

Draft Agenda
Lake Ozette Steering Committee Meeting
June 1, 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 discuss next steps for Steering Committee activities.

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 • Review March 30 meeting summary 	- June 1, 2011 draft agenda - March 30, 2011 draft meeting summary
10:30 a.m.	Action updates and planning efforts/programs for Recovery Plan implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on proposed Green Crow-DNR land transfer (Cathy L. Baker) • Update IHNV Pathogen Detection in the Lake Ozette Watershed (Joe Hinton) 	
11:15 a.m.	Review Master List comment column language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review comment additions • Next steps 	-Proposed comment column language
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
12:40 p.m.	Review near-term project list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review list and next steps • DIDSON update 	-Draft Near-Term Priority List
1:30 p.m.	Public Outreach Subcommittee update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference Call Recap • Next Steps 	-Website Archive proposal -Draft Subcommittee Call Summary -Public Outreach Options
2:30 p.m.	Steering Committee next steps and long-term structure/operational functioning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPCLE activities and workload • Review updated <i>Function + Structure</i> document • Funding update from WCSSP & NMFS • Identify group needs and long-term funding • Next steps 	-Updated <i>Function + Structure</i> document
3:00 p.m.	Committee updates and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of meeting action items • Review of potential topics for next meeting 	
3:15 p.m.	Adjourn	

Meeting Summary
Lake Ozette Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

10:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Sekiu Community Hall

Meeting Decisions List:

- The Steering Committee approved the March 30, 2011 meeting summary by consensus.
- The Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership (WCSSP) website will host the archive materials and the Clallam County website will link to the WCSSP website.
- Pending no “red flags” on the comment column language, the Committee agreed to remove the provisional acceptance status to the “Recovery Action Master List.”
- The Committee approved by consensus the name “Near-Term Project List.”
- The Committee approved by consensus to direct WCSSP funding in support of the Lake Ozette Steering Committee towards facilitation support by Triangle.

Meeting Purpose

The purposes of the meeting were to:

- Discuss next steps for the Implementation Plan
- Recommend Steering Committee public involvement activities through June 2011
- Discuss next steps for Steering Committee activities

Introductions, Agenda Review, 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).

The Committee then reviewed the March 30 meeting summary. There was a question about if the title “Near-Term Project List” should be reconsidered, but the Committee agreed to discuss this later in the meeting. The Steering Committee then approved the March 30 meeting summary.

Based on a question about the Dual-Frequency Identification Sonar (DIDSON), it was agreed that any DIDSON updates would be discussed later in the meeting in the context of the Near-Term Project List.

DNR-Green Grow Land Transfer Updates and Presentation

Before the presentation by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Steering Committee followed up on outstanding action items from the March 30 meeting related to the land transfer. Olympic National Park (ONP) noted the land transfer is currently a low priority due to its involvement in the Wild Olympics campaign. While the land transfer is connected to the campaign, the Park is more focused on how the transfer would affect the Wild Olympics proposal than on how it would affect the Park itself.

There was a question if, as a result of the Wild Olympics campaign, private land owners within the designated areas, would be required to sell their properties to the government when they chose to sell their properties. ONP noted that the Park’s policy in the General Management Plan is that there needs to be a willing seller/buyer for the Park to acquire land. There was a suggestion to have proponents of the Wild Olympics campaign give a 30 minute presentation at the end of the next meeting.

Cathy Baker, the Land Transaction Coordinator at DNR in Forks, then gave a presentation on the proposed land transfer. The proposed Foothills Land Exchange involves four counties (Grays Harbor, Clallam, Jefferson, and Mason). DNR proposes to exchange up to 6,840 acres of state trust lands for approximately 9,351 acres of Green Crow private forest lands, the bulk of which are in Clallam County.

The purpose of the exchange is to consolidate trust ownership in the north Olympic Peninsula for long-term landscape sustainability, to improve operational efficiency for DNR and Green Crow, and to acquire forest land that is at the risk of conversion.

Land exchanges must meet several criteria. Each trust in a land exchange must give and receive the same value, or be “value for value”. Land exchanges must also maintain public forest land base, increase benefit to the trust, and abide by existing legislative authority (Revised Code of Washington (RCW)). While land transfers are usually exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), this transfer went through SEPA because the Olympic Discovery Trail is authorized for public use.

The next steps of the process are to hold public meetings; determine property values through an appraisal; hold public hearings and review public comments/testimony; balance the exchange and prepare an exchange agreement; present the agreement to the Board of Natural Resources for a decision; and if approved, exchange deeds. For more information on the land transfer, visit: http://www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/Topics/LandExchanges/Pages/amp_exc_foothills_exchange.aspx.

