



## BAKER RIVER PROJECT RELICENSE

# Aquatic Resources Working Group RESOLVE

August 25, 2003

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Puget Sound Energy Camelot Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (425-424-6550) 19900 North Creek Parkway, Bothell, WA

## **AGENDA**

Conference Call Number: 1-800-582-8948, participant code: \*0529465\*

Review Agenda, Notes, Action Items
Review of Prior Agreements (made on 7/29 and 8/12)
3.1.2 Propagation (Steve's white paper)
3.4.3 Erosion Management (Greta's proposed language)
3.4.1 Fluvial Management (Revisited)
3.1.1 HERC Fund
Other PMEs?
Review draft agenda for next RESOLVE meeting

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## **Driving Directions to PSE Bothell Office:**

The address for the Bothell Office is 19900 North Creek Parkway, Bothell, 98011.

Phone number is 425-424-6550. The receptionist will see you, and will let you in, and direct you upstairs to the correct conference room.

Directions:

**Northbound**: 405 to the 195th Exit. Turn right off the exit. Turn left at the first light, North Creek Parkway. The building is on the right handside.





**Southbound**: 405 to the 195th Exit. Turn left off the exit. Rest same as above.





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# **Aquatics Working Group RESOLVE Meeting**

August 25, 2003 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Puget Sound Energy 19900 North Creek Parkway, Bothell, WA

#### **MEETING NOTES**

Team Leader: Arnie Aspelund, PSE

Written by: Dee Endelman, ADI

**Attendees** Arnie Aspelund, PSE

Phil Hilgert, R2 Sue Madsen, R2 Gary Sprague, WDFW Steve Fransen, NMFS

Ruth Mathews, TNC Greta Movassaghi, USFS

Dick Raisler, Fidalgo Fly Fishers

Cary Feldmann, PSE

Arn Thoreen, SFEG Stan Walsh, SSC Lorna Ellestad, SCPW

Scott Lentz, USFS

Dee Endelman, facilitator

## August 25 Agenda

Review agenda, notes, actions Review prior agreements made (on 7/29 and 8/12)

3.1.2 Propagation

3.4.3 Erosion Management

3.4.1 Fluvial Management (revisited)

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### 3.1.1 HERC Fund

Other PME's?

Develop agenda for next meeting

#### **New Action Items**

- 1. All—Review 8/12/03 notes by 8/29/03 and send comments to Arnie.
- 2. Ruth—Send Roanoke Settlement to Arnie for distribution to working group by 8/29/03
- 3. Scott—E-mail to working group about 9/23/03 frozen fish drop for nutrient enhancement.
- 4. Dick—Send draft language regarding alternatives for increasing steelhead salmon (other than supplementation) to Arnie for distribution to working group.
- 5. Sue—E-mail memo to working group by 9/5/03 regarding sediment issues discussed at this meeting.
- 6. Greta—Write up 3.4.3 a, b & c and send to Arnie for distribution to working group by 9/5/03.
- 7. Dee—Pass on information regarding technical report comments to Lyn.
- 8. Arnie—Re-draft 3.4.1 (Fluvial) to reflect possible agreements regarding actions that belong in this PME v. HERC fund actions for review by the working group at its next meeting.
- 9. Arnie—Re-draft the PME package to reflect the latest language/agreements throughout the PME's.

#### **Old Action Items**

- 1. Gary—Find out about the Cowlitz settlement agreement provision on fish management plans.
- 2. Steve—Write a white paper on fish goals/propagation. Bring a "drafty draft" of this paper to the 8/25 meeting.
- 3. Gene—Re 3.2.2 (Connectivity—page 46), write language regarding the test facility per the group's discussion on this matter (contained in the notes below).
- 4. Nick—take O & M elements (of upstream fish passage PME) to the next fish passage meeting.
- 5. Nick—Bring revised emergency response plan to fish passage meeting of 9/9/03.
- 6. Stan—Regarding "Rationale" section of 3.2.1 (Upstream Fish Passage), add a sentence regarding sorting and send it to Nick.
- 7. Phil—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 Ground rules**

- 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.<sup>1</sup>
- Document our agreements.
- Caucuses are okay.

## **Discussion regarding Technical Report Comments**

#### Agreement

If you have something to add to a draft final report after it's been printed, send it to Arnie and he will attach it as an appendix to the report on the web site and will e-mail it out to the working group.

#### **Review of PME's Discussed To Date**

## 3.2.1 Upstream Fish Passage: Agreements

- Under the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet on page 48 of the 8/12/03 PME draft, in the last sentence, "...to meet agreed performance standards."
- Still need to finalize performance standards. This is being handled by the Fish Passage Technical Working Group. Add a bullet to the PME that specifies performance standards.
- Overall, tentative agreement on this PME.

#### 3.4.2 Large Woody Debris: Agreements

- Add to 4) a: Add something about 30-60 cm diameter category of wood.
- Add that the numbers of wood pieces may be modified up or down based on monitoring.
- Other than the specifics regarding 30-60 cm diameter wood, the group is in tentative agreement on this PME.

#### 3.1.2 Propagation

At the 8/12/03 meeting, all present had set forth their interests with respect to fish propagation. Since Dick Raisler joined the group at this meeting, we added the following interest from the fly fishers:

<u>Fly Fishers Interest:</u> Limit the number of hatchery steelheads. Protect and enhance the wild steelhead in the Skagit/Sauk River and, if possible, re-establish a genetically suitable steelhead run to the Baker River. Dick also distributed a letter listing the concerns of the Federation of Fly Fishers.

## **Agreements**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

- Operation of Beach 4 (under "Description of Actions", page 42)—add language regarding sediment control at Beach 4 intake.
- Re decommissioning of Beaches 2 and 3 (page 44), change to "Retention of Spawning Beaches 2 and/or 3 is preferred by the parties..."
- Overall, tentative agreement on Description of Actions up to Supplementation section.
- With respect to this section, Steve Fransen will write a white paper to help the group discuss Supplementation.

# 3.4.1 Fluvial Geomorphic Management

<u>Issue</u>: How to maintain flexibility to respond to needs for sediment over time?

Possible Agreements (to be further discussed with a clean draft of this PME)

- Keep the Baker River action included in this PME.
- Leave a reference to our concern about the Skagit and note a cross reference to the HERC Fund.
- Put a line item about the Skagit Fluvial Management in the HERC Fund PME.
- Keep monitoring in this PME.

## **Upcoming RESOLVE Sessions**

9/12/03—9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., USFS, Mountlake Terrace 9/19/03—9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., USFS, Mountlake Terrace 9/29/03—9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., PSE, Bothell 10/16/03—9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., PSE, Bothell 10/27/03—9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., USFS Mountlake Terrace Arnie will secure places for the sessions added today.

#### Additional PME's under development

Nutrient Restoration—Scott Lentz

## Agenda for 9/12/03 Meeting

- Review agenda, notes and action items
- Review agreements from 8/25/03 meeting
- 3.1.2: Propagation (Steve's white paper)
- 3.4.3: Erosion Management
- 3.4.1: Fluvial Geomorphic Management (redrafted per possible agreements above)
- 3.1.1: HERC Fund
- 3.2.3: Downstream Passage (if time)
- 3.4.4: Habitat Restoration (if time)
- Agenda for next meeting