

## Participants

**Chelan County:** Keith Goehner, Mike Kaputa; **Conservation Northwest:** Dave Werntz (phone); **Okanogan Wenatchee NF:** Mike Williams, Susan Thomas, Teri Tucker; **Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board (Facilitators):** Pete Teigen, Melody Kreimes; **Washington Department of Natural Resources:** Chuck Hersey (phone); **Okanogan County:** Char Schumacher; **The Wilderness Society:** Mike Anderson (phone); **Trout Unlimited:** Crystal Elliot (phone); **Okanogan CD:** Lorah Super (phone); **The Nature Conservancy:** Lloyd McGee;

## Approval of Meeting Summary

*The April 4, 2018 NCWFHC Draft summary was approved with minor edits.* The finalized summary will be put on the website at: <http://www.ucsrb.org/meetings/regular-meetings/>

## NCWFHC June 6 Meeting Agenda

Topics for possible inclusion on the June 6 Full Collaborative meeting:

- LSR Working Group Meeting Outcomes from OWNF and NCWFHC Perspective
- NCWFHC 5-Year Review of Accomplishments and Lessons Learned
- Toroda-Tonata Overview of Idea/Outcomes from OWNF-CNF Discussions (if any)
- Forest Health Elements of Omnibus Budget and Applicability to NCWFHC/OWNF
- Regular Workgroup Updates
  - Discussion/Approval of PWG Recommendation for Cross Boundary Grant (if ready)

## Action Items

1. Pete will draft the agenda with the topics, review draft with Co-Chairs, and work with OWNF and others to ensure appropriate parties are represented.

## DNR Cross-Boundary Competitive Grant Program

As part of the 2017-2019 biennial budget passed by the Washington State Legislature two grant new programs that received appropriated funds to address forest health issues in Washington.

Forest Collaborative Capacity- initially it received \$500,000 but the delay in the Capital Budget passing effectively negated the first year of the program and half the money (ie there is \$250,000 for the program). The program is designed to help provide support for collaborative capacity for tasks such as: facilitation and coordination of collaboratives, specifically in the 20-year planning areas; outreach and communication; development of zones of agreements and/or work plans; participation in workshops and/or trainings. DNR has an expectation that part of the funds should be used to facilitate planning discussions around the 20-year strategic plan. UCSRB indicated a desire to apply for this funding to help cover the costs of coordinating and facilitating the Collaborative, including hosting the website and other documents.

Cross-Boundary Competitive Grant Program- there approximately \$1.4 million to be split between westside and eastside projects with a maximum award of \$400,000. Funds are to be used to plan, implement, and monitor landscape-scale restoration projects in support of DNR's 20-year strategic plan. DNR is currently working on creating the request for proposals with those out in mid-June and proposals due in mid-July. The Project Workgroup and OWNF will need to meet to discuss possible project areas, use of potential funds, identify tasks associated with writing the proposal and who should receive/manage any grant funding. OWNF expressed a strong interest in applying for funding to

contribute to the Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project. Other projects suggested were applying for funding to go toward planning for the Twisp River restoration project and the Toroda-Tonata project area.

### Action Items

2. UCSRB will submit a proposal for the DNR capacity grant for the ongoing facilitation and coordination of the NCWFHC, per Steering Committee agreement. Draft proposal to be reviewed by co-chairs, or if timing allows by the Steering Committee (proposals due mid-June).
3. Pete and Jen Watkins will facilitate a meeting with PWG and OWNF to discuss possible Cross-Boundary Grant proposal and make a recommendation to the full NCWFHC or Steering Committee (including possible landscapes, NCWFHC role, which partner will submit proposal, and partner tasks).
4. Teri and OWNF will identify funding caps/needs in the UWPP, so the PWG can be aware of needs the Cross-Boundary Grant can fill.

***SC agreed to support UCSRB's application for DNR's Forest Collaborative Infrastructure Pilot***

### Toroda-Tonata Discussion Inter-Forest Partnership

Washington Department of Natural Resources presented the idea of an inter-forest restoration project in the Toroda-Tonata watersheds. It is a high priority area that is managed in part by the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest and part by Colville National Forest. The joint NEPA project would be an opportunity for the two forests to combine resources on a large-scale project with the support of both North Central Washington Forest Health Collaborative and Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition. This planning area appeals to many stakeholders because it is outside the policy realm of the Northwest Forest Plan and is above anadromy for list salmonids.

### Action Items

5. OWNF staff will communicate with Colville NF on a joint Toroda-Tonata project, possibly using DNR cross-boundary grant funding or GNA. OWNF staff (Susan Thomas) will report to NCWFHC at June 6 meeting on status of communications, role of NCWFHC, and partners, next steps and timeline.

### Upper Wenatchee/Core Team Update

Teri provided a brief update about the field work and subcontracting for field work that has been happening. Contractors are being reviewed now and negotiations are currently taking place, with the hopes of having the contractor(s) on board within the next couple of weeks. Once the NEPA contractor is hired they will hold a project kickoff meeting.

### Action Items

6. OWNF staff will announce UWRP NEPA contractor at the June 6 NCWFHC meeting.

### Updates

UCSRB Board and Melody Kreimes are going back to Washington DC and are planning to meet with policy makers, agency representatives, and others.