

April 7, 2010
ENTIAT WATERSHED PLANNING UNIT MEETING MINUTES
Entiat Grange Hall, Entiat, WA

Meeting Attendance: See Attendance List (**Attachment #1**)
See detailed Agenda (**Attachment #2**)
Facilitator / Watershed Coordinator: Mike Rickel
Notes: Heather Java & Nada Wentz

Welcome / Introductions

Meeting began at 9:11 am

Mike R: Thank you for attending. Does anyone have any comments or edits on the January meeting minutes? Hearing nothing, meeting minutes are finalized.

Erin Fonville may have a Shoreline Master Plan update to add to the Landowner Steering Committee portion of the agenda. Are there any other edits to the agenda? Hearing no comments, the agenda stands.

New Business 1

- Response from Governor regarding funding for watershed planning
Attachment 3, Letter to Governor in support of sustained EWPU funding
Attachment 4, Governor's letter of response

Mike R: (*Attach 3*) Please note the two sided letter sent to Governor Gregoire. The proposed budget cuts will critically affect funding sources that provide money for the implementation of the watershed plan. Attachment 4 is the letter of response from Governor Gregoire.

Dave Holland: While individual planning unit letters didn't make a big difference to decision making, the number of planning unit letters sent did have an effect on the legislature and the governor.

Mike R: I understand there is money in the house and senate?

Dave H: The house and senate did replace the funding, but it has not been signed. It is expected that the funding will be restored through FY 2011.

Mike R: That is encouraging. We will see how it fairs with the Governor's budget.

Dave H: It looks good now as long as there are no last minute cuts.

Mike R: There is \$50,000 leverage for the funding.

New Business 2

- Response from WDFW Director to Steelhead fishery letter from Entiat Valley Landowners

Attachment 5, Letter to WA St. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

Attachment 6, Letter from WA St. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

Mike R: Please note Attach 5, which was a letter of thanks from the Planning Unit to the WA State Dept. of Fish & Wildlife for their support to the Entiat steelhead recovery. Attach 6 is their response. They appreciated the letter from the Planning Unit remarking they do not often have correspondence when things are going well.

A second round of introductions went around, as folks came in just after the initial introductions. (*There is currently road construction and delays on Hwy 97.*)

Mike R: A Shoreline Plan update with Erin Fonville will be an addition towards the end of the Agenda.

Water Resources

- Review Plan of Work

Attachment 7, Water Quantity Plan of Work

Mike R: This document captures the actions that have been done and those that are planned in the Entiat in support of the Plan and DIP. It serves as a road map of what work is going on, who's doing the work, and dates the work will be implemented. I propose to the group that we not go through the plan item by item, but rather a number of actions that we are currently implementing and have in the works. We will take a few moments for everyone to read through the plan.

Jon Small: Item number 3 – C3, KW Canal Diversion, regarding a safe way to get the stop logs in and out of the bypass. The current situation with 2x8 wood boards serving as the stop gate is not safe as it requires someone to almost get into the water to remove them. It is okay in August, but it is not good now.

Mike R: This is a safety issue posed by Jon. Let's discuss this and what recommendation you might have to improve the situation to make it safer to operate the bypass during times of high flow.

Leif: I am available to go look at the site and discuss possible recommendations.

Mike R: One of the actions is development of the Entiat water exchange. The water bank/exchange was in the 2004-05 plan, but there was no way to fund it at that time. We heard from DOE about some existing funds (Water Storage) are eligible to be used for this purpose. Landowners have expressed an interest in the water exchange, but landowner involvement will be needed in order for it to be successful and supported. DOE is an important partner, so we will work with them and the landowners to formalize the existence of exchange. The Steering Committee formed last year to help with this effort and will be the group who provide the bulk of input before items are brought to the

planning unit for action. There appears to be DOE funding to purchase water to help “seed” the exchange.

Phil A: My assumption is this will take more than a year to do. Some water could go into non use, and hit a 5 year wall before this can be accomplished. Can DOE put this in a moratorium while people wait for this to hatch?

Dave H: I anticipate there are 20 some exceptions to this plan. That still doesn't preclude putting water into trust and avoid problems. How do we support the trust and include it when this comes about?

Aaron Penrose: If there is a landowner selling, they can set the term of the water right going into Trust to protect it until the exchange comes along.

