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Terrestrial Resources Working Group RESOLVE Session

December 5, 2003
8:30 am until 2pm

The Nature Conservancy Offices
217 Pine Street, 11th floor
Seattle, WA

AGENDA

Review Agenda, Notes, Action Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set expectations for what needs to be accomplished today!
Review agreements from 11/05/03 meeting
Acreage Discussions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reactions to Marty's proposal<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acreage (elk, wetlands, etc.)• BAWG report on acreage discussions, proposal
PMEs that still need to have tentative agreement, need to address in this meeting:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1.1.1 Provide Habitats• 1.2.1 Elk Forage• 1.2.2 Grizzly Forage• 1.2.4 Wetlands (previously Amphibians)• 1.2.5 Connectivity• 1.3.3 Legacy wood users (previously cavity dwellers)• 1.3.4 Bald Eagle PME – change to habitat acquisition/restoration?• 1.3.6 Bald Eagle monitoring – may change with change to 1.3.4.• 1.4.2 Noxious weeds• 1.?.? Breeding Birds – part of other PME?• 6.6 TERF fund
Meeting review
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agreements reached• Action plans – Identify next steps!
Set date, place, agenda for future RESOLVE session, Adjourn

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Revised Final Notes**

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FINAL MEETING NOTES

Team Leader: Tony Fuchs (PSE), 425-462-3553, tony.fuchs@pse.com

PRESENT

Don Gay, Carl Corey by phone, and Laura Potash (USFS), Marty Vaughn (Biota Pacific), Tony Fuchs and Cary Feldmann (PSE), Lauri Vigue (WDFW), Gene Stagner (USFWS), Bob Nelson (Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation), Bob Kuntz (NPS), Patrick Goldsworthy (North Cascades Conservation Council), Len Barson and Bob Carey (The Nature Conservancy), Stan Walsh (Sawk-Suiattle Indian Tribe/Swinomish Tribal Community), and Lyn Wiltse, facilitator (PDSA Consulting)

******THERE WILL BE NO TERRESTRIAL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS ON DECEMBER 11TH OR 18TH!******

2004 Schedule: 1/15/04, ***THEN MOVE TO THIRD WEDNESDAY:*** 2/18 (??), 3/17, 4/21 (??), 5/19 (??), 6/16 (??), 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17 (??), 12/15 (??)

Note: ?? indicates unavailability of USFS Building in Mountlake Terrace.

Agenda

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Review agreements from 10/17/03 meeting

Acreage

- Acreage (elk, wetlands, etc.)
- BAWG report on acreage discussions

PME's that still need to have tentative agreement, need to address in this meeting:

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- 1.3.6 Bald Eagle monitoring – may change to 1.3.4
- 1.4.2 Noxious Weeds
- 1.?.? Breeding Birds – PME proposal by Bob Kuntz
- 6.6 TERF fund

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New Action Items

- Bob and Don: Button up with Stan and Scott on integrating 1.3.4 into 3.4.4 and renumber it as one of the 6 series as it deals with cross resource issues.
- Lauri and Bob: Outline geographic scope of monitoring areas for bald eagle winter night roosts. Mind the logistics involved in surveying other people's properties, etc.
- Tony: Email Carl the HYDROPS output memos from Powel
- Laura: Button up with Carl, Tony (and Bob C?) on how to reword the Noxious Weed PME to reflect today's discussions by the end of the year.
- Lauri: Update draft of Wildlife Management Plan to reflect recent PME discussions (PME Table, etc.)
- Marty: Update and distribute PME table to reflect today's discussions and send out for all to review.
- Marty: Work with Don and Lauri re: which PMEs have implementation costs already covered and send list around for all to review.
- Gene: Set up conference call line for Dec. 11 conference call (9:30 to 11:30) and send dialing instructions out to BAWG members. Send out agenda of unresolved issues to guide the discussion including but not limited to the following:
 - Is it necessary to include MAP stations in PMEs?
 - What should 1.5.1 Discretionary Fund look like?
 - What should 1.6.3 Monitoring Fund look like?
 - What should 6.6 TERF Fund be?
 - 3.3.4 Bald Eagle integration with aquatics?
 - 1.3.3 Legacy Wood User reality check
 - 1.2.1: Don's new cost estimate for Elk forage

- Others?
- BAWG: Participate in Dec. 11 conference call.

Report on Completed Action Items

- Tony: Distributed hard copies of HYDROPS run re: evaluating the effect of the Draft Action reservoir management on Recent Conditions in Energy Year 1995. The March, April, and half of May numbers reflect reservoir operations to benefit amphibian breeding in drawdown zones.
- Laura: Yes, coconuts are indeed nuts!
- Bob C. and Len: Reserved a beautiful conference room for us at TNC Seattle Office for Nov. 18 BAWG meeting and Dec. 5 and 11 RESOLVE meetings. Thanks!
- Don: Helped flesh out priority of “grizzly spots” (BMUs).
- Marty: By 11/5, updated the PME Summery Table and distributed it for members to review:
- Lyn: Checked with Dee and found she was available to facilitate the RESOLVE meeting on Dec. 11. (Team leader note: This meeting has been cancelled).
- Gene: Set up conference call line for Nov. 18 conference call and send dialing instructions out to BAWG members.
- Laura and Carl got together with Tony to discuss Noxious Weed PME/costs further prior to our Dec. 5 meeting.
- Marty looked at fleshing the Breeding Bird PME out in a manner consistent with his other recent analysis.
- Lyn: Reserved USFS Office in Mountlake Terrace for 2004. Beginning in February, move to third WEDNESDAY instead of third THURSDAY of each month. (See list on page 1).

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 and Criteria

Following are the original RESOLVE ground rules agreed to by the working group:

- 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
- Document our agreements.

