

Draft Agenda
Lake Ozette Steering Committee Meeting
 May 9, 2013, 10:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
 Location: Sekiu Community Center

Meeting Purpose: To discuss Near Term Projects, Steering Committee outreach activities, project funding sources, and next steps for the 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review agenda and materials • Review January 17 meeting summary—any changes? • Discuss next steps for LOSC email distribution list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approach proposed in January and suggested new approach (“If you would like to be removed from this list, please email Triangle...”) ○ Existing members date back to 2006. Should we update the member list annually? • Updates and announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report from the Lake and/or tributaries? ○ Call for volunteers to participate in filmed interview for Oral Histories? 	-Draft agenda -January 17, 2013 draft meeting summary
10:45 a.m.	Review & Updates on Near-Term Priority List (NTPL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIDSON update • Other updates from project leads • Consideration of a two tier Priority List (add “Projects of Interest”). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purpose of NTPL—living document with actionable projects that will help sockeye, or other? ○ Hoko-Ozette Road Assessment—status and next steps • Consideration of the Coho turbidity study proposal 	-Near-Term Priority List -Coho Turbidity Study proposal
12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
12:45 p.m.	State of the Salmon Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider dropping controversial sentence 	-State of the Salmon intro verbiage for Ozette Sockeye
1:15 p.m.	Predation Workgroup Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of call • Action items & next steps 	-Predation workgroup call summary
1:45 p.m.	Public Outreach Subcommittee Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West End Natural News draft article (<i>see handout</i>) • Conference call report out • Oral history project update • Action items & next steps 	-Public Outreach Subcommittee call summary -Draft article
2:45 p.m.	Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications submitted? New sources? • Potential sponsor organizations/individuals for smaller projects? • Update on facilitation funding (\$ in hand for one meeting after this one) • Future funding outlook 	-Near-Term Priority List
3:00 p.m.	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of action items • Next meeting date (August)/agenda topics? (Following meeting in Nov.) 	
3:15 p.m.	Adjourn	

Meeting Summary
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Meeting Decisions List:

- Approved the January 2013 meeting summary.
- Discuss NOAA’s Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan at the next LOSC meeting.
- Insert language into LOSC emails enabling people to get removed from the email distribution list.
- Develop a list of everyone on the mailing list, noting who has not attended recent meetings. The Committee will review the list at the next meeting and determine who Triangle should contact directly to see if they would like to remain on the list.
- Admin Team calls will be open to the whole Committee to listen in and the list of those who participated will be made available to LOSC.
- Discuss House Bill 1194, if it passes, at the next LOSC meeting.
- Harry Bell and Roy Morris will draft a simple form letter with talking points and distribute it to LOSC members to use when writing individual letters to DNR. The letter will request a CMER presentation at the next LOSC meeting. This would ideally happen before June 1st.
- Discuss the possibility of a NCASI presentation at the next LOSC meeting.
- Remove the sentence in question from the State of the Salmon Report.
- The West End Natural News article can be published as written without a formal review process, pending the one small requested modification.
- For outreach, efforts will focus on wayside exhibits (inside or outside of the park) instead of a kiosk.
- Hold a field trip in July to investigate potential wayside exhibit locations.

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Introductions, Agenda review, and Meeting Summary Review

Sarah Saviskas, Triangle Associates, welcomed the Lake Ozette Steering Committee (LOSC or “the Committee”), and LOSC members introduced themselves. Sarah reviewed the agenda and asked the Committee for suggested changes. One Committee member noted that there was previously a request to discuss NOAA’s Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan, but this agenda item was tabled to the next Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed and approved the January 2013 LOSC meeting summary with no modifications.

Discussion of LOSC email distribution list

At the January meeting, the Committee discussed trimming the email distribution list because its size had grown over time. One suggestion proposed asking distribution list members to confirm (via email) that they wished to remain on the list and remove those who did not respond. The Committee revisited this suggestion, as this method could remove individuals who were on vacation or missed the confirmation “opt-in” email. It was noted that it might be more appropriate to ask mailing list members to “opt-out” of the mailing list.

