

**Draft Agenda**  
**Lake Ozette Sockeye Steering Committee Meeting**  
Friday, December 14, 2007  
10:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Peninsula College Longhouse Cultural Center  
1502 East Lauridsen  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

**Meeting Purpose:** to bring up to date the Steering Committee on activities since the Sept. 5 meeting, to update the Steering Committee about the working draft Recovery Plan process, to review and discuss comments from the Puget Sound Technical Recovery Team, to discuss and obtain Steering Committee input on the action integration table and the implementation chapter, and to review and update the ongoing schedule for completing the recovery plan.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Materials</b>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Introductions, Review Agenda, Announcements and Purpose</b>	
10:10 a.m.	<b>Review and Acceptance of Sept. 5, 2007 Meeting Notes and Action Items from Meeting</b>	Sept. 5 Meeting Summary
10:15 a.m.	<b>Update on separate NOAA Fisheries meetings</b>	
10:30 a.m.	<b>Actions since Sept. 5 Steering Committee Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer review committee update</li><li>• Oct. 10 working draft Recovery Plan, and upcoming draft for Federal Register publication</li></ul>	
10:45 a.m.	<b>Puget Sound Technical Recovery Team Informal Comments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction and Discussion</li></ul>	
11:45 p.m.	<b>Lunch (note: lunch will not be available at the Peninsula College cafeteria)</b>	
12:15 p.m.	<b>Update and Status of the Action Integration Table</b>	
12:45 p.m.	<b>Implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update with Phil Miller, Governor's Salmon Recovery Office</li><li>• Introduction of Rich Osborne, North Pacific Coast Lead Entity Coordinator</li><li>• What is the implementation plan and what does it entail?</li><li>• Input from Steering Committee</li></ul>	
1:30 p.m.	<b>Schedule/ Timeline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning for public involvement in 2008</li><li>• Review of updated Recovery Plan timeline</li></ul>	Updated Recovery Plan Timeline
2:00 p.m.	<b>Next Steps and Meetings</b>	
2:15 p.m.	<b>Adjourn</b>	

**Facilitator's Meeting Summary**  
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**Meeting Purpose**

The purposes of the meeting were to:

- Provide an update to the Steering Committee on activities since the September 5, 2007 meeting, including the process for preparing the draft Recovery Plan,
- Review and discuss comments from the Puget Sound Technical Recovery Team,
- Present and get Steering Committee input on the action integration table and the implementation chapter, and
- Review and update the ongoing schedule for completing the Recovery Plan.

**Participants at the Meeting**

The list of meeting participants is attached to this summary.

**Action Items**

- John Miller and Rosemary Furfey volunteered to contact the Washington Department of Ecology to invite them to join the Lake Ozette Sockeye recovery planning process.
- Steering Committee members are asked to provide their comments on the October 10, 2007 working draft of the Recovery Plan the first week of January 2008.
- The Steering Committee should be prepared at the upcoming February 2008 meeting to continue discussion of its role in sockeye recovery, particularly in the implementation phase.

**Introductions, Agenda Review, and Meeting Summary Review**

Bob Wheeler from Triangle Associates welcomed the Steering Committee and reviewed the agenda. Clallam County Community Development Director and newly appointed Peninsula College trustee John Miller welcomed the Steering Committee to the College's Longhouse Cultural Center and explained a little about the new campus facility.

The draft summary was presented for review. No changes or edits were suggested and the summary was approved.

**UPDATES**

*Sockeye Returns*

Cari Eggleston of the Makah Tribe and Tim Tynan of NMFS reported that sockeye returns are generally lower than usual coastwide, in several rivers (locally in Big River, and regionally in the Fraser River) as well as at the weir located at the outlet of the Ozette River, and at Umbrella Creek.

*Washington Department of Natural Resources Road Maintenance and Abandonment Program Culvert Replacement Data*

Rosemary Furfey of NMFS reported that she had received the first installment of data from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) about its Road Maintenance and Abandonment Program (RMAP) for the Ozette watershed. The data includes some information on culvert replacements. DNR, she said, is in the process of getting additional data from individual companies which are

expected to identify restoration priorities. She said that NMFS would work with DNR to look at how to link the RMAP data with actions in the Recovery Plan.

