



BAKER RIVER PROJECT RELICENSE

Cultural & Historical Resources Working Group

February 11, 2003
12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Puget Sound Energy Business Office
1700 East College Way

PSE Will Provide Pizza and Drinks

AGENDA

TOLL free conference number - To Call into Meetings

Step 1 -Dial 1-866-280-6429

Step 2 -Dial Participant code 144995 then press #

Introductions

Review Minutes/Agenda

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 & TCP Presentations

Set March 11 Agenda

Evaluate Meeting



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PSE Office Building
Mount Vernon, WA

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), Larry Campbell (Swinomish Indian Tribal Community), Bob Mierendorf by phone (National Park Service), Jan Hollenbeck (US Forest Service), Ardis Bynum by phone (US Forest Service), Rob Whitlam by phone (WA Office of Archaeology and Historical Preservation), Kelly Bush (Equinox Research), Chris Miss (Northwest Archaeological Associates), Bruce Freet (Agreement Dynamics).

2003 MEETING DATES

NOTE: *We will not be meeting in March. The April meeting will be April 8th starting at 11:00 a.m.*

May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 18, 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.

AGENDA for February 11, 2003

PSE Office in Mt. Vernon

1. Introductions
2. Review Minutes/Agenda

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3. Action Items
 4. Questions and Answers/FERC – FERC Relicensing timeline
 5. Updates:
 - PDEA Status re: Cultural Resources
 - TCPs
 - Cultural Resources Management Plan
 - PMEs/March Workshop
 - Unanticipated Discovery Plan
 - APE/SHPO Letter
 - Erosion control study
 - Archaeology and TCP Presentations
 6. Set March 11 Agenda
 7. Evaluate Meeting

NEW ACTION ITEMS

- Chris: Continue follow up re: status of archaeology survey previously done on Baker Lake Trail.
- Jessie: Schedule HYDROPS demonstration at a future meeting - April?
- Scott: Pull together list of tribal issues associated with PMEs (to present at next meeting).
- Kelly: Discuss CRMP (HPMP) approach with Tribes.
- Kelly: Check in with Jason re: status of UDP.
- Lyn: Resolve schedule for November working group meeting dates.
- Kelly: Bring updated data base for ethnographic archive.
- Jessie: Work with Chris Miss and others to begin developing HPMP for review at our April meeting.
- ALL: Give Jessie feedback on Bruce's list of key conflicts, key synergies and shared interests/concerns by February 24.
- Bruce: Email Connie above handout with revisions noted from Cultural Working Group, Aquatic Working Group and Economic/Operations Working Group by February 14.
- Ardis: Check ORV access on Basin trails on Forest Service lands.
- Lyn: See that team leaders send out updated version of Bruce's handout to all to review by month end.
- ALL: Let Jessie know your feedback on our proposed APE asap, as we hope to complete field work by the end of February.
- ALL: Review erosion study and give Jessie feedback by the end of February.

REPORT ON OLD ACTION ITEMS

- Kelly and Chris: Talked to Scott re date for Archaeology/TCP presentation to Upper Skagit Tribe.
- Jessie: Talked further to USFS and Frank W. re CRMP approach. Jessie shared with Frank our intent to develop a more encompassing CRMP with section for HPMP. He (representing FERC) wants us to call it the Historical Places Management Plan instead. We agreed to do this, noting that in this plan we will include both National Register and non-National Register things.
- Jessie: Added items to the outline and reported she did not prepare a general paper re cultural interests for next meeting since the focus of the Workshop has changed.
- Chris and Kelly: Started working on putting outline ideas in "active" voice; will button up with Bruce.

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- Kelly: Checked in with Jason and Larry re UDP status.
 - Jessie: Talked with Frank re: sending out SHPO letter. She also sent it to Allen Stanfill at the Advisory Council, to USFS, NPS, and DNR.

PDEA STATUS RE: CULTURAL RESOURCES

Connie and Jessie met with Pat Weslowski of the Louis-Berger Group re: information requirements by March 31 and passed information on to Chris and Kelly. The first draft will be out May 1 for review by participants in the ALP. Most information gaps should be resolved by June 1, for the September 30 draft. That draft will be sent out for public review for a 90-day comment period.

TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES

Kelly reported that she is continuing to meet with the tribes to come up with a research design that meets their interests as well as the requirements of FERC. Discussions are ongoing. We should have a completed research design by our April meeting. Scott and Larry expressed appreciation for help with this. In the meantime, Kelly's continuing her research on ethnographic archives.