Comments, Discussion, and Decision

- Some legislative emails “bounce back” suggesting that legislative email addresses need to be updated, such as Alexandra Fastel’s of Senator Cantwell’s office.

- One Committee member noted that a long email list can create a false perception of commitment from the community and that the mailing list should contain only email addresses for people who advocate remaining on the list; however, actively removing individuals can appear exclusionary.
- The Committee agreed to insert an “auto-removal” link into LOSC emails so that people can remove themselves from the list. (Note: Since the May 9 meeting, Triangle has learned that this is not possible. Triangle will insert a note into all LOSC emails indicating that anyone who does not want to be on the list anymore can contact Sarah Saviskas for removal.) Triangle will also develop a list of everyone on the mailing list, noting who has not attended recent meetings. The Committee will review the list at the next meeting and determine who Triangle should contact directly to see if they would like to remain on the list.

Administration Team

The Committee discussed the current make-up of the Admin Team and if that make-up is appropriate. The Admin Team’s responsibilities are to review draft meeting agendas and set meeting dates.

Comments and discussion:

- Cathy Lear is the Clallam County representative – LOSC should clarify with her if she wants to stay on the Admin Team.
- One individual expressed that the Admin Team calls should either involve a Lead Entity or a Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership (WCSSP) representative, but not both, in order to avoid overrepresentation.
- Admin Team meetings are public – anyone can call in and listen.
- It is important for the County to be a functioning member of the Admin Team.
- The Committee decided that the Admin Team calls will be open to the whole committee to listen in and that the list of those who participated would be made available to LOSC.

Updates and Announcements

- Salmon Recovery Fund (SRF) Board projects in progress include an assessment of Freeman Creek, restoration of ponds in the Hoe, restoration of the Vicki Camp pond, and multiple site visits.
- May 18th is the annual Ocean Fair; there will be a BBQ and showing of the film Ocean Frontiers. Posters will be given to the Streamkeeper booth.
- A draft Shoreline Master Program has been delayed but will be available to the Committee in the future. The No-net Loss Study and Cumulative Effect Study were both awarded to Environmental Science Associates (ESA). One LOSC member suggested that LOSC should provide input into those studies.
- House Bill (HB) 1194, “Limiting liability for habitat projects”, impacts the LOSC Recovery Action Master List. There is concern regarding removing liability for large wood projects in the basin, considering the land is owned by both government agencies and private owners. The Committee decided to discuss HB 1194, if it passes, at the next LOSC meeting.

Review & Updates on Near-Term Priority List (NTPL)

Crooked Creek: Road 5800

The project is expected to commence in July and be completed by September.

Big River

This project is expected to take place this summer/fall.

DIDSON Update

Dual frequency **I**dentification **S**ONar (DIDSON) (sonar imaging technology) was installed April 8th and is up and running in the river. It is capturing good images, including harbor seals fishing and sockeye swimming right up to the lake. The DIDSON, and training, was acquired through an SRF Board grant.

- There is no disruption from lead nets other than the lead single line.
- DIDSON will ultimately replace the weir.
- Water temperature is being collected 200 yards downstream of the confluence with Coal Creek.
- DIDSON may be used to do spawning and ground surveys. NOAA funded researching methods for doing those surveys, which has led to an important refinement.

Hoko-Ozette Road Assessment and Consideration of a two tier Priority List

Tabled until County and Quileute representatives are present.

Discussion on Studies (CMER and new studies)

1. A Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation, and Research (CMER) Type N study would research how forest practices are protecting certain waters over a multi-year, pre-post controlled study. The only two sites for the study at this time are in the Peninsula, which is not enough for a full study. Landowners are being approached to participate (perhaps including DNR and The Nature Conservancy).
2. The National Council for Air and Stream Improvement (NCASI) is conducting a nationwide study looking at the relationship between turbidity and fish populations and will be monitoring water quality, sediment, fish movement, and several other indicators.
3. A third study was noted and is targeting extensive vegetation monitoring; it would use vegetation as a surrogate for temperature.

