for Committee input on the verbiage, which would go through the new LOSC review process. He requested feedback on the length of the recording and what the message should be. The number of people that use the call-in line is not yet known, as the system is relatively new. The Committee advised ONP to have the recording last 30-60 seconds and to use the West End Natural Resource News article as a model. It was suggested that call-in information get posted at the Port Angeles Visitor Center.

ONP article for “The Bugler” newsletter

ONP reviewed draft language for The Bugler article focused on the recent DIDSON near-shore research. Since the paper was going to print the following Monday, ONP requested feedback from the Committee on the verbiage. The article has a 100 word limit. The Steering Committee discussed whether or not to include Mike Haggerty’s name in the article and ultimately decided to change “Mike Haggerty” to “Haggerty Consulting” so that non-locals reading the article will know he worked on behalf of a company. Pending this revision, the Steering Committee approved the article for The Bugler by consensus.

Funding Updates

It was noted that projects would be stronger candidates if the full LOSC, with its diverse constituency, could stand behind a project. There was a suggestion to develop a letter stating LOSC has full consensus support for a project. There was another suggestion to add a statement to the NTPL, “We feel this project addresses the Recovery Plan priorities” or if it doesn’t, “we see benefit to this project because of x, y, and z reasons.” The LOSC discussed the possibility of developing such a statement, but decided that no additional statement was needed, as the NTPL should speak for itself as the list of projects that should have priority.

The LOSC discussed the suggestion to form a funding workgroup—a handful of individuals that could perform actions such as matching priority projects with funding sources or sponsors, writing letters of interest, tracking deadlines, creating useful tools to take to funders, and/or developing a funding strategy for implementation of Lake Ozette recovery. The Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership (WCSSP) wants to be part of this workgroup; it is doing something similar at the regional level and could provide support at this level, if appropriate.

During additional dialogue, Committee members articulated that with NPCLE and WCSSP representation on the Committee (and no agency/entity/members having extra time), no new workgroup is needed at this time. Given the need for additional project sponsors, a Committee member expressed support for getting new organizations/individuals (e.g. Pacific Coast Salmon Coalition and/or county conservation districts) to get involved in Lake Ozette sockeye recovery and sponsor smaller, community-level projects. LOSC members should keep an eye out for potential sponsors.

Steering Committee Updates and Next Steps

The Committee briefly discussed scheduling for its next meeting and agreed to have a field trip to Ozette and a meeting in the last week of June or early July. LOSC members are invited to join NPCLE on an Ozette field trip on May 30; stay tuned for more details. The LOSC field trip will hopefully include locations not visited on May 30.

Attachment 1: Meeting Participants

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Attachment 2: Process for Lake Ozette Sockeye Steering Committee to Review Draft Products

Approved by Lake Ozette Steering Committee (LOSC)

on April 19, 2012

GOALS:

- No surprises for Steering Committee members
- Steering Committee members know what's being written
- Steering Committee members have an opportunity to review and comment on draft products
- Steering Committee members cannot veto a draft product

PROCESS:

1. Notify Triangle Associates about your product (e.g. you're writing an article for West End NR News) and target date for publishing. Triangle will relay this information to the Steering Committee via email (at minimum) and have LOSC determine if a review process is needed or not, with a two-week window for response. If yes, complete steps 2-10.
2. Write draft
3. Share with LOSC Public Outreach Subcommittee
4. Incorporate Outreach Subcommittee input (1-2 weeks)
5. Share with LOSC (allow 2 weeks for review & comment of non-technical draft product; 4 weeks for technical draft product)
6. Edit based on LOSC input

7. Authoring Agency Review
8. Share final draft with LOSC (1 week to provide comment on burning/substantive issues)
9. Last Authoring Agency Review (if needed)
10. Publish and share final product with LOSC

EXAMPLES OF PRODUCTS REQUIRING REVIEW BY LOSC:

- If it is written on behalf of the LOSC (e.g. product for the Public Outreach Subcommittee)
 - If it refers to support by, or a decision of, the LOSC
 - If it refers to information provided by the LOSC
 - If the LOSC is an active participant in the product
 - If it describes the role/function/history of the LOSC
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Attachment 3: Questions Submitted by Ed Bowen Regarding DIDSON

on April 19, 2012

- What about the possibility of equipment leaving the basin for use on other programs/watersheds, or at least doing so without coordination with the interest in the basin?
 - Who would be that coordinating group, or maybe call it oversight committee?
- Who determines when and where the equipment is used even in the basin; the weir issue is the primary in my view, but that might not be the case for other interest?
 - Should there be criteria established/a specified priority of uses?
- Who's responsible if equipment is damaged and even worse vandalism or theft?
- *The proposed funding source requires the data to be distributed; data historically has not been widely distributed/accessible, or synthesized to a point it's not usable for a wide range of use. Use of the equipment should require all data to be made available to whomever and at whatever level of interest. What process will be implemented to improve upon data distribution?*
 - Will such data as predation captured by the Didson be made available is an example?
- If the two-year evaluation results in the Didson not being an acceptable replacement for the weir what will happen to the Didson (the program and the equipment) and who will make that determination?
 - Along those same lines, who will determine if the Didson is an acceptable replacement and what will the process be to make that determination?
- *If ownership is point blank to the Makah Tribe and operated unconditionally, address the concern with the other agencies not doing their job and owning up to their responsibilities. Is this a project they should be responsible for but take the position of "defer to the Makah's to do it?" And with this comes who gets employed as a result of this project?*
 - Is the project amendable to partner with others to accomplish the work?
 - *The suggestion to propose is the use of the RFEG Pacific Salmon Coalition to host funding grants to facilitate area crews to partner with conducting the operation/processing/analysis of the Didson.*
 - *Another option is Stream Keepers program or internships through ONP (though the latter may be limited on receipt of a lot of available grant funds)*