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<p>Terrestrial Resources Implementation Group Technical Meeting</p>
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March 1st, 2007 (9:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

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AGENDA

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| 1. Review notes/agenda/action items from February 1st, 2006 meeting |
| 2. Review recent BRICC meeting activities, licensing updates? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any updates on WQC, 401, BiOp? |
| 3. Update from February 20 Elk Teamlet meeting, Osprey and Loon update |
| 4. Continue Chapter-by-Chapter TRMP Review (using the clean copy) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updates from Marty• Unresolved issues?• TRMP “finalization” plan |
| 3. Other? |
| 4. Evaluate meeting, set date and agenda for next meeting |

Baker River Project License Implementation

**Terrestrial Resource Implementation Group
Final Meeting Notes**

March 1, 2007
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
WDFW Mountlake Terrace

FINAL MEETING NOTES

Team Leader: Tony Fuchs (PSE), 425-462-3553, tony.fuchs@pse.com

PRESENT

Tony Fuchs and Anna Kopitov (PSE); Kathy Smayda (Smayda Environmental Associates); Marty Vaughn (Biota-Pacific); Brock Applegate (WDFW); Patrick Goldsworthy (NCCC); Bob Nelson (RMEF); Laura Potash (USFS); Lou Ellyn Jones (USFWS) by phone, and Jamie Riche (PDSA Consulting).

NEXT MEETING DATES

TRIG: April 5, 2007, 9 am – 2 pm, Mtlk Terrace

Future TRIG Meetings: May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6

Elk Teamlet: TBD as needed

Words of the day: Propagules and Cryptogams (puzzling legs?...)

ACTION ITEMS

- Tony - Fax locations of rare plant surveys to Laura
- Brock - Send Marty the citation for loon brood habitat recommendations
- Tony / Anna – Revise sections 7.4 – 7.6 for review at the April 5 TRIG meeting
- Brock - Send Anna input re: access restrictions for loon platforms

PREVIOUS – STILL RELEVANT – ACTION ITEMS

- All – In reviewing the TRMP land acquisition sections; consider how to list primary and secondary decision criteria.
- Tony – Forward information about all potential land acquisition parcels to elk teamlet with a reminder about the need for confidentiality of all such information

Congratulations, Laura! Laura shared that she will be getting married on St. Patrick's Day ... we all extend a good Irish blessing to the happy couple:

May your mornings bring joy and your evenings bring peace.

May your troubles grow few as your blessings increase.

May the saddest day of your future

Be no worse than the happiest day of your past.

May your hands be forever clasped in friendship

And your hearts joined forever in love.

BRICC / LICENCE UPDATE

Folks are still feeling optimistic about an April issuance. The February 28th BRICC meeting has been cancelled and replaced with a written / emailed update. The highlights of this update include:

- Shoreline permit hearing 3/12 in Concrete
- SEPA completed 1/12; adopting NEPA document
- CZMA: requesting deadline extension to 3/30
- Water Quality Certification: 3/1
- BiOps: have been written, will probably be submitted to PSE next week and the goal is to submit the final BiOps to FERC by 3/19

Osprey / Loon Teamlet Update:

Tony reminded the TRIG that the Osprey / Loon teamlet chose to develop and place one loon platform on Lake Shannon this year, *with two more to be placed in 2008 before the end of March*. The design is nearly complete and the platform will be built and installed *on March 19*. The osprey platform may be placed at the same time; if not, it will be installed by the end of March. *(Team leader note: the Loon platform was installed on Lake Shannon on March 19th, and the access restriction buoys and float ropes were installed on March 20th. Tentatively, the osprey nest platform will be installed in the first week of April, due to reservoir water level restrictions and crew availability. This date might change due to changes in water level. The reservoir needs to be at approximately 430' to be able to access the stump the platform will be bolted on to.)*

Elk Update:

Tony met with PSE's legal folks to discuss PSE's approach to easements, particularly relative to the "initial parcel." He created a matrix describing the different types of easement options *for the initial parcel*, with an explanation of each option, considerations, pros, cons, and FERC implications. The Elk teamlet concluded that any of these would work so long as we can manage the property for Elk forage. PSE will need to know the details of any specific proposal in order to determine whether that would meet license requirements and financial agreements. The teamlet reviewed the status of the initial parcel and possible alternate parcels, and gave Ray feedback / input on our priorities relative to both easements and possible trades. They are also looking into hosting an "elk summit" to discuss larger management and planning goals / activities.

Tony shared that, since the last Elk Teamlet meeting, PSE's real estate agent has moved on to a new department; our new PSE realtor is Ira McDaniel. The next elk mtg. will be scheduled when needed.

TRMP Review

Marty noted that he has incorporated our changes to Chapters 3, 4, and 5. Our changes to Chapters 1 and 2 require extensive writing and are not yet complete. Tony projected our current draft TRMP onto a screen and made live changes as we continued to walk through the document chapter by chapter, starting with the Post-Acquisition Habitat Assessment section of Chapter 5 (Wetlands).

When we got to section 7.4 (loon platform specifications), Tony noted that we have new information for this section based on the loon /osprey teamlet's work. Tony and Anna will revise sections 7.4 – 7.6 for review at our next meeting. We will start next time at Chapter 7, Section 7.4.

HANDOUTS

- Agenda
- TRIG February 1, 2007 Meeting Notes

PARKING LOT

- Develop protocol for pre-acquisition field visit

AGENDA FOR NEXT TRIG MEETING

April 5, 2007, 9 am – 2 pm, Mountlake Terrace

1. Welcome, review notes, action items, agenda
2. BRICC / License Update
3. Elk, Loon & Osprey Updates
4. Update on USFS noxious weed meeting
5. Continue Chapter-by-Chapter TRMP Review (starting at 7.4)
6. Other?
7. Evaluate meeting, set next meeting date and agenda