

CHEHALIS BASIN PARTNERSHIP  
2514 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 2, 2000 Meeting Summary

The March 2, 2000 meeting was held at the Montesano offices of the WDFW from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**Envirovision revised scope of work**

The first activity was to review the revised scope of work prepared by Envirovision for the second stage of the “Level 1” assessment. The first stage of the “Level 1” assessment was to gather existing information (data) and has been completed under the contract established between Lewis County and Envirovision. The second stage of the “Level 1” assessment involves some evaluation of the existing information (data) to determine where there are significant gaps in the information (data). After the information (data) gaps have been identified under the contract with Envirovision, the CBP will prioritize the gaps so that we can begin to fill the most critical information (data) gaps under the “Level 2” assessment. So far Envirovision has completed its work without spending more than the amount agreed to in the contract.

The revised scope of work was developed in response to instruction from the CBP at the February 25 meeting. The CBP expressed its desire to not expand the scope of work or the budget beyond what was originally agreed to between Lewis County and Envirovision. There had been discussion with Envirovision that resulted in some additional tasks being written into the first draft scope of work for the second stage of the “level 1” assessment. These included setting up an all-day workshop to explain the results and performing some additional evaluation.

After much discussion the TAC members reached agreement that the revised “Level 1” stage 2 scope of work seemed appropriate. There is a question about whether or not Envirovision would be looking at all freshwater tributaries to Grays Harbor, or just the major ones (Chehalis, Humptulips, Wishkah, Hoquiam). There is also a continuing concern about duplication of effort between the 2496 limiting factors analysis being done by Carol Smith and fish habitat assessment work being done by Envirovision under 2514. The TAC does not want to see duplication and suggests that Grays Harbor County put language in the contract with Envirovision that will guard against it.

**2514 Project Work plan**

The TAC reviewed a draft of the 2514 project work plan. This work plan will describe the various activities the CBP needs to accomplish and project when they should be completed to remain on schedule. Suggestions for improving the work plan included:

- Try to modify it into something more schematic (like a flowchart) so it is easy for the lay person to see where we are.
- Include budget information
- Include information on the status of each activity.

### **Salmon Recovery Funding Board Comments**

Members need to get comments on the SRFB grant process and recommendations to Mark Wenger (2496 Fish Biologist) so that he can incorporate them into the letter that will be sent.

### **Jobs for the Environment**

The Chehalis Tribe is considering an application and wondered if anyone would be concerned about that. The project they are considering would monitor flows at up to 48 specific sites in the basin where flows are not currently measured so that we will begin to accumulate a baseline of flow information. TAC members provided comments on the project and expressed support for the project. Some of the comments included: link the sites to locations where in-stream flow have been established; to locations where 2514 “Level 1” assessment work is being done; or locations that would support an Instream Flow Incremental Methodology (IFIM) study at some point in the future.

### **Other**

The TAC needs to begin keeping meeting notes and circulating them to the CBP.

Copies of the Guide to Watershed Planning and Management should be obtained for new TAC members (also new CBP members).

### **Handouts provided at meeting**

1. Memo from Kahle Jennings on proposed changes to the Envirovision scope of work.
2. Budget summarizing Envirovision work on the ‘Level 1’ assessment.
3. Revised “Level 1” stage 2 scope of work prepared by Envirovision.
4. Draft 2514 Project Work Plan