Many concerns were expressed by some Committee members about the potential exchange. One concern for many Steering Committee members was that this exchange would result in a complete net loss of DNR lands in the Lake Ozette basin. It was suggested that DNR land in the basin is more valuable than Green Crow land because of its timber. There was also continued concern that the exchange would negatively impact sedimentation and sockeye recovery. Specifically, concerns were expressed that the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for Green Crow would hurt sockeye recovery. In response it was noted that the HCPs for both Green Crow and DNR are designed to protect the fish. Finally, there was concern about a lack of public outreach/hearings in the basin. Several Committee members thought a public hearing in Port Angeles was inadequate because of the distance required to travel for many Committee members.

The Steering Committee discussed the presentation in Port Angeles and the need for follow-up on comments and questions provided at the meeting. There was question as to who ultimately decides which properties are affected by the exchange and when that decision is made. It was noted that an upper-level team at DNR and Green Crow decide which properties are needed in the exchange to achieve an equal exchange value.

There was a request to have a follow-up presentation from DNR after the appraisals are completed that is more specific to the Lake Ozette watershed.

Update on IHNV Pathogen Detection

The Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis Virus (IHNV) is a common virus found in Pacific Northwest sockeye. IHNV has only been detected in the Ozette watershed six times in the last 25 years and has only resulted in fish kills twice. However, IHNV was detected and resulted in fish kills this past season. The infection was caused by fish spawning in Stony Creek (a satellite to the Umbrella Creek hatchery), and while workers tried to transfer Stony Creek eggs that were believed to be virus-free, they had already been infected. Fish pathologists advised that all eggs from Stony Creek be destroyed, which is a standard means of controlling the virus.

At the end of the day, half of the total fish production was destroyed this year—all of the fish from Stony Creek and about half of the fish from Umbrella Creek. Fish from Umbrella Creek that had no sign of disease were released, and they are fairly confident that the released fish did not have the virus. The run size from Umbrella Creek is estimated at 6,000-7,000; however, counts were not very accurate last season

because of equipment problems and high water levels. The total hatchery release in the basin would have been roughly 300,000 had the fish not been infected. There is not a count on lake spawners.

It was noted that there are two different strains of IHNV, and the current strain is different than the one found in steelhead last year. There was a suggestion to use a new location on Stony Creek as an incubation site because over 70 fish per day were seen spawning there. There was also a question about the objective of hatchery work, and it was noted that the objective is to boost fish populations rather than house stock genetics.

Recovery Action Master List

After reviewing the comment column language for Recovery Actions HRA-14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 27, the Steering Committee provisionally accepted the *Recovery Action Master List*. A private property owner expressed that she is open to communication and cooperation regarding the recovery actions with comment language.

There was a request to add comment column language for additional recovery actions beyond Umbrella Creek. Specifically, several Committee members noted that HRA-11 should have similar language added. Concern was expressed that if too many recovery actions contain comment language, the weight of comments may be lost.

A small group of Steering Committee Members met during the lunch break to discuss additional comment column language. After lunch, this small group proposed that the following language be added to the HRA-29 and HRA-11 comment columns: “Lakeside property owners have requested notification and consultation to determine if any alterations will occur or affect those private properties by this restoration action.” One Committee member agreed to review the *Recovery Action Master List* and send out a final proposal, which may request this language be added to additional recovery actions.

Pending no “red flags” on comment column language, the provisional acceptance status to the *Recovery Action Master List* will be removed by June 30, 2011.

Near-Term Project List

Based on the decision at the March 30 meeting to develop the *Near-Term Project List*, Triangle compiled feedback and drafted a Near-Term Project List containing an outline of information to be included in this document. Originally, the Steering Committee thought that all the near-term projects would qualify for North Pacific Coast Lead Entity (NPCLE) funds, but a project must be focused on restoration efforts to qualify. The projects on the *Near-Term Project List* that do not fit the NPCLE template, such as scientific research projects, will likely require funding outside Salmon Recovery Funding (SRF) Board but can still be included in the work plan. It was noted that occasionally SRF Board funds can be used for scientific studies and assessments if that study is filling a “high priority” data gap, but this is not common. It was also noted that NPCLE funding is not available for monitoring a project’s success.

