
BAKER RIVER PROJECT RELICENSE

Cultural & Historical Resources Working Group

January 14, 2003
1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Puget Sound Energy Business Office
1700 East College Way

PSE Will Provide Pizza and Drinks

AGENDA

- 12:00 – 12:10 Introductions
 - Kelly Bush (Equinox) and Pat Weslowski (Louis-Berger Group)
- 12:10 – 12:15 Review Minutes/Agenda
- 12:15 – 12:25 Action Items
 - Erosion study results?
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- 12:25 – 12:40 Questions and Answers/FERC – FERC Relicensing timeline
- 12:40 – 1:00 PDEA Status re: Cultural Resources
- 1:00 – 1:25 Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP)
- 1:25 – 2:55 PMEs
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- 3:15 – 3:40 APE “Final” Review before distribution for comment
- 3:40 – 3:50 Set February 11 Agenda
- 3:50 – 3:55 Evaluate Meeting



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PSE Office Building
Mount Vernon, WA

FINAL MEETING NOTES

Mission: *“To develop alternatives and recommendations addressing cultural, historical and archeological resources for the Baker River Project relicensing process.”*

Team Leader: Jessie Piper (425) 462-3609, jessie.piper@pse.com

PRESENT: Jessie Piper (Puget Sound Energy), Connie Freeland (Puget Sound Energy), Scott Schuyler (Upper Skagit Indian Tribe), Bob Mierendorf (National Park Service), Rob Whitlam by phone (WA Office of Archaeology and Historical Preservation), Pat Weslowski (Berger Group), Kelly Bush (Equinox Research), Chris Miss (Northwest Archaeological Associates), Dee Endelman and Bruce Freet (Agreement Dynamics).

2003 MEETING DATES

February 11, March 18*, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 14, November 11, December 9, 2003. All meetings will be at the PSE office in Mt. Vernon unless otherwise specified

All regular attendees are encouraged to let Jessie know if they are unable to attend a meeting.

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INTRODUCTIONS

We welcomed Kelly Bush from Equinox Research and Pat Weslowski from the Berger Group.

NEW ACTION ITEMS

- Chris: Continue to follow up re: status of archaeology survey previously done on Baker Lake Trail.
- Jessie: Schedule HYDROPS model demonstration at a future meeting - April?
- Scott: Pull together list of tribal issues associated with PMEs (to present at next meeting).
- Kelly and Chris: Talk to Scott re date for Archaeology/TCP presentation to Upper Skagit Tribe.
- Jessie: Talk further to USFS and Frank W. re CRMP approach.
- Kelly: Discuss CRMP approach with Tribes.
- All: Give input to Jessie on general paper re cultural interests with PMEs of other groups (e.g., ground disturbance) by Jan.31.
- Jessie: Add items to the outline and prepare a general paper re cultural interests for next meeting.
- Chris and Kelly: Start working on putting outline ideas in “active” voice; will button up with Bruce.
- Kelly: Check in with Jason and Larry re UDP status.
- Jessie: talk to Frank re: sending out SHPO letter

REPORT ON OLD ACTION ITEMS

From Dec. 9 meeting:

- Lyn: Typed up meeting notes and sent to Dee.
- Jessie: Pulled descriptions of legal context for the work of this group and sent to Dee.
- Dee: Revised list of issues, etc., based on notes for meeting, incorporating legal references from Jessie.
- Jessie: Sent out notes from meeting to working group members to review prior to Jan. 14 meeting.
- Bruce and Dee: At Jan. 14 meeting briefed group on PMEs of interest from other working groups.

From Dec. 10 meeting:

- Chris: Followed up re: status of archaeology survey previously done on Baker Lake Trail.
- Jessie: Sent out revised version of HRA’s Historical Resources Study Request.
- Jessie: Sent out initial draft of APE letter to SHPO (included disclaimer re: changeability) to CHRWG for internal review.
- All: Reviewed UDP high-level flow chart job aid and gave Jessie feedback at January meeting.
- Chris: Talked with Kelly re: doing a TCP presentation for tribal representatives.

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- Jessie: Made changes we discussed at meeting and sent out UDP for formal review (letterhead, etc).
 - Jessie: Emailed reminder to Frank re: Programmatic Agreements (PAs).
 - Frank: Sent Jessie sample PAs to share with this group.

ACTION ITEMS

Erosion study results: Jessie reported that the Aquatics Group contractor (AESI) hasn't done a technical report re erosion (just draft maps and photos). Chris Miss' new geomorphologist, Charlie Hodges, will work with the Aquatics contractor to extract information needed for this group's purpose. Chris will give an update in February.

TCP meeting report: Jessie reported on a meeting of the Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) group. The group has met and brought a Request for Proposal (RFP) for TCPs for tribal review. Kelly has been meeting with tribal staff (Scott, Larry and Jason) to try to come up with research designs in response to the RFP and to find out what the Tribes need re TCPs. Kelly is also engaging in archival research.

