



YAKIMA TRIBUTARY ACCESS AND HABITAT PROGRAM

Minutes

18 February 9am-Noon

**PLACE: East Selah DOT Meeting Room
Yakima**

1. **ADMINISTRATION**
 - a) **Project tracking**

Bill is to check on training at BLA for those who did not attend initial session. **BLA has informed Bill that training will be in April 1st and 2nd. 8am to 4:30 pm. Please let met know ASAP and contact Patty at 248-2261.**
 - b) **Meeting time for CORE team- discussion –monthly? Every other month? As needed?**

Issue will be revisited at next meeting.
2. **INVENTORY TEAMS**
 - a) **KCCD-**

PI and SPI values have been calculated on work completed on Kittitas tribs. There is a problem with the fish distribution maps used to calculate the PI and SPI. WDFW is updating and will provide Abbi with the correct maps
 - b) **NYCD- what's next?**

Mike stated that Wide Hollow will be the next trib done. Yakima County has completed a survey on Wide Hollow and Dave N will be correlating that data with a habitat survey at selected reaches.
NYCD will be going back to Basin fish managers to prioritize the sequence of tribs to follow Wide Hollow.
 - c) **WDFW- Ahtanum inventory**

The Ahtanum inventory is complete. Eric passed around a draft copy. Eric will be sending Bill an electronic copy for distribution. Please review and forward comments to Eric
 - d) **KCWP**

None

- e) **NOAA- NOAA _Fisheries has requested information we have collected on the tributaries. Dave M indicated to them that all of our data is still in draft form and not ready for publication at this time.**

3. TRIBUTARY TEAMS

a) Cowiche Creek

Next meeting will be on March 11th at 6:30 pm at the NYCD conf rm. Dave N has prepared a spread sheet that delineates all known passage and screening issues that will allow the trib team to make informed decisions for the Cowiche Creek.

b) Kittitas- when? Projections.- Place on next months agenda.

4. TWG

a) Report of progress

Bill, Mike, Steve and Carol all felt that the first TWG meeting was very productive. Eric pointed out that preliminary drawings should be provided to members several weeks prior to the meeting for review and comment. Please Send Bill applicable doc's and drawings , etc and he will make sure every one has a copy.

Paul Cleary and Mike Hay will be surveying Upper and Lower Lust diversions the week of Feb 23.

Next TWG meeting is on March 9th at 9:30 am in the KCCD meeting room.

5. WDFW

Eric brought the group up to date on the status of WDFW providing support for engineering on non WDFW lands. It is still in a state of flux but all indications are they will be able to continue to support YTAHP.

6. ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION

a) Report on Div 14. Mike reported that framing of the headgate and fish screen is progressing. Field is to wet for trucks to make it to the site with concrete.

7. Manastash Project-Update (Anna, Carol)

a) Work is progressing. Steering group is meeting and developing project parameters.

8. **Safe Passages**
- a) Hank- Two projects YTAHP might consider. Fully permitted and ready to go.
Tucker Creek needs 40 K from YTAHP to implement the project. YTAHP has Tucker Creek in the SOW and has designated 40K for the project thru KCCD. Need to run this project thru the TWG on the 9th.
The other project is the Little Naneum siphon which needs 76k to complete. This one also needs to be referred to the TWG. Given that some of the projects listed in the SOW may not be ready by the end of FY04 this is a likely project to submit a change in SOW to BPA to facilitate an implementable project.
9. **Other:**
- Bill reported on the *Naches River Chronic Environmental Deficiency Coordination Group* meeting which took place on Feb 13th. The time frame for fixing the Lower Cowiche diversion by the City is in the 2010-12 period. This may not fit with the corrections taking place upstream . A discussion with the City of Yakima, Yakima County ,WDFW and DOT is necessary to discuss alternatives. Bill will invite them to the April Core team meeting.
10. **Next meeting: March 17th , 9am –noon Ellensburg place TBD
April Meeting is at the East Selah DOT on the 21st 9-noon**