Mike R: It was done in Yakima, so they may have a format to look to. If it works for Entiat, work with the Steering Committee and landowners until they are comfortable. We have funding through the end of 2011. Let's put some mechanisms in place to protect the water until then. Water storage research has been done and found not to be possible for the Entiat. The cost ratio is not reasonable. The PUD canals, diversions, and wells are examples of saving water for now. The goal is to have 4 cfs in the future. Are there any questions or input on this?

Derek Van Marter: What are the future water alternatives?

Aaron P: We working with CCD to move forward. People want to move the water around in the valley. We will work with folks, after we identify the interests of the valley, and then move forward with the legal aspects.

Leif: We are looking at data and storage in the future, and submitting that to DOE.

Derek VM: What is the intent?

Leif: To get at future use, how much water will be available, storage exchange, road map or guide.

Derek: The reason I ask is it has relevance to what we are doing now. This information will help us derive a plan from this assessment, and helps with the plans in 2014.

Derek VM: Do you need a specific movement of water in a specific place in the river?

Mike R: In the contract with GeoEngineers and Leif, this assessment will help us identify the best water efficiencies and access to water reports. There is still money with that contract left over which can be used to find options for upstream and downstream use. The timeline of the assessment is in June. This will be brought to the July meeting. We can then anticipate an amendment to the contract with DOE.

Karin Whitehall: If John and company are going to look at global warming and drought, what about work with low flows and instream flows? How capable are we to meeting those? It may not be enough information for John to do that. My concern is that the additional information will throw a curve ball.

Mike R: I hear your point, it is valid. I will discuss it with John.

Leif: Traditionally, water rights look back instead of to the future. Total volume changes are hard to get. I will bounce it off of John.

Phil A: Rick Woodsmith had a good report on seasonality of flows. John knows about that report. It is at the Forest Science Lab.

Dave H: In looking at future grant possibilities, if it has anything you can tie into climate change, then that will be a key issue DOE looks for to get additional funds. The connection is valuable.

Mike R: Let's consider amending the contract with GeoEngineers to look at the future of water supply, how it impacts existing water rights and the landowners. Are there any other comments?

Conard Petersen: Our water won't go somewhere else?

Phil A: No. It stays in the Entiat.

Karin W: We made a rule.

Mike R: That was the rule. Are you proposing that it goes out?

Conard P: No. I was just wondering if it did.

Mike R: No. It will not.

Jim Small: How does The Entiat Valley Water District fit in with this discussion?

Mike R: Do you have something?

Aaron P: It was used after review with the attorney. It is clear that further clarifications are needed. It is a good jump-off point.

Mike R: It is identified as a need. I'm excited to get moving on this item and make it a workable alternative.

- Entiat Water Exchange and next steps (I)
Future Water Use Alternatives Assessment (I)
Attachment 8, Entiat River Watershed WRIA # 46 Master Plan

Mike R: Before we move on, Attachment 8 is a Master Plan. It outlines the administrative actions the District does on behalf of the Planning Unit. Does anyone have questions concerns about the administrative items? I want the Planning Unit to be aware of what the CD does to keep the wheels moving administratively, when listed is rather impressive.

Keith Vradenburg: Page 3, # 4, that is finished. Last year we moved 2 cfs of water. There is a lot of interest in it right now.

Mike R: I wanted to follow up with Bob when it is completed.

Keith V: It is completed. I have the date of completion at the office.

Mike R: I want to satisfy the ending date.

Keith V: As far as a transfer, it is done.

Karin W: The existing need is done, but the future needs working on.

Dave H: The water you have a right to use in the future.

Keith V: The irrigation is using it right now. A 2 ½ cubic feet process is set up to take care of water when orchards are taken out.

Bob: The water is out there to use, so we want to get it under the city's umbrella to keep from losing the water.

Keith V: Now we want to compass the next 25 to 50 years of future need.

Mike R: I will work with you to capture that action, and wrap up the one that is completed. Thank you! Hearing no further questions or comments on what we have covered so far, we move to the next agenda item.

Habitat

- **Review Plan of Work**

Mike R: Rather than a habitat Plan of Work, a list of current habitat projects being worked on, completed or planned is before you for review and discussion. An explanation of the difference between the water quantity plan and habitat work is one detail. Last year we agreed to move forward with the Entiat IMW as our habitat plan of work. Some of this information will be covered farther down the agenda. A list of work completed, and plans for future work, will be brought to the July meeting.