*Meeting with Olympic National Park Superintendent*

Rosemary Furfey reported that she had met with the Park Superintendent, Bill Laitner to discuss the role of Olympic National Park in the sockeye recovery planning process. The Park Superintendent said that Olympic National Park does not have the resources to implement the entire Recovery Plan but stated that Olympic National Park intends to be an active partner throughout the implementation process.

Pat Crain, biologist for the Olympic National Park, reported results of research he had conducted on how individual National Parks across the nation have been involved in implementation of recovery plans. It showed that, to date, individual National Parks have worked with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) because the latter have had jurisdiction over the species in question. The fact that National Parks and USFWS are both under the Department of the Interior has facilitated interagency coordination on recovery plans. Involvement in the Lake Ozette Sockeye Recovery Plan will be unique for National Parks in that the recovery plan is being developed by NMFS which is part of the Department of Commerce.

Pat said that he had found no clear guidance on the role of Olympic National Park in the recovery planning process. Echoing Superintendent Laitner, he said that it would be challenging enough to implement recovery plan actions within the Park, given staff constraints and resources.

In response to a question about the “role” of the USFWS in this plan, Rosemary Furfey responded that USFWS has no role because its Endangered Species Act (ESA) jurisdiction is over terrestrial species, which include aquatic fishes that spend their entire lives in freshwater environments. NMFS is responsible for developing recovery plans for anadromous species, as in Lake Ozette, which spend part of their life cycle in marine waters.

*Meeting with Rich Osborne, Coordinator of North Pacific Coast Lead Entity (NPCLE)*

Rosemary Furfey reported that she had met with Rich Osborne and was encouraged about the potential role that the NPCLE could play in the implementation of the Lake Ozette Sockeye Recovery Plan.

Later in the meeting, Rich Osborne was introduced. He said that the NPCLE includes the Quileute Tribe, Makah Tribe, Hoh Tribe, Clallam County, Jefferson County, the City of Forks, and citizens. It works within the same geographic designation as WRIA 20 and one of Rich Osborne’s goals is to streamline the salmon recovery actions in order to avoid unnecessary overlap between organizations.

He said that the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has funded his position. He is responsible for turning in a habitat projects list that the Lead Entity committee produces. NPCLE will then seek project sponsors to complete the projects on the list. Rich Osborne is now looking for sponsors to fund the habitat project list.

He reported that NPCLE is also responsible for providing basic data for a new WDFW database, “habitat work schedule.” The goal of the database is to enable interested parties to look at all potential habitat projects for a given area.

*Ozette Basin Property Owners Meeting*

Rosemary Furfey reported that NMFS had met with Ozette Basin property owners on November 17, 2007 for informal discussions. The meeting format allowed property owners to ask questions and make comments. She said that she learned a lot from the discussions and will use that information as the Recovery Plan is written. NMFS will keep property owners informed about the Recovery Plan process by sending Steering Committee materials and emails. They will be sent by email or by regular mail if the recipients do not have email.

Pat Ness who had helped organize the Property Owners meeting said that she was very pleased with the meeting and thanked NMFS staff for taking time out of their weekend to attend the meeting. She said that property owners are very interested in the Recovery Plan because they will be the ones who will be most directly affected. She said that they are not necessarily supportive of some parts of the Recovery Plan.

A draft summary of the meeting with Ozette Basin property owners was distributed for review. Bob Wheeler requested comments on the draft by the first week in January. Rosemary Furfey proposed appending the final summary of the meeting to the Recovery Plan.

**PROGRESS ON THE DRAFT RECOVERY PLAN SINCE SEPTEMBER**

Rosemary Furfey reported that the NMFS Recovery Plan writing team had reviewed comments it had received on the August working draft Recovery Plan and addressed them in the October 10, 2007 working draft that the team sent to the Puget Sound Technical Recovery Team (PSTRT) for informal comment. (That draft was also sent to the Steering Committee.)