PDEA STATUS RE: CULTURAL RESOURCES

Pat reported that the Berger Group is preparing an outline for the Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (PDEA). The timeline calls for a first draft of the PDEA to be issued for internal review in May. Pat has the Initial Consultation Document information. She will look for as much refinement on cultural information as she can get by March, including archaeological resources, historical buildings and structures, and TCPs. This group's studies will add valuable information especially on the history and pre-history of the project area. FERC looks especially at properties listed or eligible for the National Register. At the end of September, a second draft of the PDEA will be issued for public review. Information for this draft will be needed by the PDEA contractor in June. The final PDEA will be issued with the license application by April 30, 2004. Pat will use our studies for more information (not site specific) but to determine what the resources are. We will have opportunity to review the PDEA in May. Pat can be available by phone for PDEA updates at these meetings.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES MANAGEMENT PLAN (HPMP)

Jessie reported that she and Chris have met to talk about the HPMP. They discussed having a Cultural Resources Management Plan (CRMP), with an HPMP as a section of it. FERC just talks about HPMP but the group is thinking that it should be part of a CRMP and as part of a settlement agreement. Chris noted there are areas we may want to manage that won't meet National Register criteria. There are also categorical exclusions, e.g., cemeteries, that may need to be managed. Also, we may have properties where tribes may not want to identify the site but we want to assure ongoing tribal consultation as part of our settlement agreement. We discussed the idea and reasons for it. We talked about how PME's relate to the management plan. Bruce responded that PME's get folded into the management plans (PME is analogous to "site treatment options"). The folks present generally see a CRMP as a good approach and asked for Jessie to discuss this further with USFS and FERC.

PMEs

PMEs being considered by other Resource Working Groups

Bruce presented matrices that summarized the first draft PME options being considered by the Aquatics, Recreation and Terrestrial Working Groups. Our group reviewed the summaries and made preliminary

comments on actions the CHRWG would have concerns and questions about and/or might want input on. Scott noted that the Upper Skagit Tribe might be interested in reviewing many of the PME's. Dee noted that first draft PME options would be available on CD by mid-February. The group also discussed how the CHRWG needs to educate other groups on the variety of actions that might have cultural impact and would need input/review. We talked about how the ongoing implementation of PME's from other groups might create ground-disturbing, etc., and how that needs to be considered under "adaptive management."

Review from December 9, 2002 Session

The group reviewed draft #2 of the issues outline put together at the Dec. 9 TCP meeting. Jessie suggested adding some resource areas to protect that had been of interest to the Sauk Suiattle Tribe (e.g., cultural plant habitats of concern). She also asked about adding "intellectual property and cultural ownership." Members of the group agreed these should be added.

UDP STATUS

Jessie reported that the *Unanticipated Discovery Plan* has gone out to the Tribes for review. Kelly has some additional comments on the plan that she'll give directly to Jessie.

APE "FINAL" REVIEW

Jessie presented the draft letter to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) asking for review of the Area of Potential Effects (APE). The letter draws attention to the seven points defining the APE. Bob and Rob gave comments to clarify the letter's purpose. Rob also suggested consulting with Frank regarding sending the letter to the Tribes and several other protocol matters on the letter. Group members made other stylistic suggestions. Jessie plans to send the letter out to the SHPO and the Tribes on Tuesday Jan. 21.

HANDOUTS

- Cross Resource Workshop, March 2003, Aquatic Resources Working Group PME's (Draft)
- Cross Resource Workshop, March 2003, Terrestrial Resources Working Group PME's (Draft)
- Cross Resource Workshop, March 2003, Recreation and Aesthetics Resources Working Group PME's (Draft)

PARKING LOT

- "How do we address upland areas?" (importance of mountain goats)
- Develop "Area of Potential Effects" Map
- Coordinate with Terrestrial and Recreation Working Groups
- Glossary of terms: what are "protection," "mitigation," and "enhancement"?
- Develop TCP (Traditional Cultural Properties) studies
- Rotate meeting locations to tribal facilities?
- Possibility of transplanting young cedar trees/Availability of downed cedar for tribal use
- Determine criteria for "livingness" of APE

MEETING EVALUATION

Well-Dones

- Thanks for lunch

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- Great to have Pat, Kelly, and Chris
 - Happy to see APE map
 - PME prep work was good

Opportunities for Improvement

- More coffee
- More people

What's Hot?

- Don't know what kind of field season to expect
- APE is so hot it's set to pop!

Studies Status for Solution Team

- Archaeological field work is still ongoing; report being drafted
- TCPs in data collection and data management; Tribal proposals in response to RFP tentatively set for Jan. 31
- Historic structures inventory completed; draft report expected in March

AGENDA for February 11, 2003

PSE Office in Mt. Vernon

Introductions

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Action Items

Questions and Answers/FERC – FERC Relicensing timeline

Updates:

PDEA Status re: Cultural Resources

TCPs

Cultural Resources Management Plan

PMEs/March Workshop

UDP

APE/SHPO Letter

Erosion control study

Archaeology and TCP Presentations

Set March 11 Agenda

Evaluate Meeting