Karin W: Please include in the list everything we had in the works, across all jurisdictions, so we always keep the important projects in the future in front of us.

Derek VM: That is the implementation for the habitat actions.

Karin W: The recovery plan included the Entiat Wildfire Protection Plan. Also included were the CWPP and CWPP actions, so we see everything being done to improve the habitat for salmon, steelhead and bull trout. It lets the people know what still needs to be done.

Mike R: Good point. The focus has been on fish and instream. Other things are important as well. The implementation schedule is fish related projects, and other species.

Derek VM: The Multiyear Work Plan does not get at habitat in the upland. There is no comprehensive look at that.

Mike R: Roads are closed, but it is not as comprehensive as it needs to be. What is the status of the actions implemented on Moe Ridge?

Keith V: Under-burning, clearing the brush has been completed near the Mallon Residence on McKenzie Ridge. The under burning and pile burning has also occurred along the Entiat River Road, North of the properties along the road from Potato Creek to Peggy Longs residence. (About 2 1/2 miles of work along the road). The next are will be the Crum Canyon where thinning, piling brush and burning will be done this fall or next spring. Fire District # 8 received notice that funding for the Crum Canyon fuels reduction work has been received.

Mike R: Are they forest service work?

Keith V: They are private and forest service work, and DNR.

Karin W: A year a half ago, Moe Ridge was having trouble getting established because of timber sales. Maybe Catherine can follow up on that.

Mike R: Maybe the Forest Service can get a map of Murdock, Moe Ridge and Metsker brush burnings. I would like to include them in a product regarding landscapes. I apologize for not bringing a plan, but I didn't want to bring incomplete work to you. This discussion helps me to include a more complete picture of what the plan should reflect. What are some of the other actions the group is aware of, and needs to be captured in the plan?

Phil A: The Tillicum Sheep Project.

Karin W: The relocations of the trails.

Phil A: The Mad River trail being move out of the flood plain, being done incrementally over the years. Catherine can talk about that. There is one camp site place in Pine Flat Campground that has been relocated out of the floodplain.

Mike R: This helps. I appreciate the feedback. There are no representatives from BLM or the Department of Fish & Wildlife. I will try to get their input on the things going on.

- Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board Update (I)

Derek VM: I have four updates from the UCSRB. The board went to Washington DC for the annual trip to talk with officials in March. We met with both senators and both representatives, and Norm Dicks. All are very engaged with what is going on in the Upper Columbia Region and the Entiat. We had about 40 minutes with each. The message is about the good things going on and the long term sustainable salmon management. The question is: what are we doing for researching and monitoring? The officials are interested in the progress of how we are accountable in recovery and other habitat and protection projects. We were very encouraged.

We also met with the new administration from NOAA – Mike Schwab, from Maryland. He was very interested in what our board has been able to do.

A new political appointee is coming, and we will soon know who it is. The main message here is don't rock the boat. If we get a political appointee that has a different approach – it could be catastrophic.

We spent a lot of time with USDA NRCS and Farm Services representatives discussing how the farm bill can be modified to improve its support to salmon. There is interest in the habitat farming program, and interested in hearing about alternatives. We will keep working with them at state level conversations.

On the Federal level, NOAA is about to embark in stock status review and this could impact changes in the listings. Steelhead has moved from endangered listing to threatened, federally.

An item to consider: Project and funding coordination – how are we trying to get funds to go to biological needs being cared for? We are working with BPA – instead of 17-19 contracts for separate. There are no coordination funds. A proposal to BPA has been sent to help coordinate the multiple contracts. We hope to hear back soon and have more flexibility funding for our projects.

Mike R: Should BPA agree to this? Does the UCSRB contract or the District contract for the work?

Derek VM: The entities that had contracts with BPA are targeted for solicitation. Here's the money, make sure this happens. It is not an application process, but aligns with regional. There is a possibility of \$3 ½ million for funding.

Another item is the annual SRFB and Tributary Committee funding process. Hal and Jon have been engaged in it as citizens of the advisory committee. If we have any proposals to the SRFB, it will happen in June – around the 21st. Site visits, tours and ranking will be in the fall. Allocations are the same as last year.