Comments and Discussion:

- It would be a good idea to have either a NCASI or CMER presentation at the next LOSC meeting.
- The vegetation monitoring study could use volunteers such as fly fisherman to collect data.
- The CMER study is attractive because it measures temperature against some distinction between what happens on the land versus what is impacted, while the NCASI study measures everything that happens at a site, so it is harder for the NCASI study to attribute causality.
- The Committee could draft a letter to DNR to request a presentation on CMER at an upcoming meeting; however the letter would need to be sent immediately because the CMER study is underway.
- Letters could come from the Committee as a whole, or letters could come from LOSC members individually, indicating that the writer of the letter is a LOSC member.
 - The Committee has not written a cooperative letter before and there may not be time for that process considering the time constraints; if letters are sent from individual members indicating that they are LOSC members, it suggests that the letters come from the Committee (yet they would not have LOSC approval).
- The Committee decided to draft a simple form letter with talking points and then distribute it to LOSC members to use when writing individual letters to DNR. The letter will request a CMER presentation at the next LOSC meeting. This would ideally happen before June 1st.
- Miles will take the letter to the CMER Subcommittee.
- Depending on the presentation, LOSC may decide to participate in the CMER study.
- The Committee decided to discuss the possibility of a NCASI presentation at the next LOSC meeting.

State of the Salmon Report

The Committee continued discussion of a controversial sentence/language in the State of the Salmon Report. The State of the Salmon Report is delivered to the legislature every two years. Previous editions

of the report have not included Lake Ozette, but the current version does. The LOSC developed language for the report, but because certain language did not completely meet the needs of the Committee, the page of the report regarding Lake Ozette was taken down from the website where the report is hosted.

Discussion and comments:

- One member commented that the sentence in question attempts to interpret the intent of the mission statement, which they felt is a mistake, and that the vision statement without that sentence sufficed.
- It was noted that some members were missing from the meeting, but that one reported by email that they approved of keeping the sentence in question.
- Other members voiced concern about leaving the sentence intact.
- One member noted that a previous suggestion included simply using what was already in the Recovery Plan without altering it (i.e. removing the sentence in question).
- The Committee decided to remove the sentence in question from the State of the Salmon Report.
- Miles will request that the State replace the page taken down from the host website with the sentence in question removed.

Predation Workgroup Update

The predation workgroup conference call went well, though a few individuals could not participate. On the call, the workgroup reviewed why the predation group was formed, which is partially in response to predation being highlighted as a Key Limiting Factor in the Recovery Plan. The workgroup discussed an ecosystem model of addressing the predation issue. The workgroup will investigate the best way to use that model on the next workgroup call and report-out to the LOSC at a future LOSC meeting. The workgroup will also continue to look for an eco-model that shows the lifecycle of sockeye and at what point predation impacts recovery. Input from other experts (who are not local) may be needed.

Discussion and comments:

- Yellowstone is facing problems similar to Lake Ozette and they may already have data they'd be willing share.
- Part of how Yellowstone deals with predation by fish is that non-native predator fish cannot be re-released if caught by a fisherman. Our Pikeminnow (predator fish) are native and further, people don't particularly enjoy catching them.
- The scope of the model is not completely understood. At first review, it looks to be a life-history model.
- The DIDSON may be able to provide predation information. We may want to find someone with DIDSON expertise to be involved in this part of the discussion, such as Pat Garron.
- This model should be the predation workgroup's primary focus for now.
- It would be good to know how the model is built and if local site-specific empirical data can be used as input. In general, how well can the model be calibrated is an important question.
- The ecosystem model will help LOSC identify what the right targets are.
- The community is interested in this project because community members want to help.
- The Committee decided to revisit the topic at the next LOSC meeting after the Predation Workgroup has time to learn more about the ecosystem model and address the discussion points raised by LOSC.

Public Outreach Subcommittee Update

West End Natural News article

Previously, a LOSC member drafted an article for submission to the West End Natural News, and it was subsequently requested that LOSC review and vet the article prior to its publication. The Committee discussed whether or not it was necessary for the article in question to go through the formal, approved process for reviewing draft products. Given that the first two paragraphs describe "the

role/function/history of the LOSC”, the Committee needed to decide if a formal review process was necessary (per Step #1 in the process).

