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## **BAKER RIVER PROJECT RELICENSE**

### **Recreational & Aesthetic Resources Working Group**

January 16, 2007

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

USDA-FS Office-Mountlake Terrace  
21905 64<sup>th</sup> Ave West  
Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome, Review notes, action items, agenda
2. Quick review of Revised Norms-finalize
3. FERC Status/Update
4. Discuss (new) Project Boundary
5. Continued Quorum discussion
  - What mechanism/process does this working group need to accomplish work  
And still meet all quorum rules?
6. Review Implementation schedule
7. Discuss next steps
8. Evaluate meeting, determine need or not of February meeting (date set for Feb 20,2007) and agenda

I have set up a conference call for the meeting for any unable to attend in person.

Phone number is (toll free) 888-228-0484

Meeting ID # 22537

Password # 74837

The line will be available at 9:20. Do not call in ahead to make sure the number is set up. If you call ahead of time and then hang up, it cancels the entire conference call.



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**Baker River Project License Implementation**

**Recreation Resource Group Meeting  
Final Meeting Notes**

January 16, 2007  
9:30 am - 1:30 pm

**Forest Service Building, Mountlake Terrace**

**FINAL MEETING NOTES**

**Team Leader: Pam Garland, PSE,** (pamela.garland@pse.com)

**Facilitator:** Lyn Wiltse: 425-890-3613 (call if running late or if plans to attend the meeting change)

***Note:** To verify whether a meeting will occur during inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstance, call Pam Garland the morning of the meeting at home: 360-826-3087 or cell: 360-661-2243.*

**PRESENT**

Lou Ellyn Jones, by phone (USFWS), Brock Applegate, by phone (WDFW), Ann Dunphy (USFS), Jamie Van De Vanter (Van De Vanter Group Landscape Architects), Cary Feldmann, Pam Garland (PSE), Lyn Wiltse, facilitator and note-taker (PDSA Consulting, Inc).

**NEXT (TENTATIVE) RRG MEETING DATES**

Apr. 17, Jul. 17: (9:30 – 1:30, USFS Bldg. Mountlake Terrace)

Oct. 16 (time and location to be determined)

**NEW ACTION ITEMS**

- All: Correct the contact list that Pam distributed and inform Pam of your back-up person.
- Elizabeth: Confirm Town of Concrete reps for all Baker License Implementation meetings through Connie.
- Cary: Find out more about the white tarp over the FSC and let members know if an aesthetics issue.
- Lyn: Send draft notes and revised norms to Pam to review and distribute to team members.
- Pam: Send out creel numbers and updated norms to all.
- Pam: Add Lyn's cell number to future meeting agendas (so participants can call if running late).
- Pam: Check with Tony re: boundary definitions and give us an update at our next meeting.
- All: Consider new meeting location as we will not continue to have access to the Mountlake Terrace Forest Service facility after September 2007.

## **AGENDA TOPICS**

9:30 – 10:00	Welcome, Review Agenda, Notes, Action Items
10:00 – 10:30	Finalize Meeting Norms Quorum Rule
10:30 – 10:45	FERC Update
10:45 – 11:00	Project Boundary Update Implementation Schedule
11:00 – 11:15	Set Agenda, Date, and Location for Next Meeting Evaluate the Meeting

## **AVAILABILITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE MEETING LOCATION**

It looks like this location will be available for our use until September of this year. We will continue to meet here until that time. A desire was expressed for the new meeting location (for our October 16 meeting) to be south of Everett.

## **CREEL SURVEY**

Pam distributed a spreadsheet showing a comparison of 2005 and 2006 numbers from opening day of fishing for fish caught at Baker and Shannon. Cary explained that according to the CPUE (fish/angler – hour), 2006 was 2 ½ times as good as 2005.

## **MEETING NORMS**

We approved the norms as edited at our last meeting and made some additional edits in the areas of:

- Meeting Conduct
- Meeting Minutes
- Team Leader Responsibilities
- Meeting Participant Responsibilities

The next version of the norms will be sent out to all for review along with these notes.

## **QUORUM RULE**

Cary walked us through the language regarding meeting quorum in Article 601 (h). He is convening a BRICC teamlet to propose a solution to the quorum rule as defined in this section. Concern was expressed about smaller resource groups being able to conduct business under a strict interpretation of this rule. Perhaps there would be a representative from the Federal Family and one from the State family. The tribes haven't agreed that one tribe could represent all others. We might be able to use the proxy rule here.

Until the teamlet presents their solution to the BRICC and gets approval, all Working Groups will continue to work as the quorum rule doesn't come into effect until we get the license. Cary will keep us posted.

## **FERC UPDATE**

Neither the 401 nor the CZMA Consistency Statement has been issued by Ecology. These will be predicated on a Shorelines Permit being issued by the Town of Concrete. The permitting process for Whatcom and Skagit Counties is complete. Cary reported that PSE has a Substantial Development Permit (to cover the powerhouse, fish passage facilities, stress relief ponds, etc.) pending before the Town of

Concrete. This is scheduled to be heard/acted on by the middle of February. At that time, Ecology will have everything they need to issue the Costal Zone Consistency and the 401. The draft version of the 401 is currently out for review with comments due by January 19. Cary reported that it seems consistent with discussions we have had.

The USFWS is also doing a Biological Opinion by the end of February. Lou Ellyn reported that they are making good progress with this. NMFS timeline for their Biological Opinion is similar.

If there is an appeal, things could slow down.

## **PROJECT BOUNDARY**

FERC gives us 5 years to formalize the project boundary. Cary guesses we are 95% there in terms of boundary descriptions, etc. Once we formalize this, it will be changed to accommodate the properties acquired according to the terms of the license.

## **IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE**

Pam is working on drafting working plans by task and sub task, team members and timeline for each of the articles along with tentative date schedules. These should be ready for distribution at our next meeting. She is using a tentative start date is April of 2007. She will put these into a Gantt chart assuming an April license issuance. We have 1-2 years to file each plan. This will be helpful in planning our time together.

## **HANDOUTS**

- Agenda
- Notes from October 3, 2007 RRG Meeting
- Creel Spreadsheet showing 2005 and 2006 numbers for Baker and Shannon
- RRG Member Contact List

## **MEETING EVALUATION**

### **What Went Well:**

- Phone participation
- Good edits to norms
- We met despite adverse weather conditions!

### **What to Do Differently:**

- Better weather
- More faces
- Meet again April from 9:30 – 1:30 at Mountlake Terrace

**The RRG cancelled the February 20, 2007 meeting**

**DRAFT AGENDA FOR NEXT RRG MEETING**

**April 17, 2007 at Mountlake Terrace**

**9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Note: Estimated times are approximate.

9:30 – 10:00 Welcome, Review Notes, Action Items, Agenda

10:00 – 10:15 Quick Review of Revised Norms (see attached)

10:15 – 10:30 FERC/BRICC Status/Update

10:30 – 10:45 Project Boundary Update

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:30 Review Implementation Schedule (Work Plans, etc.)

11:30 – Noon Lunch

Noon – 12:15 Discuss Next Steps

12:15 – 12:30 Evaluate Meeting, Set Next Meeting Date (Jul 17, 2007) and Agenda