

**Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group**  
**Agenda Item Information**  
**March 16-17, 2009**

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Agenda Item

Ad Hoc Group Review/Dissolution of Groups

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Action Requested

- ✓ The TWG Chair proposes the following changes to the current status of ad hoc groups and seeks TWG agreement. We should update the member lists and current charges for these groups.

Ad hocs that should be retained:

Budget: Standing. Chair Dennis Kubly. Established March 17, 2009.

Charge: The Budget Ad Hoc (BAHG) will develop an annual budget recommendation (biennial) for TWG utilizing input from the CRAHG, GCMRC, and BOR. This is to include an initial budget recommendation during the spring TWG meeting and a final recommendation during the summer TWG meeting. The BAHG should also investigate other options for a biennial budget and draft an update to Appendix H in the Strategic Plan which describes the current budget process. Originally established November 12, 2003.

Members: Mary Barger, Norm Henderson, Mike Yeatts, Kerry Christensen, Rick Johnson, Glen Knowles, Don Ostler, Larry Stevens, Bill Persons, Steven Mietz, Bill Werner

Cultural Resources: Standing. Chair Mary Barger. Established March 17, 2009.

Charge: Needs to be defined. Originally established September 6, 2001.

Members: Jan Balsam, Charley Bullets, Kerry Christensen, Kurt Dongoske, Mike Yeatts

Humpback Chub: Standing. Chair Glen Knowles. Established March 17, 2009.

Charge: Develop a comprehensive research and management plan for humpback chub for TWG and AMWG review. Originally established January 28, 2003.

Members: Bill Davis, Norm Henderson, Mark Steffen, Larry Stevens, Dennis Kubly

TWG management: New, make standing. Chair Shane Capron.

Charge: To develop and maintain a TWG workplan, help develop the meeting agendas, use a facilitator as directed by TWG and generally provide guidance to TWG on management of the TWG. Develop ad hoc operating procedures for TWG review, begin work on a revised draft of the TWG operating procedures.

Members: anyone interested?

Ad hocs that should be disbanded:

1. Experimental flows: no longer necessary.
2. Sediment: this group has completed all of their tasks and has had difficulty completed tasks within expected timeframes. If a sediment ad hoc is necessary in the future, the group could be reconstituted for that particular activity.
3. Kanab ambersnail: no longer necessary.

## Ad Hoc Group Review/Dissolution of Groups, continued

4. Aquatic PEP: no longer necessary.
5. Native fish: no longer necessary, the humpback chub ad hoc is currently reviewing issues related to native fish.
6. Non-native fish control: no longer necessary.
7. Core monitoring: not currently necessary. There may be more work needed to evaluate the General Core Monitoring Plan to be released this spring. I propose we disband this group and reconstitute a similar group if necessary.
8. Long-term experimental plan: no longer necessary.
9. Cultural resources design: no longer necessary, however, the tasks should be moved to the CRAHG.
10. TWG small group: no longer necessary.
11. Science planning group: no longer necessary.
12. Facilitation: This group provided a report at the October 2008 TWG meeting (attached). This issue should be addressed further by a proposed TWG management ad hoc, specifically in using a facilitator for select meetings or issues in addition to a Chair.

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### Presenter

Shane Capron, Chair, Technical Work Group

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### Previous Action Taken

See attached list of ad hoc groups.

See attached report from April 09, 2008 by Kurt Dongoske.

See attached final report from the TWG Chair/Facilitator ad hoc group.

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### Background Information

In general, I propose that if an ad hoc does not have a current need then we should disband it unless we agree that it should be a standing committee. The TWG operating procedures list one of the Chair responsibilities as: "Organize or disband Ad Hoc task groups per TWG direction." Therefore, I am proposing this approach and looking to TWG for review and agreement.

Walking through ad hoc table, we should ask the following questions:

- Does the TWG want to maintain this ad-hoc?
- If the ad hoc is maintained, who is the chair
- What is the near-term schedule for this ad hoc? When and where will they next meet? What products are due and when? When can TWG expect to receive one or more reports from this group?