Some Steering Committee members agreed to continue to develop projects for the Near-Term Project List. A project does not necessarily need to link to a task ID. Projects still need to be developed on road relocation and Makah priorities. The Steering Committee would have to submit the *Near-Term Project List* to NPCLE by October 1, 2011 in order for projects to be considered for the next round of SRF Board funds. NPCLE liked the format of the document put together by Triangle, and Committee members suggested a few additions to the document, including information on the project status and potential funding sources. The Steering Committee approved by consensus to call this a *Near-Term Project List*.

There was a clarification that the Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee (CMER) Type N Soft Rock Study project will not require outside funds but will be implemented internally. There was a suggestion to break down the RME-18 abstract into multiple projects, but it will remain a single project for the time being. The Committee discussed whether or not to keep predation projects (PRA-5 and 6) on the *Near-Term Project List*, as it would be hard for them to win the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant. The Committee decided to keep these projects on this list because other funding sources, such as the Marine Resources Committee (MRC), have previously funded predation studies. The Steering Committee can reevaluate if PRA-5 and 6 are still needed after the RME-5 project is developed.

The Steering Committee briefly discussed potential funding sources, but decided to focus on project development before addressing funding. In the upcoming months, Steering Committee members will explore which projects their organization, tribe, or other affiliation is interested in supporting and will also research potential funding sources for near-term projects. There was a request to think about how to incorporate citizen science, though it was noted that this often requires someone to monitor data and follow up with citizens.

Public Outreach Subcommittee Update

The Public Outreach Subcommittee reported out that it had held a conference call on May 23, 2011. The Subcommittee discussed the idea of replacing the currently dated kiosk at the Ozette Ranger Station and that it is a good time to do so because the Park is updating its displays. All content and formatting of the display would need to be officially approved by the Park, and tribes and Steering Committee members would be able to provide input on the language for the kiosk. Unfortunately, because of the requirements for producing a kiosk display it would cost approximately \$20,000-\$25,000. In the shorter term, the Subcommittee proposed developing a 1-2 page handout that could serve as a prototype for the kiosk content.

While producing the kiosk would be costly, one Committee member noted that three local kiosk projects, designed by kiosk specialists, were much cheaper than the production cost proposed by the Subcommittee. These projects also had additional cash donations from local tourism agencies, driving the cost down further. It was noted that content for the kiosk already exists in the Recovery Plan's executive summary, which would make the project less expensive. While these kiosks would not be able to be located in the Park, they could be located elsewhere including Clallam Ranch and other parks. A Steering Committee member agreed to inquire about the possibility of using these kiosk specialists.

The Steering Committee expressed satisfaction with the advertisements for the meeting and requested that future ads include links to the WCSSP and Clallam County websites. The Committee reviewed the website archive proposal and confirmed that only final versions of the materials would be included in the archive. The Steering Committee agreed that the WCSSP website will host the archive materials and that the Clallam County website will link to the WCSSP website. Triangle is waiting to contact journalists about writing an article on Lake Ozette sockeye until the Steering Committee has developed its message.

The Committee discussed the Citizen Science Fair event on June 11 in Forks, and some Lake Ozette sockeye materials (Executive Summary, Q&A handouts, tri-fold flier) will be available at the event. The Steering Committee briefly discussed other public outreach options listed on the document *Public Outreach Options*, but agreed to table these options until the handout is completed. It was also noted that the Park Service website should be updated.

Steering Committee Work Plan and Long-Term Structure

Moving forward, the Steering Committee needs to develop a work plan that is more long-term than planning on a meeting-to-meeting basis. The Steering Committee began discussing how it would be best to create a consolidated list of tasks and responsibilities. Some Committee members could take a lead in

developing project descriptions for the *Near-Term Project List* and others could take a lead in finding funding, implementing near-term recovery actions, or implementing Subcommittee public outreach efforts. The next step is to solidify what this work plan will look like.

The Steering Committee discussed how it should use its newly-approved \$20,000 biennium WCSSP budget. There was also potentially \$11,000 of NMFS funding to use for facilitation, but that was not confirmed at the time of this meeting. It was noted that there could be a significant drop in biennium funding next year depending on how much funding the State, so the work plan may need to be altered accordingly. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of saving some of the \$20,000 or spending it all in case the money evaporates. The Committee discussed the cost of rehiring Triangle Associates and approved by consensus to direct WCSSP funding in support of the Lake Ozette Steering Committee towards facilitation support by Triangle.

Updates and Next Steps

The Steering Committee discussed scheduling for the next meeting and agreed to meet in early October. The first and third Tuesday and Wednesday did not work for several Committee members.

It was noted that many projects on the *Recovery Action Master List* do not require funding and therefore some should potentially be added to the *Near-Term Project List*. These projects are easy wins. The Steering Committee will discuss this further at the next meeting.

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