- Current Project Status Summary (I)
 - Below the Keystone Bridge
 - Entiat National Fish Hatchery
 - Roaring Creek Surface to Wells
 - Surface to Wells Projects (BOR, Ecology, Tributary Committee)

Attachment 9, 2010 – Habitat Projects

Mike R: Kurt Hosman was unable to make the meeting. The updates he provided are in Attachment 9, 2010 Habitat Projects. These are the projects we are currently engaged in.

PUD Canal System Conversion Project:

Mike R: This project is moving rather slow. One well is complete. A second well is in the drilling process. The second well is being drilled at the Grahams property. There is concern that the wells might not be able to produce enough water and this might result in not totally shutting down the PUD Canal. A more comprehensive update will be provided in July.

Entiat Riparian – Tillicum and Indian Creek Fencing Project:

Mike R: This is the final year for this project. Fences were built and other improvements made at the sheep off-loading area to provide protection for the riparian vegetation. This year's part of the project is to plant the riparian vegetation. BPA has allowed funding to implement additional riparian vegetation work in other areas of the Entiat and Mad River. Phylisha Olin is working with the landowners to get these projects in place this fall.

Roaring Creek Flow enhancement and Barrier Removal Project:

Mike R: This turned out to be a bigger project than we anticipated. Once the land transfer between the Federal Government and US Fish and Wildlife Service is completed, we can move forward with drilling a well, and eliminating one of the diversions on Roaring Creek.

Craig Eaton: The land transfer is plugging along and involves the USFWS Entiat hatchery where we will be getting the property that has our domestic well. The USFWS will get 0.5 acre and trade away 1.7 acres. The government can't show favoritism and has to show it to be an equal exchange. As long as we stay with it, it will happen.

Mike R: It is moving forward. This process allows for the anticipated removal of only one diversion on Roaring Creek. Early on, the second diverter decided that the second one did not need to be removed since it allowed fish passage. However, it appears that the

second landowner might be interested in working with us to remove it and put in a well. Mike Sandidge is working with the landowner to resolve this.

Jon Small: Aren't there other users on that pipe?

Mike R.: Others are just watering gardens and yards and we are not sure about other legal rights to that water beyond Mr. Morper. He has an orchard and a legal right to it.

Jon S: You are aware that another landowner has an earlier right, more of a right than Dr. Morper?

Mike R: I'll let Mike Sandidge know. It helps to know that it is adjudicated. We will have to keep them whole if they have a legal right to it.

Phil A: Those were done in the early 1920's.

Mike R: Hearing no other questions regarding Roaring Creek, we move on to the next item.

Lower Entiat River – Off Channel:

Mike R: This project has been refined. Only one landowner is still interested in this project, out of several landowners who are not. The project will be delayed and not implemented in 2010. We will try to implement it in 2014 as part of the IMW.

Below the Keystone Bridge:

Mike R: This is the final aspect of the KW-HD. It involved the upgrade of pumps and pipes to make sure all connections are water tight. They will need water soon. We are excited to wrap up this project in the next couple of weeks.

Conard P: Will there be a formal decommissioning of the HD? Has it been determined if the HD had any legal easements?

Mike R: Nothing official, but we (CD) will be determining if there is a legal easement for the HD and report back. The HD will continue to flow this year while we make sure the wells drilled satisfy the needs of the landowners and those connected to the KW are getting water.. After this irrigation season, the individuals can fill the HD ditch.

Conard P: Is there a legal action that needs to be done to fill the ditch?

Jim S: Also, some other legal right of way?

Mike R: Who will work to determine this over the summer and report back.

Karin W: Go to the Title Company and do a title search. The fee is \$100 to find out.

Jim S: Rich was to have an attorney that could take care of that without cost.

Erin F: Look at the deeds at the County Assessor's.

Conard P: The concern expressed tone: if we abandon the ditch, ten years down the line if something blows up, then we have a lawsuit on our hands.

Mike R: If that is a commitment the District made, we will stand behind it. The title search and right of way for the HD and the legal actions needed to vacate the right of way is something we will find out. At this point I am not sure how we will pay for that if it requires funding.

Jim S: Crystal Springs needs to maintain their right. We should think about an alternative. Development may or may not drain the spring. A side note, title companies don't work very hard to dig up old papers. This will require some research that reflects the easement of the property. I'll look at my paperwork. The HD does have an easement throughout all the orchards.

Mike R: Then I need to look into what the legal paperwork is to fill in the ditch.

Jim S: It is hard to tell, after 100 years, and development in 2-3 years.

