

**Draft Agenda**  
**Lake Ozette Steering Committee Meeting**

September 27, 2012, 10:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Location: **Clallam Bay Library, 16990 Highway 112, Clallam Bay, WA 98326**

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

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Materials</b>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Optional “Meet &amp; Greet” with snacks (for those who can arrive early)</b>	
10:15 a.m.	<b>Welcome/Introductions—Need 3 more tables</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review agenda and materials</li> <li>• Review June 28 meeting summary—any changes?</li> <li>• Announcements (If possible: report on this year’s run: upstream migration, downstream monitoring.)</li> </ul>	-Draft agenda -June 28, 2012 draft meeting summary
10:45 a.m.	<b>Review &amp; Updates on Near-Term Priority List</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DIDSON update</li> <li>• Round robin of updates from project leads</li> <li>• Predation workgroup update</li> <li>• Fill in gaps on Near-Term Priority List</li> </ul>	-Near-Term Priority List -Draft outline of assessment
12:15 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>	
12:45 p.m.	<b>Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office: “State of the Salmon” report</b> —input needed from LOSC on how to tell the Ozette Sockeye story to the WA State Legislators	-draft of Ozette Sockeye story ( <i>hard copy; not sent by email</i> )
1:15 p.m.	<b>Public Outreach Subcommittee Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conference call</li> <li>• Brochures: which one should move forward, or should both? + next steps</li> <li>• Oral history project</li> <li>• Action items &amp; next steps</li> </ul>	-Draft of two brochures ( <i>hard copy; not sent by email</i> )
2:30 p.m.	<b>Funding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications submitted? New sources?</li> <li>• Potential sponsor organizations/individuals for smaller projects?</li> <li>• Other updates?</li> </ul>	-Near-Term Priority List
3:00 p.m.	<b>Committee Updates and Next Steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of action items</li> <li>• LOSC member list?</li> <li>• Next meeting date (mid-late September)</li> <li>• Agenda topics</li> </ul>	
3:15 p.m.	<b>Adjourn</b>	

**Meeting Summary**  
**Lake Ozette Steering Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, September 27, 2012  
10:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
Clallam Bay Library

**Meeting Decisions List:**

- The Committee approved the June 28, 2012 meeting summary by consensus.
- The Committee decided to add a project to the Near-Term Priority List: a basin-wide invasive weed assessment/mapping.
- The Committee agreed that Ed Bowen will draft language for a site-specific assessment of Hoko-Ozette Road to submit to Clallam County for inclusion in its six-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) following review and approval by the full Committee.
- The Committee decided to use excerpts from the Lake Ozette Sockeye Recovery Plan Summary for the State of the Salmon report to the Washington State Legislature. The facilitator will draft this document and distribute for Committee review and approval.
- The Committee agreed to have one version of the Ozette Sockeye brochure for public distribution. The Public Outreach Subcommittee will review revisions to the brochure and after edits are incorporated, it will be distributed to the full Committee for review and approval.

**Meeting Purposes:**

- Discuss Near-Term Projects
- Discuss Steering Committee public involvement activities
- Discuss predation
- Discuss project funding sources
- Discuss 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 attendee list*). The facilitator reviewed the meeting agenda and the Committee reviewed the June 28 meeting summary. The Committee approved the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting summary by consensus.

**Announcements and Business**

- Rosemary Furfey (NOAA Fisheries) is on assignment in Washington, DC through the end of 2012.
- The Committee discussed the issue of tsunami debris and cleanup efforts.
  - Members discussed that tsunami debris is treated differently than other hazardous debris. For both, however, any beachcomber can report the debris to the Department of Ecology (Ecology). Local pamphlets have contact information.
  - Local Marine Resource Committees are, with the help of grant funding, coordinating groups of experienced volunteers who would report debris sightings to Ecology. This potential funding could provide an opportunity to hire a coast-wide Tsunami Debris Coordinator, if an agency can be found to host this person.
  - Because ecologically sensitive zones include habitat for Lake Ozette Sockeye, reliable information on where debris and oil spills could appear is important. This Committee could comment on the Olympic National Park’s internal plan that addresses these sensitive zones.

- There are several major management shifts in the Pacific Northwest region of the National Park Service.
  - The Olympic National Park (ONP or “The Park”) will have a new Superintendent starting in October, Sarah Creachbaum. She comes most recently from Halaekala National Park and has major interests in wilderness stewardship planning, tribes, and cultural resources.
  - ONP’s Chief of Maintenance will move to be the Superintendent at Devil’s Tower National Monument in Wyoming. Staff do not yet know his replacement.
  - Most of the other Pacific Northwest Parks are seeing new superintendents; this reflects a generational transition and not a top-down decision.
- Rich Osborne announced his email address has changed since he is no longer working for Clallam County. It is now [osborner@uw.edu](mailto:osborner@uw.edu).
- The ONP has been approached by a post-doctoral student. She wants to study climate change’s effects on coastal upwelling along the Washington coast and on salmon populations. Contingent on grant funding from the National Science Foundation, she may pursue a post-doc at ONP.
- One LOSC member asked why Megan Duffy and Keith Dublanica attended the last Committee meeting. It was because Keith brought the DIDSON contract and Megan was in the area; the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO) tries to send someone to LOSC meetings if possible. Megan Duffy is now with the aquatics program in the Department of Natural Resources and has been replaced at the GSRO by Brian Abbott.
- Makah representatives reported on last year’s migration numbers.
  - They reported last year’s migration numbers because they have not yet started the spawning analysis this year. The migration was slow to start, but last year, this year, and next year are expected to be low based on past trends. They expect 2014 to be a high migration year.
  - The screwtrap results were poor this year for smolt. The hatchery contribution was also low; the belief is that infectious hematopoietic necrosis (IHN) affected quite a bit of the hatchery stock.
- The National Park Service has a long-term water quality plan in all Pacific Northwest parks to determine trends. ONP has eight monitoring stations, of which two will be in the Lake Ozette watershed. These two locations are: 1), on Ozette River from the bridge to 1500 meters downstream, and 2), on Umbrella Creek from the bridge to 200 meters downstream.
  - A temperature gauge will record the water temperature continuously.
  - Once a year, researchers will sample the benthic insects and analyze water quality.
  - The property owner at the Ozette River bridge is Forterra (formerly North Cascades Land Trust). The Park and Forterra have an easement agreement.

