

Members Present

Cascadia Conservation District: Amanda Newell. **The Nature Conservancy:** Lloyd McGee. **OWNF:** Deb Kelly. **Lake Wenatchee Fire Adapted Communities:** Jim Passage. **UCSRB:** Pete Teigen (PWG) and Barbara Carrillo (Facilitator).

Approval of October 17, 2019 Outreach Workgroup Draft Meeting Summary

Amanda Newell, Outreach Workgroup Chair, asked participants for any revisions to the October 17, 2019 draft meeting summary. Workgroup members approved the draft meeting summary with no revisions.

Roundtable Updates

Pete Teigen provided an update regarding the Projects Workgroup Twisp Restoration Project meeting held November 12th in Winthrop at the Methow Valley Ranger District. He said the meeting covered topics such as the overview and timeline of the restoration project, and the draft scoping notice, aquatic analysis opportunities and other items. He said the forest service is seeking public comments on the 77,038-acre restoration project proposal located southwest of Twisp. Pete also reviewed there is a public comment period and open house scheduled for November 21st from 5-7 pm at the Methow Valley Community Center gymnasium to discuss the project further with citizens in the local area. Barbara offered to bring NCWFHC brochures and the ridgetop to river display over to the OWNF Supervisor's office for Deb to take to the open house and she agreed.

Lloyd McGee provided an update from the Steering Committee regarding the Mission (Libby/Buttermilk) project that the NCWFHC has been very active in which is now being litigated. Lloyd discussed the possibility of doing an Op Ed in a local newspaper to bring awareness surrounding good stewardship and restoration on that project.

Per Outreach Workgroup request, Deb Kelly reviewed that the UWP C & E workplan timeline would be reviewed for revision where needed when Holly Krake returns in January.

Barb provided an update on the 2020 legislative fact sheet preparation and said that information needed for the DNR SB 5996 updates are still pending from Tom Bugert and Mike Anderson.

The updates to the draft fact sheet for 2020 focus primarily on updates to SB 5996. This bill was first introduced in the 2019 state legislative session by senators Van De Wege, Rolfes, Frocht, Billig, Keiser, Liias, Hunt and Randall and is centered around funding fire prevention and suppression activities. Barbara is currently working with Tom Bugert, DNR, regarding the status of the DNR language revisions to Bill 5596 and a process for NCWFHC to provide input-feedback ideas to Tom. She is also working with Mike Anderson (TWS) regarding the status of the Feinstein-Daines senate bill for possible language inclusion in the redraft per steering committee recommendation. If recommended, relevant updates are obtained in time, those updates will be reviewed by the NWFHC Steering committee at their next meeting for possible inclusion in an updated fact sheet for the 2020 legislative session pending approval by the full Collaborative.

NCWFHC Draft Outreach Workplan

The group reviewed the draft 2020 outreach workgroup workplan and made a few suggestions and additions to the document. Barbara will add those in to the 2020 workplan for further review by the committee and then approval by the Steering Committee in the new year.

NCWFHC Outreach Workgroup 2020 Meeting Schedule

The group reviewed the draft outreach workgroup meeting schedule for 2020 and added a February meeting and noted that other meetings will be scheduled as needed throughout the year depending on workplan and NCWFHC needs.

NCWFHC Outreach Workgroup 2020 Chair and Co-Chair

The group reviewed and discussed a new outreach workgroup chair and co-chair for 2020-2021. Jim Passage said he considered taking the chair position but regretfully is unable to commit due to family travel obligations in 2020.

Current outreach workgroup Chair Amanda Newell said that her and co-chair Patrick Haggerty would be happy to continue as chair and co-chair until a decision can be made in 2020. Additionally, Amanda also expressed that they could both continue for another two-year term but could not offer more time than they currently are able to provide.

The meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

Barbara Carrillo