We want to ensure that our settlement agreement will include a mechanism to allow for ongoing consultation which may require ongoing TCP research over the term of the license.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES MANAGEMENT PLAN (formerly known as CRMP)

Chris reported that she has been doing research on contents of management plans from Chelan, FERC, Army Corps of Engineers and others. She distributed two outlines that she liked: Oroville and Chelan PUD.

Web addresses for Oroville and Chelan Relicensing:

<http://orovillereLICENSING.water.ca.gov/index.html>

<http://www.chelanpud.org/relicense/>

Oroville Outline

- Executive Summary
- Scope and Purpose
- Project Description
- Regulatory Context
- Project Setting
 - Previous Investigations
 - Inventory Results
- Project Effects
- Goals and Priorities
- Management Measures
- Implementation and Schedule

FERC would like to see a draft of our plan by May 1.

PLAN FOR MARCH CROSS-RESOURCE WORKSHOP

Prior to the Workshop

A CD listing all the PME's that each research Working Group is considering along with a draft agenda for the March Workshop will be out by February 18th. Participants will be asked to fill out a pre-workshop worksheet to consider how to resolve conflicts, etc. PSE plans to send out their proposal (with elements of Working Group PME's) for review on Feb. 26

March 4, Tuesday (afternoon only)

1:00-5:00 High level PME's presentations by a member of each Working Group (Cultural, Terrestrial, Aquatics, Recreation, Economics/Operations). Bob has graciously accepted our request that he do our presentation. Probable Attendees: Connie, Larry, Jessie, Bob, Kelly, Chris

March 5, Wednesday (all day)

Dee will begin with a review of the background of our process to date. She will then do a brief training session on interest-based negotiations to kick things off.

Then we will walk through PSE's Proposal, highlighting pieces that have cross-resource implications e.g., The proposed reservoir management regime. Joel Molander of PSE will explain how PSE came up with its reservoir management plan (share outputs from HYDROPS model runs, etc.)

Then we will split up into distinct resource areas to:

- Flag impacts on resource (add conflicts to lists already posted from Feb. Working Group meeting)
- List how it affects the organizational interests
- Report back to the larger group

Probable Attendees: Connie, Jessie, Scott, Larry, Kelly

March 6, Thursday (all day)

- Finish PSE Proposal (pieces with cross resource implications)
- Review (amended) list of conflicts
- Brainstorm to resolve conflicts
- Review (amended) list of conflicts
- Brainstorm to optimize synergies
- Plan next steps

Probable Attendees: Connie, Jessie, Scott, Kelly

UDP STATUS

Kelly has been reviewing this plan with the Tribes. They are making some edits and feel like they are "pretty close".

APE /SHPO LETTER

Jessie reported that she received a letter of concurrence on our APE from SHPO along with the acknowledgement that there may be a need to amend the APE over time as new information is uncovered. We also discussed that as the project is implemented, there may be other changes that are needed over time.

Jan expressed concern that some areas of the APE appear to be “undesigned” with regard to potential (this is an artifact from HRA’s classification). When the GIS map is updated it will include areas surveyed and an explanation of why other areas were not surveyed. Any areas we don’t cover that we feel should be surveyed will be included in our management plan.

EROSION CONTROL STUDY

Jessie sent out the draft erosion study done by AESI for the Aquatics Working Group. Charlie (with NWAA) is doing some geomorphology follow-up to this study. All were asked to get Jessie feedback by the end of February.

ARCHAEOLOGY & TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES PRESENTATION

Kelly is in discussion with the Tribes on doing presentations for them at each of their Tribal Headquarters. They are looking at doing these this spring. We’ll get an update/report at our April meeting. We are very excited about this opportunity to share information.

HANDOUTS

- CHRWG Outline of Issues – Draft 3, January 21, 2003
- DRAFT Cross Resource Workshop, March, 2003, Cultural Resources Working Group, February 11, 2002 (table)
- Map – Area of Potential Effects (APE) 1/26/03 (version sent to SHPO)
- Outlines of Oroville and Chelan Management Plans

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

- APE is complete until it changes
- Thanks Kelly for bringing the chocolate, coffee, measurement tapes and mints
- Full participation!
- Covered a lot!

Change for Next Time

- Missed Jason and Lee
- Start at 11:00

What's Hot?

- Workshop Preparation (PMEs)
- Access

Studies Status for Solution Team

- TCPs rolling along – research designs by April
- Archaeology field work finishing by end of February
- Historic building inventory complete
 - Report out and presentation March/April in Concrete

TENTATIVE Agenda for April 8, 2003, 11:00-4:00 p.m. PSE Office in Mt. Vernon

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