

Chehalis Basin Partnership Steering/Technical Committee Meeting
January 11, 2002
Grays Harbor County Forestry Building

Present: Mike McGinnis, Terry Willis, Jim Fleming, Ron Wisner, Lonnie Crumley, Patrick Wiltzius, Lori Morris, Lee Daneker, Cynthia Carlstad, Bob Wheeler, Chad Stussy, Kahle Jennings, Kitty Gillespie, John Sims, Terra Hegy, and Lee Napier.

Lee Napier served as chair for Mark Swartout. She requested a revision to the agenda to include a brief discussion about the water quality subcommittee proposed by the City of Aberdeen. Due to the length of today's agenda, she asked for a group of volunteers to get together to develop a scope of work for consideration by the STC and CBP. Jim Fleming, Patrick Wiltzius, Lee Daneker, Ron Wisner, Brian Shea, Terra Hegy, and Chad Stussy agreed to try to get together the following week. A request was made to ask Kahle and/or Dave Rountry to participate.

Reaching Agreement Matrix:

Bob Wheeler reviewed the reaching agreement matrix. The group agreed with this approach. McGinnis stated a concern that we need to have someone and/or something who is fluent with the laws and regulations. Wheeler agreed and stated that others have the same concern. Triangle included a solution for this concern in the Reaching Agreement matrix and also as a potential Phase II, Level 2 study/project.

Study Area Meetings:

Bob Wheeler reviewed the attachment. John Sims suggested that during the March STC meeting the group should revisit the outcome of study area meetings. For listening posts Bob put assigned volunteers and would like more suggestions for volunteers. For water quantity the group would like to see an agriculture interest, water purveyor and move Dr. Sodhi to that topic. For water quality, Kahle will ask Dave Rountry. The Grays Harbor Conservation District is interested in helping with study areas 1 and 2. Add Terry and when possible Lori will help with habitat. Patrick suggested adding the food area to the drawing. Lee will start contacting local hosts. Bob reviewed the script for the meeting greeter and listening post hosts.

For the listening posts include some maps (such as study areas, limiting factors products, and salmon recovery projects), pictures of the watershed, and general information. Kahle distributed his display proposal for the group to consider.

Everyone needs to bring their draft materials to the February STC meeting with the final materials ready for sharing during the February CBP meeting.

Status of Detailed Level I:

The document is almost complete and about 40 pages long, plus an executive summary. It will be mailed out in the next few weeks electronically. During the February meeting, the STC will spend a considerable amount of time reviewing the document.

Potential Phase II, Level 2 Studies:

Bob and Cynthia reviewed the attachment that Triangle and Tetra Tech/KCM put together for the group's consideration.

- The group felt the definition of modeling needed some refinement for the Modeling Options project.
- For the Exempt Well project, the group might consider exploring which areas of the basin would be worth locating and qualifying withdrawals.
- The water balance project addresses one of the minimum requirements of the Watershed Planning Act.

Cynthia asked the group to further review the list and come to the next STC meeting with comments about the projects. **The STC would try to develop a recommendation during the February 7 meeting that could be presented to the CBP on February 22.**

Proposal for House Bill 1832:

Kahle will draft the grant application for consideration by the STC during the February meeting with the intent of forwarding a recommendation on to the CBP that same month.

Options for Choosing Phase II, Level 2 Studies/Projects:

After some discussion, Option 2 – “risk + uncertainty + required elements” seemed appropriate and feasible to consider further. This will be further refined, distributed, and discussed during the next STC meeting. The terminology was a bit confusing (rated risk and uncertainty) and the group felt it needed some clarification before it is applied with respect to presentation that would be better understood by a wider range of stakeholders.

Preliminary Issues Matrix:

The group did not discuss this item but pointed out that the format was revised to help clarify what planning elements the specific issues address.

Closing Comments:

Terry Willis requested that an effort be made during the study areas meetings to show the audience how the process will affect their everyday lives whether it's positively or negatively. The group agreed.