



YAKIMA TRIBUTARY ACCESS AND HABITAT PROGRAM

MINUTES

18 JUNE 2003

East Selah DOT Meeting Room

1: ADMINISTRATION

A. Budget

WDFW will have a little money in staff line item left over and wondered if it would be permissible to allocate it to some urgently needed equipment to facilitate SSHEAR assessments. RC&D will look into the proper way to reallocate funds.

B. Staff change

Bill Gillespie is leaving as of 6-30-03. John Probst is returning and is currently getting up to speed on changes that have taken place since last September.

2. FY 04 PLANNING

A. Project team meeting of 6-10-03

Dave M brought the group up to date on the small group meeting that occurred on 6-10-03. Another meeting is set for 7-2-03 at 9am at the East Selah DOT meeting room to have definitive projects ready to go. Please bring hard copies with sufficient copies for all members or e-mail the list of projects to the YTAHP Core team members.

Some of the suggestions were:

- 1. Currier creek siphon**
- 2. Fogerty**
- 3. Tjossom**
- 4. Scott**
- 5. Tucker Creek**
- 6. Nanum Creek siphon**
- 7. Pellicer Diversion**

8. Reconfigure placement of recently installed Flat plate air burst fish screen
9. Garretson screen

3. TRIBUTARY TEAMS

A. KCCD

Rusty G presented the current progress report on SSHEAR assessments in Kittitas county. Forty miles have been completed. There continues to be some landowner resistance to allowing the survey teams access to the streams. Dave M asked how the surveys in Kittitas county were prioritized. Steve K stated that a meeting was held in late May and the streams were prioritized based upon best available information as to possible gain. Dave M asked that the list be made available to the YTAHP members.

B. NYCD

(1) Engineering costs for SSHEAR PI calculation.

Dave N reported that the Cowiche watershed will be complete by the end of June. The data collected will be entered into the SSHEAR database spreadsheet and is looking towards the end of July to have that portion completed. Eric E will provide cost estimates for barrier removal to plug into the database.

C. WDFW

Eric E provided an update on the progress of the SSHEAR assessment on Ahtanum Creek. It is expected that the assessment and PI's will be complete by mid August. High water flows have hampered safe in-stream work on the lower portions of the watershed.

Eric stated he wanted to make sure that we base any projects on data derived from sound stream inventories and that we abide by the strategic plan. Dave M assured that YTAHP would be following the plan and that

projects to be considered would be based upon the identified barriers found during the stream assessments.

4. WDFW

Richard reported that the SRFB funding cycle will be changing for FY04. The projected start is now somewhere between Oct 03 and Jan 04.

5. MWH

Craig Garric introduced Bill Cutting as Dana's replacement. Craig also brought us up to date on the Cooke Creek project. It is 99.9% complete. They are awaiting replacement parts for a meter that was damaged. The parts are supposed to be in today. They expressed thanks for working with YTAHP in the past and are looking forward to continuing the relationship.

6. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

A. AGENCY LIABILITY

B. ATTORNEY SERVICES

7. BPA CONTRACT

A. CHANGE IN CONTRACT PERIOD

The RC&D will make contact with BPA to discuss the change in the start and end of the contract period to align with the available construction parameters in the fall and spring.

8. OTHER

NEXT MEETING JULY 2ND AT 9AM AT THE EAST SELAH DOT MEETING ROOM

Submitted by : Bill Gillespie

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