



Chehalis Basin Partnership

Meeting Summary – April 22, 2005

A. GENERAL PARTNERSHIP BUSINESS

Introduction

Chair Bob Spahr welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. Fourteen of the Partnership's twenty-eight member organizations had a representative or alternate at the meeting. Seven additional citizens, alternates, or visitors were at the meeting. (See attendance list on the last page of this summary).

Bob Spahr asked the people to introduce themselves.

Committee Reports

Steering Technical Committee

Swartout reported that the STC met twice during the month to develop the work plans which will be briefly discussed later in the meeting.

This group meets monthly on the first Thursday.

Water Quality

Willis report that the group met this month and discussed the Coordinated Water Quality Monitoring Program, formerly known as the QAPP. Kahle presented new information related to this project. He will attend the next meeting and share the revisions with the group.

Lee shared with the group the Plan 2 Fund work related to water quality.

The next meeting is May 12 from 9:30 to 12:00 at the County's Forestry Building in Montesano.

Citizen Advisory Report

No report.

Swartout announced that Thurston County designated Chanele Holbrook Shaw as their representative to the Partnership.

Bob Spahr said that the groups really do a lot of work. The Partnership hears only brief reports and makes decisions on their work. He encourages people who really want to be involved and provide input to attend the committee meetings.

Salmon Recovery report

Napier announced that the next round of SRFB grant cycle has begun. The letters of intent are due May 6. She also distributed a schedule that includes the dates for site visits and TAG meetings. The Partnership can expect to see the final list of projects during the September 23, 2005 meeting.

B. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Update Regarding Stream Gage Installation

Casey Clishe, Department of Ecology, updated the group regarding the stream gage installation.

- The continuous stations on the Black River at Highway 12 and the Wishkah River are now on-line and posting stage in feet as well as air and water temperature to the web via Ecology's website. For more information see http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/eap/flow/shu_main.html. He expects to collect good data for years to come.
- Staff gages will be reestablished for Johns River, Newkah Creek, Middle and East Fork of the Hoquiam River, East Fork Wishkah River, Decker Creek, Cedar Creek, Chehalis River, and Beaver Creek. These locations are similar to those established by Tetra Tech in their 2002 low flow study.
- One of the proposed locations, West Fork of the Hoquiam River at the Dekay River Bridge, will not be used as a site. The tidal influence at this location is severe enough that he decided to move the locations.
- The Newaukum River site is still pending until negotiations are completed to upgrade the site with USGS.

Casey also let the group know that John Summers will assume responsibilities for the Chehalis project. Part of his work will include conducting flow measurements to establish rating curves for the stations.

C. Special Project Status Reports

Phase IV Discussion Q & A

Mark Swartout presented to the group a Power Point presentation designed to help the group think about the transition from planning to implementation and then orient the group with the Phase IV requirements. For the complete presentation see the attached handout.

At the end of the presentation, the group was asked to state their concerns regarding Phase IV. Concerns included:

- Are the tribes comfortable with the CBP work?
- The process of consensus encourages/emphasizes the minority issues.
- Would there be money to support the lead agency (Grays Harbor County) if Phase IV funds are not accepted?

Plan 2 Fund Update

Napier distributed three work plans selected by the STC. The CBP was asked, due to limited time, to review the formatting and list of proposed tasks. If they had concerns, they were asked to provide feedback to the STC during their next meeting.

Napier added that this would not be the only opportunity for the Partnership to provide feedback. The STC will begin to more formally present the work plans to the Partnership during upcoming meetings.

The next meeting of the Chehalis Basin Partnership will be held on May 20, 2005 from 9:30 to 12:00 a.m. at the Lucky Eagle Casino near Oakville.

Decisions

- The CBP supported the STC continuing work to develop the work plans.

Chehalis Basin Partnership Attendance Record	
Commissioner Beerbower & Lee Napier	Grays Harbor County
Commissioner Macleod & Mark Swartout	Thurston County
Chris Stearns	Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis
Art Lehman	Port of Centralia
Charles Caldwell	Port of Grays Harbor
Bonnie Canaday	City of Centralia
Kahle Jennings	City of Centralia
Bob Spahr	City of Chehalis
Patrick Wiltzius	City of Chehalis
Robert Cross	City of Hoquiam
Ron Schillinger	City of Montesano
Jim Haslett	City of Napavine
Terry Willis	Grays Harbor CAC member
Chanele Holbrook Shaw	Thurston County CAC member
Jim Hill	Lewis County CAC member
Ann Wick	WA ST Department of Agriculture
Steve Craig	Department of Ecology
Lonnie Crumley	Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force
Bruce Jones	Quinault Indian Nation