- The Committee discussed if the best course of action would be to vet the article via the review process, or to change some of the language so that the article would not need to go through the review process.
- It was requested that one phrase be added to the first paragraph: “This past year, **in partnership with the Lake Ozette Steering Committee**, the tribe was able...” The LOSC agreed to this modification by consensus.
- The Committee ultimately decided that the article could be published as written without a formal review process, pending the one requested modification.

Note: Due to a concern raised after the meeting, the DIDSON section in the article was removed.

Conference call report out

A subcommittee representative gave a brief report on the public outreach conference call held on April 26, 2013. Call participants focused their discussion on posting a kiosk/wayside exhibit at Lake Ozette. It was noted that the kiosk at the Ranger Station was recently updated and that the purpose of that kiosk does not necessarily align with LOSC needs, so the group discussed alternative spaces for signage. The group proposed creating a doodle poll to set a date for a summertime field trip during which they would inspect possible signage locations. The signage would inform the public about sockeye and the local ecosystem.

Discussion and comments:

- The kiosk does not necessarily need to be located in the park; it could be located outside the park.
- Bulletin boards come with fewer regulations than kiosks do.
- One Committee expressed a desire for Hoko River State Park signage to be up at the sign-board and that information posted is about LOSC instead of coming attractions.
- Regarding interpretation, a guest at the LOSC meeting from University of Washington may be able to secure an internship through UW to be an interpretive agent at the lake for public outreach.
- The Committee decided to focus on wayside exhibits (inside or outside of the park) instead of on a kiosk.
- The Committee decided to hold a field trip in July to investigate potential wayside exhibit locations.
- Rich Osborne will see if a van can be provided for the field trip.
- There was a request for the subcommittee to report to LOSC with a presentation about what sort of outreach is feasible and associated timelines.

Oral History Project update

Peggy Foreman reported on updates from the Oral History Project. Several tribes did not participate in the project because oral histories are sacred, though two tribal elders were interviewed. Students created films to show the importance of sockeye and their relationships with the fish. On May 18th, videos from Forks High School (and hopefully Quileute Tribal School) will be highlighted at the North Pacific NRC annual BBQ. The Committee thanked Peggy for all of her hard work.

Discussion and comments:

- Currently, it is not possible to host the DVD of the student films on the NRC website, though that would be ideal.
- It may be possible to raise funds to take the schools on field trips to the lake.

Funding

- NOAA has a small amount of funding for conserving coastal fish habitat. Triangle will forward more information on this to the Committee.
- USFS is looking at stewardship contracting, which will allow for USFS to work with local stakeholder groups to apply timber sales revenue to habitat restoration. This could impact the lake.
- NPS Science Learning Network is offering a total of \$80,000 for seed money for projects within any of the Northwest parks, in grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000. This could be used for DIDSON or Cutthroat spawning surveys. These grants are available annually and are open for anyone to apply.
 - This could be used for a Cutthroat survey next year.
 - These grants could be of interest to Peninsula College as well.
- LOSC could put together a list of needs for Sockeye Recovery Research and post it on the NPS website.

Facilitation Funding

- There is currently enough funding for one more meeting this year.
- Miles will be requesting funds for the next two meetings within the next year.
- Extra funds (beyond what is required for facilitation) can be applied to public outreach; therefore, the LOSC can, if need be, demonstrate that the money is being used for multiple purposes.

Next Steps

- Triangle will produce the meeting summary and summary of action items.
- The next two LOSC meetings will be in September and late November / early December. In between, likely in July, Triangle will attempt to organize a field trip for the Public Outreach Subcommittee (and any interested LOSC members) to review signage locations.
- Tentative agenda items for the September meeting include:
 - NOAA’s Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan
 - CMER Presentation
 - DIDSON Presentation
 - Predation Workgroup Update
 - Public Outreach Update
 - HB 1194 Review
 - Review need for NCASI Presentation

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Attachment 1: Meeting Participants

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