Mike R: There is pipe underneath Bill Small's?

Jim S: Yes, pipe is underneath there for drainage.

Mike R: I will contact the landowners to see if they agree with that. I'm less certain if the District will be responsible to fill in the ditch.

Jim S: It was a fair trade off for everyone to fill in their own portion of the ditch.

Conard P: The people that talked to me want to get filling the ditch.

Mike R: We certainly need to wait until after the irrigation season before filling it in.

ENFH Levee Removal:

Mike R: This is the removal of two levees and the reactivation of the flood plain. Permits are being submitted for this project. No work will be done below the ordinary tide, and this is a SRFB funded project and should be done this year.

Surface to Wells Projects (ARRA) – Gains Ditch

Mike R: This ditch serves 4 to 5 users. All but one user want to get off the ditch. We will drill wells for the four to satisfy their irrigation water needs. The remaining person will become responsible for ditch maintenance.

Jon S: Did you explain to him the cost of not cooperating?

Mike R: We have tried.

Ecology

Entiat Lower Off Channel Surface to Well

Both of these items were addressed as written from Attachment 8.

Forman "Frog Pond"

Mike R: This project will not move forward this year.

Erin F: The landowner is unresponsive, and there is a tiny window to get things done. We decided that it couldn't be accomplished this year. BOR allowed the money to be moved to a different project.

Mike R: The IMW calls for a sequence of actions. We will be working with the County to try and implement this project as part of the IMW in 2014.

Keystone Canyon:

Mike R: The log jam is on Bill Small's property. Bill is in support of the project. This will high water and flood water to be a refuge for fish.

That is the list of projects in 2010. Are there any additional item questions?

Jon S: Where is the discussion of maintenance of existing projects?

Mike R: We would like to work with you to design an upgrade/ maintenance at the rock weirs. I hope to do the upgrade and maintenance, get funding in place and design for the maintenance in a time that is compatible with the IMW in 2014.

Bob W: With the changes in the hatchery, what years are the Chinook coming back?

Craig E: Summer 2013.

Bob W: We will have a lot more fish coming back. What will happen to all the fish in 2013? We have a pretty good return now. With the changes, where will all the additional fish go?

Phil A: Some are designed to catch fish. The conservation hatcheries are designed to repopulate areas.

Bob W: What are we going to do with all the fish?

Craig E: This year's return should be around 3500. Next year's return will fall off.

Bob W: The river will be open to fishing this year. With this new run of fish that starts coming back, where will they go to spawn?

Craig E: Where our intake structure is located, there is a temporary weir below the hatchery to sort between the ad fins and the not ad fins. Talk to the local government and have fishing.

Phil A: Those fish will support the run. We will cross that bridge when we come to it if there is an abundance of fish. The females seek out the best place, and we have more leeway with the late run fish.

- Entiat IMW Update

- Preston Reach Phase 1 Project

Heather J: The objective of this project is install extensive woody material along the bank to increase habitat complexity, create a “wet bench”, and establishes mature riparian planting which will reduce erosion and improve fish habitat. We are at 30% with the designs. Permitting goes through programmatic permitting and has been submitted. We plan to construct in the 2010 window, late July to August. The 2011 phase IMW is working hard with the landowners for a design and funding for the project on the Tyee Ranch as well as adjacent areas. There is a tight time line. We are getting approval from RTT. The Tyee Ranch, Preston Reach Phase 2 at the Christmas tree revetment site, and Chelan Douglas Land Trust property downstream of the Yurt property. There is a lot on our plate, but it is doable. We are moving forward with funding and designs.

Derek VM: I’m curious about the maintenance. Are three year pulses okay with everyone? Is everyone still behind the three year pulse?

EWPU Group: The group agreed that the pulses are okay.

Heather J: We are trying to get as many projects on the ground as we can.

Landowner Steering Committee

Discussion with WDFW about creation of Wildlife Forum

Mike R: Last November/December we met with Rollie Schmitten suggested working with WA Department of Fish and Wildlife to engage them to respond to the EWPU needs. As a result, Dave Volsen with WDFW came to meet with the group.

Dave V: I need to understand the framework, and what the concerns and needs of the community are. General interaction with groups is very important. It is hard for us to get a handle on the concerns of the general community.

