

Baker River Project License Implementation
Joint Aquatics and Terrestrial Resources Group Meeting
Final Notes

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PRESENT

Tony Fuchs, Haley Edwards, and Jacob Venard (PSE), Stan Walsh (SRSC), Jeremy Gillman by (USFS), Brock Applegate (WDFW), and Sue Madsen (SFEG)

DECISIONS TODAY

- Decision Item #1: Does the TRIG and ARG authorize funding of the Utopia Riparian Improvement Project as proposed by the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group for an amount not to exceed \$71,000 with current funds from SA 505?
- Decision Item #2: Does the TRIG and ARG authorize funding of the Little Sandy Creek Drainage – Fish Barrier Removal Project as proposed by the USDA Forest Service for an amount not to exceed \$156,360 with current funds from SA 505?
- Does the TRIG and ARG authorize funding of the Hansen Creek Project as proposed by the Skagit River System Cooperative for an amount not to exceed \$390,000 with current funds from SA 505, with \$110,000 for immediate use and the balance (\$280,000) reserved for anticipated acquisitions?

NEW ACTION ITEMS

- All Send any process improvement suggestions to Jacob

PREVIOUS, STILL RELEVANT ACTION ITEMS

- Work with SRSC to clarify the funding request within their proposal, including total estimated project cost, total set-aside requested from Article 505 funds (capital and/or planning funds), anticipated partners (SERF Board, others?), and proposed / estimated project staging

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The funding decision was approved by consensus of those present in person.

Brock noted that that this project did not go towards the acquisition goals of the group; however, he did not oppose the project.

Decision Item #2: Does the TRIG and ARG authorize funding of the Little Sandy Creek Drainage – Fish Barrier Removal Project as proposed by the USDA Forest Service for an amount not to exceed \$156,360 with current funds from SA 505?

The funding decision was approved by consensus of those present in person.

Brock indicated that although he thought that this project may get funded sometime in the future, he was not opposed to funding the project since we can address the problem now. Sue suggested that Jeremy provide a planning proposal to help strengthen the justification for such projects.

Does the TRIG and ARG authorize funding of the Hansen Creek Project as proposed by the Skagit River System Cooperative for an amount not to exceed \$390,000 with current funds from SA 505, with \$110,000 for immediate use and the balance (\$280,000) reserved for anticipated acquisitions?

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Lower Baker River Project

Sue suggested to the group that they consider whether the Little Baker River project described to the group at the January 24 meeting would be considered “in Baker River basin” or “out of basin.” This project may be brought to the group for consideration for funding before the next funding cycle.

NEXT STEPS:

Jacob will contact the project proponents to let them know the decisions made today. He will move forward with contracting and scoping work in the next couple of weeks; he will work with the proponents on this.

PARKING LOT

- Group needs to revisit the planning and site identification criteria, and how they are used (side boards, philosophy, and interest)