2010 FCRPS Biological Opinion Tributary Habitat Improvement Upper Columbia Expert Panel Workshop

May 29, 30, and 31, 2012

Confluence Technology Center 285 Technology Center Way Wenatchee, WA 98826

Purpose

To convene a local expert panel to estimate changes in limiting factors from the implementation of Action Agency habitat actions for the 2010 FCRPS Biological Opinion. Workshop participants include a range of experienced professionals who are knowledgeable of local conditions, including current and potential condition of limiting factors.

Goals

- Focus on Action Agencies' priority populations listed in Table 5 of RPA 35 (Methow, Wenatchee, Entiat spring Chinook and steelhead and Okanogan steelhead)
- Confirm or revise estimated changes in habitat function for relevant limiting factors and assessment units for actions completed since the last expert panel workshop (June 2009 – April 2012).
- Estimate changes in habitat function in relevant limiting factors and assessment units for actions and metrics identified for 2013-18 (May 2012 Dec 2018) implementation (with funding and/or technical assistance from BPA or Reclamation).

Expert Panel Website

Updated tributary habitat scientific information required by the 2010 FCRPS Biological Opinion to be made available to the expert panels for their consideration and other related information has been assembled at:

http://www.usbr.gov/pn/fcrps/habitat/panels/reference/index.html

Workshop Agenda

When	What	Who
Tuesday, May 29	Sign-in and introductions	All
(1 - 5 PM)	Overview of methodology	Hillman
	Fish requirements and habitat use	Pess
	Expectations and approach	Spinazola/Fisher
	Adjourn for the day (5 PM)	Core regional team and
		Subbasin experts
Wednesday, May 30	• Overview of the day (8:00 AM)	Spinazola/Fisher
(8:00 AM - 5 PM)	• Methow Subbasin (8:15 AM to ~12:00 PM)	Core regional team and
	• Lunch (on your own)	subbasin experts
	Okanogan Subbasin (1 PM to 4:45 PM)	
	Tie up loose ends, if needed	
	Adjourn for the day (5 PM)	
Thursday, May 31	• Overview of the day (8:00 AM)	Spinazola/Fisher
(8:00 AM - 5 PM)	• Wenatchee Subbasin (8:15 AM to ~12:00	Core regional team and
	PM)	subbasin experts

•	Lunch (on your own)	
•	Entiat Subbasin (1 PM to 4:45 PM)	
•	Tie up loose ends, if needed	
•	Review next steps	
•	Adjourn workshop (5 PM)	

A couple of short breaks will be provided throughout the day by the facilitators, Joe Spinazola (USBR) and Kathy Fisher (BPA).

2012 Upper Columbia Expert Panel

Upper Columbia Experts	Subbasin Experts
Core Regional Team	Entiat Subbasin
John Arterburn, Colville Tribes	Phil Archibald, Entiat Landowner, Retired
Casey Baldwin, Colville Tribes	USFS
• Ken Bevis, WDFW	Chris Clemons, Yakama Nation
• Tracy Hillman, BioAnalysts Inc.	Susan Dretke, CCD
• Tom Kahler, Douglas County PUD	Kurt Hosman, Cascadia Conservation District
Russell Langshaw, Grant County PUD	Steve Kolk, USBR
Gina McCoy, WDFW	Mike Rickel, Cascadia Conservation District
Keely Murdoch, Yakama Nation	Catherine Willard, USFS
• Lisa Pelly, Trout Unlimited	
• Chuck Peven, Peven Consulting Inc.	Wenatchee Subbasin
Karl Polivka, USFS	Jason Breidert, Yakama Nation
Brandon Rogers, Yakama Nation	Mike Kane, Chelan County
• Kate Terrell, USFWS	Steve Kolk, USBR
Richard Vacirca, USFS	Greer Maier, USFS
• Mike Ward, Terraqua Inc.	
• James White, UCSRB	Methow Subbasin
 Justin Yeager, NOAA Fisheries 	Chris Butler, Yakama Nation
	John Crandall, Wild Fish Conservancy
	Chris Johnson, MSRF
	Greg Knott, MSRF
	Jennifer Molesworth, USBR
	Gene Shull, USFS
	Okanogan Subbasin
	Chris Fisher, Colville Tribes
	Keith Kistler, Colville Tribes
	Craig Nelson, OCCD
	Gene Schull, USFS