Mike R: Thank you for attending and initiating the discussion. Chelan County is a lead entity to recover salmon. The people interested in the goings on in the Entiat River are the people attending the planning unit meetings. The Planning Unit’s preview is broader than salmon. It deals with water quality, quantity, and riparian. The Planning Unit consists of subcommittees like the Habitat Subcommittee and the Water Subcommittee. They lay the ground work on the actions to be done. Project sponsors are groups like

Cascadia CD, Trout Unlimited, the County and the Yakama Nation. Stake holders and landowners are also a big part. The feedback from within the WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife is not always as strong as we would like. Landowners are strong advocates for species. I'll open it up to the landowners to identify what we hope to achieve.

Bob W: Ray had some questions about habitat. He'd had an encounter and didn't know who to call to get an answer.

Ray Sandidge: We have had cougar encounters in the valley. Different entities were developing their own plans, but they were not coordinating with each other. We got all the possible stakeholders together with the Audubon Society, the environmentalists, and the tribes to develop a management plan. The groups became more focused on the watershed. It is time to go back and re-focus on some of the other resource needs in the valley.

What triggered this was a neighbor of mine, who saw two cougars prowling around his place. His place is about 30 feet from my place. My question is, what do people do with problem cougars? The person I called talked down to me. I feel it is necessary to address some of the resources available. The Planning Unit is the best place for communication for our valley. The group is highly respected. Let's recapture the other aspects. We've helped with fires and helped the Game Dept. feed the deer. We need to build communication for people. How do we reconnect with you folks, who are really the major segment?

Dave V: Can I get a copy of the management papers to read? We want to know who we can share information with. I have five watersheds in my district. I am a district biologist. This is a very diverse area, which spreads us thin. Our responsibilities, which are the non-game end of wildlife, take a large part of our time. I'm more involved with game species, and do not have the ability to actively support five different watersheds. We are trying to find a balance. And I'm open to hear all kinds of ideas. We need to make contact with a core group of people to pass information along. What concerns do consumptive and non-consumptive groups have?

We are going through some budget challenges, and focusing more on habitats. Put a focus on assessing habitats on the ground for species that are doing okay right now. It is tough to recover a habitat that is on the brink. I don't know where to take the next step. If we can figure out something that works here, we will replicate it for other portions of the state.

Ray S: This is one of your best resources for communication, right here. There is a monthly or bimonthly publication that is mailed out in this area. Mike frequently has an article in the newsletter. The Chamber of Commerce puts out the newsletter. We don't know how to communicate with you. Who do we talk to? We would like to have a contact person to share with the community.

Dave V: The Wenatchee office is the only regional office. We need to go to the specialist for that issue. You are welcome to call me and I'll answer. If it is a matter of group question, then it is better to establish my coming to meetings. In your process of where you want to go, I'm trying to gauge where the priority is. I need to understand what you are interested in.

Bob W: We want to know what your group has going on. We could help each other with the projects – ours and yours.

Dave V: Are you interested in deer management or wild game management? What concerns do you have?

Jon S: To have a list of species.

Mike R: We are interested in landscapes, habitat, and certain species.

Dave V: There is no money for me to benefit a specific species. Maybe we can focus some benefits to the other entities.

Mike R: I heard you say that we could use the newsletter as a way of communications.

Dave V: Maybe my being involved at the meetings, giving updates and input will be of value to the Planning Unit.

Ray S: That is a good first step. This area has a history of large wild fires. What is the plan to help wildlife in those areas? We don't know what your pleasures are. What happens now? Do we pack food in on snowmobiles or four wheelers? The people here can be a tremendous resource for you to help with your plans. We don't know how to help encourage people to set up some volunteer groups. It should not cost very much to attend the meetings. We can be the seed casters of information for you.

Dave V: I'm comfortable in attending the Planning Unit meetings. This is a great place for us to develop a working plan for other areas. Even at the next meeting, tell me what you need from me, I'll be at the next meeting.

Derek VM: I hear a couple of things going on here. 1. We don't know the point person in the department for answers. 2. We are watershed focused – what is the Department of Fish and Wildlife's interest in knowing what is going on across the board for watersheds. Relationships need to be developed, be a spokesperson for the Fish and Wildlife. It is can be a challenge to work with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to engage them on our efforts.

Dave V: I understand the frustration, we too feel it. I can't guarantee the answers you get from me will make everyone happy with me. I will go out and get the information you asked for.

Bob W: A list of phone numbers would help.