## Technical Work Group

Review of Ad Hoc Groups  
Report  
April 9, 2008

## Purpose of Review of Ad Hoc

- Which ad hocs are still active?
- Which ad hocs are no longer necessary and should be officially disbanded?
- Review the charges to the remaining ad hocs and determine whether these charges are still appropriate.
- Review membership of active ad hocs and offer an opportunity for TWG members to join.

## Experimental Flows Ad Hoc

Original Charge: (1) Develop a program of experimental flows to comply with the RPA in the Biological Opinion for low steady summer flows with high spring flows; (2) Develop triggering criteria for determining when that situation might exist; and (3) develop a program of experimentation to deal with questions still remaining about BHBFs.

- Chair: R. Peterson                      Established: 11/8/00  
»    Disbanded: None

## Experimental Flows Ad Hoc

Current Charge: Develop an experimental action plan in association with GCMRC utilizing the MATA process (funding is a consideration)

Chair: D. Kubly

Current Membership: N. Henderson, B. Davis, A. Hueslein, L. Greiner, R. Johnson, C. Palmer, T. Melis, K. Dongoske

Date Established: ?

### Long-Term Experimental Plan Ad Hoc

Charge: Develop a draft long-term experimental plan with GCMRC and the science advisors.

Chair: D. Kubly      Established: 5/4/04

Membership: M. Barger, W. Cook, B. Davis, N. Henderson, M. Kaplinski, G. Knowles, B. Persons, M. Steffen, L. Stevens, and M. Yeatts

Date disbanded: Still active (how does this differ from the Experimental Flows ad hoc?)

### Sediment Ad Hoc

Charge: Work with GCMRC to develop a "white paper" on the current understanding of sediment storage and transport and what that means to the AMP.

Chair: T. Melis      Established: 11/8/00

Membership: R. Begay, G. Burton, N. Coulam, B. Davis, P. Hyde, R. Johnson, M. Kaplinski, L. Leap, D. Metz/D. Bills, and R. Peterson

Date Disbanded: 5/24/06

### Sediment Ad Hoc

Charge: Perform analysis (on recently published articles) and provide recommendations to the TWG at their meeting (August 2-3, 2006).

Chair: J. O'Brien      Established: 5/8/06

Membership: M. Barger, R. Johnson, G. Knowles, T. Melis, and M. Yeatts

### Kanab Ambersnail Ad Hoc

Charge: Review the latest research, make a report to TWG, and respond to findings presented in a memo written by Rubin, Topping, et al to the GCMRC.

Chair: Open      Established: 5/31/01

Membership: P. Barrett, D. Bills, G. Burton, B. Davis, S. Gloss, R. Johnson, D. Kubly, and B. Persons

Date disbanded: Is this ad hoc still needed?

### Cultural Resources PEP Ad Hoc

Charge: Review and evaluate the PEP report on GCMRC's cultural resource program and bring back recommendations to the TWG.

Chair: M. Barger Established: 2000/2001

Membership: J. Balson, R. Begay, N. Coulam, L. Jackson-Kelly, M. Yeatts, M. Kaplinski, T. Melis, K. Dongoske, and L. Leap.

Date disbanded: 2003; CRAHG established as standing TWG ad hoc.

### Cultural Resources Ad Hoc

Charge: Address cultural resource issues and generate recommendations for the TWG to consider.

Chair: M. Barger Established: 2003

Membership: L. Leap, J. Dierker, H. Fairley, M. Yeatts, J. Damp, M. Berry, K.

Dongoske, L. Jackson-Kelly, D. Siebert

Date disbanded: still active: standing ad hoc

### Budget Ad Hoc

Charge: Review process and timeline for budget and work plan deliberations and approval including materials necessary for deliberations and bring recommendation to TWG.

Chair: D. Kubly Established: 11/12/03

Membership: M. Andersen, J. Balsom/C. Crocker-Bedford, M. Barger, W. Cook, K. Dongoske, B. Drye, H. Fairley, S. Gloss, L. Greiner, J. Hamill, A. Heuslein, N. Henderson, M. Liszewski, K. McMullen, T. Melis, B. Persons and L. Stevens

Date disbanded: still active (SPG was BAHG in FY06)

### Aquatic PEP Ad Hoc

Charge: Review aquatic PEP report and make recommendations to the TWG.