NMFS's goal, she said, is to address the informal comments and complete the draft Recovery Plan and NMFS' internal review in time for publication in the Federal Register in March/April 2008. After the Draft Plan is published in the Federal Register, the PSTRT will conduct a formal review as will the peer reviewers.

Sections to be added to the draft before the Federal Register publication are predatory actions, the action integration table, and the executive summary. The executive summary is intended to make the draft Recovery Plan clearer and more understandable for those who are unfamiliar with the process. Rosemary Furfey said that NMFS intends to make the draft Recovery Plan more accessible, which had been a request from the meeting with property owners.

In response to questions about the Limiting Factors Analysis (LFA), she responded that it was part of the whole package of the draft Recovery Plan and acknowledged that NMFS needed to make the relationship of the LFA to the Recovery Plan clearer.

She asked that Steering Committee members submit their comments on the October 10, 2007 draft by January 1, 2008.

*Puget Sound Technical Recovery Team to be replaced by Recovery Implementation Science Team*  
Norma Jean Sands described the role of the PSTRT and indicated that the Technical Recovery Teams are being phased out. However, to ensure scientific review in the implementation phase of regional salmon recovery, a new team called a Recovery Implementation Science Team or RIST will be formed; it will include some members of PSTRT as well as new members.  
(<http://www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/trt/rist.html>).

### *Implementation*

The writing team noted that a detailed implementation plan is not in the draft Recovery Plan because it was deemed important to initially clarify the recovery planning framework before moving forward with a thorough Implementation Plan. The writing team would like to see an expanded framework for adaptive management plan after the Recovery Plan is finished. At that time there will be a more detailed discussion about how to carry out adaptive management.

### *Expectations for Public Comment on the Draft Plan*

Given the visibility of Olympic National Park, comments on the Draft Plan are expected from individuals and non-governmental organizations all over the country. Comments could result in changes to the Plan. If the comment is an important issue that the recovery planning process completely missed, then that substantive change would need to go out for review to the public again. If public comments suggest only minor changes, those changes would be incorporated in the Recovery Plan without requiring another publication in the Federal Register.

NMFS will provide formal responses to comments submitted during the public comment period.

With respect to the need for public meetings and hearings, NMFS indicated that, as an agency, it tends to do more than the required minimum for public involvement. For example, Steering Committee involvement was not required by the ESA. NMFS has found that the increased level of involvement with stakeholders means that the agency likely has a good sense of questions and comments that the public may raise during the public comment period.

After brief discussion, it was noted that the Research and Monitoring Plan will be addressed more fully in the Implementation and Adaptive Management plans.

### *Update and Status of the Action Integration Table*

Mike Haggerty presented the action integration table to the Steering Committee and indicated that the actions are taken from and are presented in the order they occur in the Recovery Plan, not in priority order. In the Recovery Plan, this document is expected to consist of three tables, oriented around site specific, broad-scale and programmatic actions. It will likely be placed in the appendix to the Recovery Plan. After discussion, the Steering Committee commented that the action integration table looked like it could be a useful tool.

### *Criteria to be used for funding the Recovery Plan*

The preceding discussion transitioned into one about how best to position the Lake Ozette Recovery Plan to be competitive for future funding. Bob Wheeler pointed out that success was often contingent on meeting the funding criteria of the funding sources. The Steering Committee then brainstormed the following list of proposed projects criteria, considerations, and questions as a first step in the implementation planning process:

#### *Criteria and Considerations—*

The proposed project:

- Is in a priority sub-basin identified in the recovery strategy
- Is consistent with the recovery strategy and action hierarchy identified in the recovery plan
- Has willing participants and landowners
- Has a reasonable cost
- Has a favorable cost/benefit analysis
- Is part of a sequence of projects
- Has a high likelihood of success and it has been tried elsewhere

- Benefits fish
- Is complementary to other projects
- Has ability to move forward in timely way
- Has community support and no active opposition
- Is consistent with entities' legal obligations
- Has a low risk potential and potential unintended consequences should be examined
- Can be completed in a timely manner
- Has a sound financing strategy