## **Review and Updates on Near-Term Priority List**

Updates and discussion items included:

- **PRA-7, DIDSON:** The Committee discussed updates and the strategy for the DIDSON research process. The Makah Tribe has ordered all parts and expect them in several weeks due to a six-week shipping timeline. The software will be downloaded directly, then the consultant will come out to the site the week of October 1<sup>st</sup> and set up the gear so staff can practice for the winter. They are currently considering a partnership with ONP on how to safely store the laptop and equipment.
- **HRA-2, HRA-10, Crooked Creek:** The Crooked Creek culvert replacement project is moving forward. On October 24<sup>th</sup>, the Salmon Recovery Fund (SRF) Board meets in Olympia so they will

know more information about the level of funding available. If the funding request is approved, they will be ready to implement the project in the 2013 salmon window.

- **HRA-3, CMER Study:** The study will not occur in the Ozette basin. Some Committee members still have questions; this will remain on the near-term priority list and be addressed at the next meeting.
- **HRA-10, HRA-20, Big River:** The bridge abutment removal project looks to have a good chance of getting funded by the SRFB this fall (Merrill and Ring will fund the remainder of the project).
- **HRA-10, HRA-20, Dunham Creek:** Currently on hold due to a search for funding.
- **HRA-21, NPS Lake Outlet rehabilitation:** The Park has applied for funding; if won, the funding would be available in 2016 to focus on funding reed canary grass removal in the Quinault.
  - The group discussed the need for a region-wide strategy to effectively remove reed canary grass. This discussion included:
    - Shading out the grass,
    - Informing private landowners about the effort for partnership,
    - Outreach to sport fishing / hunting organizations to recruit volunteers for assessment and possibly removal,
    - Learning where the infestation is happening (coordination with Dan Campbell, ONP's exotic plants expert), and
    - Regionally mapping where the grass currently is.
  - This led to a larger discussion about invasive species including reed canary grass and yellow/wild iris.
    - There is currently an exotic plant survey at the lake.
    - The benefits of using volunteers to help map and remove invasive species.
    - The need for public outreach to inform the public about invasive species and the removal process.
  - The Committee decided to add a near-term priority about implementing an invasive weed basin assessment. The Committee agreed that the State Noxious Weed Control Board (through the Washington Department of Agriculture) plus ONP's exotic plants team should be notified about this new LOSC near-term priority.
- **RME-5, Investigate predator types:** The Committee discussed the opportunity for funding if they work with the US Geological Survey for a number of these issues. The ONP representative has talked with a USGS wildlife biologist, Kurt Jenkins, to look at otters in Lake Ozette. Together, Pat Crain and Kurt Jenkins will develop a 1-paragraph proposal as an abstract of the type of work needed, and would be tailored to RME-5. Kurt Jenkins has connections at Yellowstone where there is a similar issue with otters and fish; the Committee also discussed that Joe Gaydos has been doing work through Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) with otters and there may be funding sources available there.
- **HRA-2, Hoko-Ozette Road Assessment:** The facilitator drafted a one-page outline and distributed to the full Committee in time for the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Not much other work has happened yet on this, partly because of other commitments and partly because moving the road requires acquiring other land.
  - Ed Bowen will start drafting an amendment for a site-specific assessment to the six-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).
  - The facilitator will distribute to the full Committee for comment and ultimate approval so that the Committee can submit this to the TIP together.

### **Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office: “State of the Salmon” report**

Committee members reviewed a draft from the WCSSP representative of what he could send to the GSRO as an update on LOSC’s work and progress for this report to the Washington State Legislature. The Committee discussed the information displayed in the graph, with several members noting that the graph is difficult to read. LOSC members also agreed that the “Recovery Plan” excerpt from the Lake Ozette Sockeye Recovery Summary should be used since that language has already been approved by the Committee. The facilitator will draft this document and distribute for Committee review and approval.

### **Public Outreach Subcommittee Update**

- Brochures:
  - The NOAA public outreach representative shared two versions of the public brochures.
  - The Committee agreed that there should be only one version: the one with more information.
  - The Committee agreed on a few changes to the language under “Get Involved with Sockeye Recovery Efforts” on the last page and made other suggestions. The Public Outreach Subcommittee will review a revised version, and after their input the document will be shared with the LOSC for comments and consideration of approval.
- Oral History Project:
  - Two school field trips to Lake Ozette are planned so far: The Quileute middle and high schools will come on October 10<sup>th</sup> with their canoes and the Forks High School group will come in late October. Any LOSC member is encouraged to participate in these field trips.
  - The NOAA public outreach representative is looking for LOSC member help reach out to more schools to participate. She (Peggy Foreman, contact info below) is also looking for advice of where students can display their projects.

One LOSC member noted that Ozette Sockeye are in the Puget Sound domain, and hopes that information will be clearly reflected on the NOAA website.

The facilitator will follow up with the meeting summary as well as a Doodle poll to determine the next meeting (likely to be scheduled for mid- to late January 2013).

**Attachment 1: Meeting Participants**

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