Chair: D. Kubly Established: 11/13/01

Membership: G. Burton, B. Davis, R. Johnson, and B. Persons

Date disbanded: ?

### Native Fish Ad Hoc

Charge: Non identified (not a TWG ad hoc?)

Chair: None identified Established: ?

Membership: S. Albert, P. Barrett, R. Begay, D. Bills, G. Burton, R. Clarkson, D. Cohen, L. Coggins, J. Cross, B. Davis, B. Drye, S. Gloss, B. Gold, N. Henderson, A. Heuslein, R. Johnson, B. Persons, B. Ralston, R. Simmonds, M. Yard, and M. Yeatts

Date disbanded: ? Still active: ?

### Non-native Fish Control Ad Hoc

Charge: Develop a 2002-2006 research monitoring work plan to meet M.O. 2.5 & 2.6 of the AMWG Strategic Plan

Chair: R. Johnson Established: 2/26/02

Membership: P. Barrett, K. Christensen, D. Cohen, J. Cross, B. Davis, D. Foster, S. Gloss, N. Henderson, D. Kubly, T. Melis, B. Persons, A. Potochnik, and N. Lash

Date disbanded: 1/28/03

### Humpback Chub Ad Hoc

Charge: Consider actions to implement a comprehensive research and management program for the HBC, and in the interim an ad hoc committee of AMWG, TWG, GCMRC, and science advisors to develop recommendations and report to AMWG at the special session.

Chair: G. Knowles [Sam Spiller (past)]

Membership: G. Barnard, W. Cook, P. Hyde, A. Heuslein, L. James, R. Kuharich, B. Taubert, C. Palmer, and J. Shields.

Date disbanded: Was this an AMWG ad hoc and not a TWG ad hoc?

### Core Monitoring Ad Hoc

Charge: The CMAHG will work with GCMRC in developing a core monitoring plan with a final draft by 9/30/04.

Chair: J. Lovich Established: 3/3/04

Membership: M. Barger, M. Chee, B. Davis, N. Henderson, M. Kaplinski, G. Knowles, D. Kubly, K. McMullen, B. Persons, R. Seaholm, M. Steffen, L. Stevens, J. Ritenour, and M. Yeatts.

Date disbanded: Still active? Probably necessary as a standing ad hoc.

## TWG Small Group

Charge: Develop a common understanding of what is desired for the Canyon with respect to specific resources: sediment, trout, native fish, etc.

Chair: R. Peterson      Established: 2/26/02

Membership: P. Barrett, R. Begay, K. Christensen, D. Cohen, W. Cook, B. Davis, B. Gold, N. Henderson, R. Johnson, P. Lehr, T. Melis, C. Palmer, B. Persons, N. Lash, R. Seaholm, and M. Yeatts

Date disbanded: Still necessary? Probably not.

## Summary of TWG Ad Hocs

### Ad Hocs Still Necessary

- Kanab Ambersnail
  - Native Fish
  - Non-Native Fish
  - Humpback Chub
  - TWG Small Group
- ### Ad Hocs Disbanded:
- Cultural Resources PEP
  - Aquatic PEP

### Standing Ad Hocs:

- Experimental Flows
- Long-term Experimental Plan
- Sediment
- Cultural Resources
- Core Monitoring
- Budget

## Questions to Consider

- Are these the appropriate set of standing ad hoc groups?
- Do these standing ad hoc groups have a clear charge?
- Are their charges appropriate or should they be revised?
- What should be the duration of TWG ad hocs?
- Is there a need to develop standard TWG ad hoc operating procedures?

## Benefits of Operating Procedures for TWG Ad Hocs

- Develop consistent procedures for reaching recommendations
- Consistent reporting requirements to the TWG
- Establish membership criteria for ad hocs
  - TWG members vs. technical representatives
- Define role of GCMRC (and other agency technical representatives) in TWG ad hocs
- Establish consistency among TWG ad hocs