*Questions—*

- What sequence or priority should there be for the criteria/considerations?
- Likelihood of project success
  - Has the project been tried elsewhere?
- Ability to measure the outcomes—how easy is the recovery action to monitor?
- Risk of potential negative impacts on downstream properties and associated liabilities

The Steering Committee noted the importance of and the need to develop a financing strategy. Later in the meeting there was a related discussion about the fact that Olympic National Park has a mandate through the Organic Act to recover listed species and that National Parks have an internal funding source for this responsibility. It was mentioned that there is a possibility for working on off-park service lands if they have a direct impact on park service lands—such as water quality issues—and the Park would be the proponent for such actions. In addition, it was noted that Olympic National Park is beginning to identify 303(d) waters and has an obligation in that regard. Olympic National Park also has law enforcement staff to enforce actions.

### **Updates on Implementation from the Governor's Office**

Phil Miller of the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO) reported that, as of September the GSRO had recognized the Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership (WCSSP), which had received a grant from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB). Language to provide assistance and support of the Lake Ozette Sockeye Recovery Plan is included in the SRFB contract with the WCSSP. Both the regional organization and the Lead Entity are being asked to support and coordinate the implementation responsibilities for Lake Ozette sockeye recovery. Yet to be worked out is who has implementation responsibilities at the local level but those details will not exist until the Steering Committee decides what the local group will look like. As far as funding goes, he said that GSRO can be involved with the regional entities, like WCSSP, but it cannot provide significant support for smaller Lead Entity organizations, like NPCLE.

Please see Attachment 2 for the schematic of the relationship of potential implementing entities and functions developed at the meeting.

### **NMFS Role in ESA Actions and Decisions**

Rosemary Furfey, Tim Tynan, and Thom Hooper pointed out that NMFS is involved in five-year ESA status reviews. There are rolling status reviews that can assist in monitoring Recovery Plan results. If implementation actions require an Army Corps of Engineers permit, the Corps consults with NMFS on this. If it's a restoration action, NMFS is generally supportive of that and NMFS can provide ESA exemptions that make it easier to move forward with most restoration actions.

### **EPA/Ecology Representation at Steering Committee Meetings Water Quality**

The Steering Committee discussed the regulatory roles of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Ecology (Ecology) with respect to Clean Water Act issues in the Ozette watershed, particularly related to the Total Daily Maximum Load (TMDL) and 303(d) listings.

The Committee also noted that EPA is a potential funding source and that Ecology manages the state's watershed planning process. After discussion, the Steering Committee agreed that there should be a representative of Ecology at Steering Committee meetings. John Miller and Rosemary Furfey volunteered to contact Ecology about its potential involvement in the Lake Ozette Sockeye Recovery Plan, especially during implementation phase.

### **Steering Committee Discussion of Its Role During Implementation**

Steering Committee members discussed the Steering Committee's role in implementation which addressed whether there should be a Steering Committee and if so, who should participate.

Steering Committee members agreed that some sort of coordinating committee should exist to provide a forum for discussing recovery priorities. They also indicated that key players would include landowners, Olympic National Park, Quileute Tribe, Makah Tribe, Clallam County, NMFS, State, and interested public.

Phil Miller volunteered that the local organization usually was responsible for monitoring and coordinating, not implementing. The Steering Committee agreed it could provide a coordinating role in implementation and could use the Implementation Plan as a coordinating tool to see who would do what.

At the end of the discussion, Steering Committee members concluded they were not yet ready to determine the Steering Committee's role in the implementation phase and should continue discussion at the next meeting.

### **Next Steering Committee Meeting in February 2008**

The Steering Committee reviewed the revised Lake Ozette Sockeye Recovery Plan timeline and agreed on a meeting in February. The purpose of the February meeting would be to prepare for the public meetings/workshops during the public comment period and to have further discussion about how local implementation would be carried out.

Bob thanked the Steering Committee, adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM, and said he looked forward to seeing them again at the meeting in February 2008.

**Attachment 1: Meeting Participants**

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**Attachment 2: Relationship of potential implementing entities and functions from December 14, 2007 steering committee meeting.**

