

## Participants

**Chelan County:** Keith Goehner, Mike Kaputa; **Conservation Northwest:** Jen Watkins (phone); **Okanogan Wenatchee NF:** Mike Williams, Susan Thomas, Teri Tucker; **Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board (Facilitators):** Pete Teigen; **Washington Department of Natural Resources:** Chuck Hersey (phone); **AFRC:** Tom Partin (phone); **Okanogan County:** Chris Branch, Char Schumacher; **The Wilderness Society:** Mike Anderson (phone); **Trout Unlimited:** Crystal Elliot (phone); **Yakama Nation:** Brandon Rogers; **Okanogan CD:** Craig Nelson (phone); **Cascadia CD:** Patrick Haggerty (phone); **Trout Unlimited:** Crystal Elliot (phone); **Colville Tribal Sort Yard:** Bob Anderson (phone)

## Approval of Meeting Summary

*The November 1, 2017 NCWFHC Draft summary was approved.* The finalized summary will be put on the website at: <http://www.ucsr.org/meetings/regular-meetings/>

## NCWFHC Project Workgroup Update

Mission- During the February 5 Project Workgroup Meeting Ranger Mike Liu indicated that the draft Environmental Analysis would be sent to the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Supervisors Office during that week, which SO staff confirmed the receipt. OWNF staff have a meeting scheduled with Fish & Wildlife Service about consultation on February 22, with the final decision due out 30 days thereafter. The Forest is considering selling the project in two separate sales one (Mission/Libby) being a winter sale and the other (Buttermilk) being a summer sale. The tentative estimated timber volumes are 7.2 million board feet for the Mission/Libby sale and 3.5 million board feet for the Buttermilk. Holly Krake and Paul Nash are working on a community engagement/outreach plan and there may be good opportunities for the Outreach Workgroup and Collaborative to engage, particularly with Okanogan County joining the NCWFHC.

Mt. Hull- The project is progressing along. Tonasket Ranger District just closed scoping comments, the Collaborative did not submit a comment, though a couple members did. The Forest is meeting to discuss comments and draft potential alternatives, with a Draft Environmental Analysis due out this spring at some point with a signed decision by Q4 2018 or Q1 2019 (late calendar year 2018). Okanogan County had been contact by some local loggers about some of the potential road closures/decommissioning. The County is very interested in this project and would like to continue to be involved.

## Action Items

1. Pete and Patrick will follow-up with Holly and the Outreach Workgroup to discuss Collaborative engagement and outreach.

## March 7, 2018 NCWFHC Quarterly Meeting Agenda

Potential Agenda Items:

- A-Z Discussion with Colville National Forest
- TNC Wood Supply Assessment Part II
- NCWFHC Stakeholder Interest Conversation
- Forest Health Advisory Committee Report/5546 Updates/Next Steps
- Lake Wenatchee Fire Adapted Communities Membership
- UWRP/NCWFHC Workgroup Updates

## Action Items

2. Pete, NCWFHC Co-Chairs, and OWNF staff will work to set the agenda for the meeting.

## Barriers Workgroup Discussion

Based on conversations from the November Steering Committee, a small group (Chelan County Natural Resource Department and Conservation Northwest) met to review the Barrier Workgroup Synthesis Document (April 2016) and the spreadsheet to discuss the persistence and prioritize the barriers based on NCWFHC workplan and guiding documents. After the initial small group meeting, subsequent meetings with members of the BWG met to review and rate the barriers in more depth. Addressing barriers to restoration projects are a critical role for Collaborative members. The barriers discussed were based on individual meetings between NCWFHC members and OWNF district staff in 2015 and 2016.

## Action Items

3. Pete will follow-up with Barriers Workgroup to continue working through the spreadsheet to evaluate how the NCWFHC can engage with OWNF to address the barriers.
4. Pete will include Teri Tucker and Susan Thomas on future conversations with Barriers Workgroup.

## 5546 Prioritization Process

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provided an overview of their prioritization of HUC 6 watersheds in the Collaborative's region. DNR and OWNF met in January to discuss alignment of their respective workplans so that proposed planning areas can be submitted to the Forest Health Advisory Committee (FHAC), Chris Branch is NCWFHC's primary representative and Keith Goehner is the alternate representative. The priority 2018 proposed planning areas are Upper Wenatchee (DNR would analyze non-federal lands in the project area), Mission Maintenance, and Tillicum (could be near-term implementation funding). For 2020 proposed planning areas are Twisp, Mt. Hull, Chumstick-Eagle (analyzing non-federal lands and to see if USFS work had "flipped" the risk profile), and Mad-Roaring Mills. DNR is also beginning to use Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) including with Colville NF and Gifford-Pinchot NF and this process could lead to additional future GNA opportunities with OWNF.

## Upper Wenatchee/Core Team Update

The UWRP Core Team met in January to develop the Request for Proposal for the NEPA contracting using the Manastash-Taneum RFP as a template. The workgroups (aquatic and terrestrial) were asked to comment and include specific surveys, data needs, and analysis to be included in the RFP. The WA RC&D is working with the SO and District to finalize a draft for the Core Team to review at the February meeting with the expectation the RFP will be ready for dissemination at the end of February or early March. The NEPA RFP will primarily focus on the NEPA contracting/project management component of the project.

The Wildland Urban Interface is an important component of this work and the terrestrial and Core Team have discussed how that will be addressed moving forward. The terrestrial workgroup will discuss in more detail. The Forest was able to secure an additional \$560,000 of Hazardous Fuel Funding in the fall of 2017, which Chelan County indicated a willingness to provide \$80,000 match to work in the WUI.

The aquatic workgroup met to discuss their workplan and made some revisions. The group agreed to use intrinsic potential for level 2 surveys. Members agreed on the data needs and are looking to find available data for the project.

### **Updates**

Governor Inslee and State Senator Hawkins met with several members of the Steering Committee and members of UCSRB Directors to discuss forest health and resiliency and possible funding through a proposed carbon tax currently in the Washington State Legislature. The Governor's staff mentioned that the Governor was impressed by the work and effort of the Collaborative.

Due to scheduling conflicts with OWNF Leadership the November Steering Committee and December Full Collaborative meeting will need to be changed to ensure participation from Forest Leadership.

### **Action Items**

5. Pete will send a Doodle poll to the SC and NCWFHC membership to select the best available date.