Dave V: I will bring an overview of the players and contact information the next time I come.

Mike R: What I will do to that end is ask the landowners what they want to hear about. If there are other interests, I'll contact you and let you know in time for the next meeting. Bob, if you see any changes in our area, please let us know. I would be a good contact and can spread the word out.

Dave V: Let me know about the time allowed to spend for the next meeting.

Mike R: Thank you for initiating this communication.

Dave V: I'll leave a pile of cards on the back table.

Mike R: Is there any other discussion?

Heather J: Entiat River clean-up is a good tie in with community groups. I'm looking for funding for the Entiat River clean-up. Possible partnerships could be with Natural Resources, and help for public access areas in the lower 6 miles of the river and with Chelan Douglas Land Trust. I wanted to let you know that I'm looking for little groups to donate their in-kind time to help.

Mike R: Is there a resistance to the Entiat River clean-up?

Heather J: all the access points would be appropriate. There are 3 to 4 sites. I would like to get the community folks involved.

Jon S: Do you just want to have trash picked up?

Heather J: Trash, large woody debris, and noxious weeds.

Mike R: We want to take care of those sites. If it gets bigger than those sites, it will be determined how well it goes this year.

Dave H: What you will you be looking at for funds, the Husseman fund? The volunteer thing is successful. For larger items, there is a potential for funding. If it is for a later year, that would be great.

Erin F: The Husseman grant paid for volunteer and excavation for the Wenatchee River cleanup project.

Heather J: Phylisha and Sarah have been talking with Matt. We want to start out small.

Erin F: The food is an issue. If you can get donors to donate food, it works better.

Heather J: If we have food, we would have a potluck.

Ray S: Maybe not on the first go around, but later, we need to engender some things for the youth to get involved in. Let the young people have an opportunity to think about this. The district has had youth programs going in different aspects.

Heather J: It is good to inform about different community events. That is a good point.

Erin F: You can go through WSU Extension for help. Kiwanas is another group.

Mike R: Is there any suggestions to her request of support?

Karin W: It is a great idea!

Shoreline Master Program Update:

Attachment 10, Community Workshop flyer

Erin F: The County made a Master Shoreline Plan in 1975. It is a set of policies, rules, laws and regulations within developments close to bodies of water. What we've been doing is updating the program. In 2003, the legislature set up funding for updates. We need to have ours updated by 2013. It is a public action. It is time to get people engaged. We are working towards this process. We need people to participate. The first draft came out in June of 2009. Comments have been received from DOE, developers, County Commissioners, and different organizations. From that, people became concerned about public access. The County wants to have access points located where they are needed. The people who live here know where these areas are. A workshop is coming that focuses only on public access. This would be a great opportunity as a County to form a plan. The flyer has the dates and times.

I wanted to encourage people to come, or if you have questions or input, mail or email them to me. The next draft should be done in June. If there is room in the July agenda, we could have a workshop after lunch. If you are interested in doing that, we'd be more than happy to have a workshop. It would be good to hear from the Entiat people.

Mike R: Any questions for Erin?

Landowner Steering Committee

Results from Entiat Landowner Survey and next steps (I)

Attachment 11, Entiat Landowner Survey

Mike R: Please take the survey, fill it out, and leave it with us. In addition, I'll email it out for those who want to fill it out electronically.

Karin W: I tried to fill it out from the website, but it didn't work.

Mike R: I will check into that. Thank you for filling them out. We hope to get more feedback between now and the July meeting.

- EWPU Logo Design (D)
Attachment 12 - EWPU Logo Designs

Mike R: We were not able to respond to all the feedback for the logo design as some of it countered other input. I'm opening the floor for discussion and feedback for the proposed logo.

Karin W: I sent you an email reflecting a logo that would be different and significantly shows Entiat as a separate group. Some businesses just use their name. What about using the name 'Entiat' in bold letters, to make it unique?

Mike R: Does that generate other feedback?

Hal Hawley: I would balance the logo by putting the words in the circle. Put the word 'Entiat' across the top.

Mike R: We based this logo on the feedback that we received. Point and counter point. Are there any other comments? Based on the discussions and changes we've made up until this meeting, the Decision Point is put to the group for a vote.

Is there any objection to finalizing the proposed EWPU Logo design?

Mike R: Hearing no objections, we will move to finalize the logo.

The next meeting will be here at the Grange Hall on July 7th, at 9:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

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