
BAKER RIVER PROJECT RELICENSE

**Aquatics Working Group
RESOLVE Meeting
Final Notes**

September 19, 2003
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
USFS Office
Mountlake Terrace, WA

MEETING NOTES

Team Leader: Arnie Aspelund, PSE

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Attendees	Arnie Aspelund, PSE	Stan Walsh, SSC
	Gary Sprague, WDFW	Scott Lentz, USFS (telephone)
	Steve Fransen, NMFS	Gene Stagner, USFWS
	Ruth Mathews, TNC	Mark Daily, Meridian Environ.
	Dick Raisler, Fidalgo Fly Fishers	Dee Endelman, facilitator
	Cary Feldmann, PSE	

September 19 Agenda

Review agenda, notes, actions
Review prior agreements made (9/12)
3.1.2: Propagation

- 20,000 pound capacity
- Sturgeon?
- Comments on white paper?

3.4.1: Fluvial Management

- Review current draft
- Plan implementation—in HERC?

3.1.1: HERC Fund

- Purposes
- Needs/concerns regarding how it is set up
- Balance between HERC/PME

3.4.4 Habitat Restoration

- Initial discussion

Develop agenda for next meeting

New Action Items

1. Arnie—Add Gene to 9/12 attendee list
2. Cary—Review 3.4.3 (Erosion Management)—is PSE in agreement?
3. Arnie—Button up with Arn re sturgeon discussion (3.1.2)
4. Cary—find a place for fisheries plan in PME’s (under BRCC?)

Old Action Items

1. All—Review 20,000 pound capacity facility (3.1.2: Propagation). It appears sufficient—is it?
2. Bob W.—Regarding 3.4.3 (Erosion Management), send language to Arnie for 3.4.3 a and b (page 64, 9/12 draft).
3. Sue—re-write the Summary of Actions in 3.4.1 (Fluvial Geomorphic Management--page 61) to reflect the actions set forth in the PME.

Notes from RESOLVE Meetings

To permit the greatest degree of open dialogue, the group agreed that notes for the RESOLVE sessions will be less formal than regular working group meetings. We will primarily document agreements and action items.

RESOLVE Groundrules

- Work at understanding one another.
- Use airtime wisely.
- Speak honestly and respectfully.
- Examine assumptions.
- Make tentative agreements, then look at the whole package together.
- One meeting review rule: we have one meeting to review and change the tentative agreements of the previous RESOLVE session.¹

¹ All agreements are tentative even after the “one meeting review rule”. However, the one meeting rule gives regular participants an opportunity to bring an agreement back to the table while assuring that tentative agreements are not forever reopened. It also accommodates regular participants who must miss a meeting and may want to weigh in on a decision.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Document our agreements.• Caucuses are okay. |
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Review of PME's Discussed To Date

Note: In this meeting, we were working from 4th draft PME's dated September 19, 2003.

3.4.3: Erosion Management

- PSE needs to review this in more detail to see “what we’re signing up for”.

3.2.1: Propagation: Additional Agreements

- Regarding having 20,000 pound maximum capacity, we are getting comfortable with this amount.
- Regarding sturgeon, we don’t know enough about the results of sturgeon introduction into the system. This might be a research project for the future, but shouldn’t be included in the current PME’s.
- Regarding Steve’s paper, what additional fisheries program would require more than at 20,000 pound capacity? (Let Steve know if such a program is out there).
- Change Operations Plan (page 43 of the 9/19 draft) to include supplementation facilities as well as spawning beaches.
- Other wording changes were suggested and will be incorporated (regarding operations and contracting).
- PSE, in consultation with the co-managers and with input from the BRCC, will develop a sub-basin fisheries and hatchery plan.

3.4.1: Fluvial Geomorphic Management: Additional Agreements

- Stan will check on whether this PME is sufficient from perspective of the tribes.
- Lower Baker actions are still sort of broad and vague. We may not have enough information—e.g., the Corps is still in feasibility study phase of Little Baker project—to make this more specific.
- Lower Baker Channel modification—is this an alternative?
- Defer this discussion regarding Lower Baker until A 16 is more refined (November?)

3.1.1: HERC Fund

Purposes

- A pot of money to deal with unforeseen circumstances and issues
- For things that we may know the issue but not ways to spend money on the issue
- Don’t want this to become a “procrastination fund”
- Flexible money that we can shift from one area to another without going through FERC
- A way to address “how to do the right thing for the Basin”
- Avoid disputes later on (decreases likelihood of a re-opener)

Geographic Scope for HERC Fund (in priority order)

- In the Basin
- Immediately downstream (Middle Skagit)
- Lower Skagit/estuary
- Upstream/offsite

Other Items

- Money should be in an interest-bearing account
- Funds will be tied to an index and there should be interest on unspent funds
- Clarify language around matching funds
- Clarify that BRCC members who are contracted to perform work aren't included under the prohibitions

3.4.4: Habitat Restoration

- USFS inundated lands in Upper Baker

Upcoming RESOLVE Sessions

9/29/03—9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., PSE Bothell Office

10/16/03—9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., PSE Bothell Office

10/27/03—9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., USFS Mountlake Terrace

Agenda for 9/29/03 Meeting

- Review agenda, notes and action items
- Review agreements from 9/19/03 meeting
- 3.4.1 Fluvial Geomorphic Management
- 3.2.3 Downstream Passage
- 3.5.1-3 Water Quality & SPCC Plan
- 3.3.1 Flow Regime
- Agenda for next meeting

PME Status Check:

3.1.1	HERC Fund	Preliminary Tentative Agreement
3.1.2	Fish Propagation	Tentative Agreement
3.2.1	Upstream Passage	Tentative Agreement

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3.2.2	Connectivity (Baker & Shannon)	Preliminary Tentative Agreement
3.2.3	Downstream Passage	
3.3.1	Flow Regime	
3.4.1	Fluvial Management	
3.4.2	Large Woody Debris Management	Tentative Agreement
3.4.3	Erosion Management	
3.4.4	Aquatic Habitat Restoration	
3.5.1	Flow Release Water Quality	
3.5.2	Reservoir Water Quality	
3.5.3	SPCC Plan	
6.3	Reservoir Level Management	