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. The group also agreed that materials to be considered at the RESOLVE session would be sent out in advance, per regular working group rules, if group members were expected to attempt agreement on those materials.

- Caucuses are okay.
- For each PME, we will begin by identifying the goal and measurable objectives
- We will use the 5/7/03 PME's, as updated, for our RESOLVE discussion.
- After we have agreed to a PME, Marty will revise it to reflect our agreement. Only after that will draft settlement language be written.

Acreage Discussion

The BAWG reaction to PME Table put together by Marty and discussed at the last RESOLVE meeting is captured below:

1.1.1 Deciduous Forest Bird Habitat

BAWG interest is certainty around what is done and when. *They suggested a \$1MM cap, based on an assumption that much of this PME's goals will be achieved through the joint aquatic-terrestrial habitat acquisition PME.* There was concern about Aquatics folks having control here. Their preference is not to allow for overlap *with the other PMEs.*

1.2.1 Provide Foraging Habitat for Elk

The proposal here assumes \$1.25MM as the cost of the Mystery Property. We will revisit this if the cost of the property ends up being much above this. Marty's original estimate of the total cost was bumped up from \$4.7MM to approximately \$5.2MM. Don will continue to refine this estimate.

1.2.2 Grizzly Forage

We reached conceptual agreement that this will be program management money. We are looking at \$100K for implementation and \$20K for the planning, for a total of \$120K. Marty will revise the PME accordingly.

The group issued a collective yelp of WUHOOO in appreciation for Don's diligent and creative work on this PME!

1.2.4 Wetland Habitat

The estimate for the total cost of this PME appears to be acceptable, *based on an assumption that much of this PME's goals will be achieved through the joint aquatic-terrestrial habitat acquisition PME.* Overlap use of the lands would be the margin between the different interests.

1.2.5 Provide Connectivity Habitat for Low Mobility Species

Don proposed dropping this PME and all agreed.

1.3.3 Legacy Wood Users (previously Cavity Dwellers)

Marty distributed a new draft of this PME for the group to consider. PSE will spend \$50K for the plan and \$10K/year plus the cost of the wood to implement. As additional lands are purchased, PSE would update the plan accordingly. Goal is 75% of maximum. We need to consider whether this is the right number.

1.3.4: Bald Eagles – Habitat on Non-Project Lands

Bob C. and Bob K and Don are working with Stan and Scott on this re: integrating this into their Aquatics PME (3.4.4). There is uncertainty around costs and control.

1.3.6 Bald Eagle Night Roost Survey (was Bald Eagle Monitoring)

The monitoring PME would focus on periodic surveys for bald eagle night roosts. The group agreed that \$50K is probably sufficient for this PME.

1.4.1 Plants of Special Status

Several more S&M plant sites were added to the table (by Laura via e-mail), however, the cost estimate remains unchanged, since many of the sites could be combined within the site plans.

1.4.2 Noxious Weeds

Laura *handed out a new version of this PME and* reported that she, Carl and Tony got together and agreed to cap of \$500K for the 7 wetlands portion of the plan over the 30-year license period.

We agreed to split out the discussion of weed control on acquired lands. This could mean splitting it out within the PME or removing it completely from the PME and addressing it within the framework of Land Acquisition Management Plan through the BRCC.

Next steps: Laura will button up with Carl, Tony and Bob C. on how to reword the PME to reflect today's discussions. Laura will get the final version of the PME to Marty by the end of the year.

1.4.3: *Carex flava*

There were no changes to this PME other than some small changes to the cost estimate. Laura and Tony have revised the cost estimate to be approximately \$408,700. This includes general activities and propagation.

1.?? Breeding Birds PME

There was consensus to integrate this PME into 1.1.1. There is still discussion about MAPS stations being needed part of PME 1.6.3 (see BAWG action item above) in light of now having PME 1.1.1.

1.6.1 Wildlife Plan Development

We agreed to put \$50K as the cost for this. Lauri will update her initial draft to reflect our PME discussions (probably after the first of the year).

6.6 TERF Fund

We need to consider this as a way to create certainty for future unforeseen needs. Maybe this would kick in after the first 5 or 10 years? The BAWG will consider an amount they feel is appropriate.

Handouts

- Notes from 11/05/03 RESOLVE Session
- 11/22/03 Powel Memo outlining results of HYDROPS run comparing Recent Conditions with Draft Action Reservoir Management
- 11/20/03 Powel Memo: Draft Actions Incremental Analysis- revised
- Current Study Report Index (11/04/03)

- Marty's Revised Terrestrial PME Summary Table (11/12/03) with updates as discussed at our last meeting
- Noxious Weed Worksheet Comparing Estimate to Cap (Nov. 5, 2003 draft)
- Revised PME: 1.4.2 Noxious Weeds (Dec. 4, 2003 draft)

**Agenda for next (Technical) Terrestrial Resources Working Group Meeting
January 15, 2004 at USFS Mountlake Terrace Office
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Bring a sack lunch and we'll work through!

1. Review notes/agenda/action items from Sept. 18 Meeting
2. Assess terrestrial concern using A14 (shoreline erosion) overlay
3. Terrestrial HYDROPS run discussion
4. Adaptive Management Update (?)
5. Technical discussion of studies: T2/5 (Veg/Wetland) update, T21 (Elk), T12 (Grizzly), T17 (Amphibians), T6 (Noxious Weeds), T16 (Rare Plants)
6. Final Disposition of PMEs
 - Review Action Items from Dec. 5 RESOLVE meeting
7. Other? Plan for wildlife celebration?
8. Evaluate Meeting and set agenda and location (TNC in Seattle?) for Feb. 18 meeting