



Chehalis Basin Partnership

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 1, 2000 Meeting Summary

The June 1, 2000 meeting was held at the Montesano offices of the WDFW from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Limiting Factors Analysis

Carol Smith is not getting enough help with the Limiting Factors Analysis. There needs to be more participation from private forest landowners. The TAC discussed options for encouraging more participation. Mark Wenger will pursue contacts within the industry to encourage participation.

Strategic/Project Planning

More effort needs to be put into developing project work plans for the individual projects the Partnership is involved in. An effort also needs to be made to develop a plan for how the Partnership is going to deal with all the different issues that are being thrown in its direction. This includes things like salmon recovery, local ranking of water quality grants, review of proposed changes in water rights (see below), etc. This “big picture” planning effort will be called “Strategic Planning” to differentiate it from the individual project work plans.

Grays Harbor County has offered to put together a facilitated workshop to further both the strategic and project planning efforts. The general intent of the meeting will be to determine what it is we are being asked to do under all these different initiatives, what are the obstacles to getting them done, and how can we get past those obstacles. This offer generated a lot of discussion and different opinions. The TAC agreed that it is not our role to establish a “vision” for the Partnership, that is the responsibility of the Partnership and may already exist within the Intergovernmental agreement. It is clear, however, that all the different issues that are being thrown at the Partnership, and the reactionary approach we are being forced to take, are frustrating everybody. Local watershed planning groups or committees are going to be around for a long time and it would be a good use of our time to organize now so we can do the work more efficiently in the future.

June 28 was selected as the best date. The workshop can be announced at the June 23 Partnership meeting, and the results will be ready by the July 6 TAC meeting. The TAC, Citizen’s Advisory Committee, and Partnership members will be invited.

Salmon Recovery Funding Board

Notes from the May 23 SRFB meeting were handed out. Some “Late 2000” grant cycle policy decisions have been made, but not all of them. The submittal schedule has been extended from September to October.

The Partnership needs to decide how it will handle the workload associated with the “Late 2000” grant funding cycle. We need to decide on which groups should be on the local review panel and begin asking for representatives from those groups to participate. This will be discussed more at the June 23 Partnership meeting, and perhaps at the June 28 planning workshop.

Water Conservancy Board

Lee Hansmann has been in touch with the Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County to ask them to attend the June 23 Partnership meeting. They are being invited to explain the mission of the Board and what relationship their activities may have to 2514 watershed planning being done by the Partnership. The Lewis County Water Conservancy Board will also be invited to attend.

The TAC discussed the current change of use/transfer application that has been submitted to the Thurston County WCB. The TAC doesn't feel it would be appropriate to comment on proposed changes until we know more about what the conservancy boards are doing and have a process set up to do a formal review. Review of proposed changes/transfers should be built into the Strategic Plan discussed above.

Next Meeting of the TAC

The next meeting of the TAC will be held Thursday July 6th, at the Montesano offices of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.