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Aquatic RWG members, attached is the Draft Meeting Summary from this past week's meeting. Please review and provide any comments back to me by next Friday, February 16, 2007.

Have a good weekend,

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Draft Meeting Notes

Aquatic Resource Work Group

Wells Hydroelectric Project Relicensing
Douglas County PUD
February 7, 2007

Meeting Coordinator: Bao Le (509) 881-2323

Meeting Objective: Review and discuss stakeholder comments to Pre-Application Document (PAD) and study plans, Scoping Document 1 (SD 1), and Wells ILP schedule and relicensing activities in 2007.

Action Items

1. Distribute the final Aquatic Study Plans to Aquatic RWG (ARWG) members. If there are any additional comments on these study plans they need to be submitted to Douglas PUD by April 2.
2. Send the Issue Statements and Issue Determination Statements documents to Carmen in MS Word format.
3. ARWG members with the FWS (Steve Lewis), WDFW (Carmen Andonaegui), Colville (Bill Towey) and Yakama (Bob Rose) tribes to provide possible dates to Shane for the future policy meeting.

PAD Comments and Agreed Upon Study Plans

The ARWG members had no substantive comments related to the PAD. Several of the ARWG members were still in the process of reviewing the document. Members were encouraged to provide comment to FERC either at the Scoping Meeting scheduled for February 28, 2007 or in writing by April 2, 2007.

The ARWG discussed the seven (7) agreed upon aquatic study plans developed by the group and included in the PAD. Several stakeholders expressed an interest in taking a second look at one or more of the study plans toward ensuring that there is sufficient detail in how each study would be implemented. Douglas PUD indicated that additional review of the methods section within each of the agreed upon study plans would be good. The members agreed that comments on study plans would be sent to Douglas PUD by April 2, 2007 (Action Item #1).

Scoping Document 1

The ARWG reviewed and discussed Scoping Document 1 (SD1). The ARWG closely scrutinized each of the aquatic issues identified in SD1 and compared each issue in SD1 to the aquatic issues identified by the RWG and included in the PAD. Overall, SD1 issues were very consistent with the issues identified by the ARWG although some ARWG members had specific concerns with how some of the issues were characterized in SD1. Douglas PUD staff encouraged ARWG members to file their comments with FERC toward ensuring that their issues were addressed in the scoping process.

Wells ILP Schedule and Relicensing Activities

Shane Bickford gave a brief overview of the upcoming ILP schedule and the intention of Douglas PUD to implement the adult lamprey passage study a year early (2007 versus 2008) towards the development of management plans. The ARWG discussed Douglas PUDs intention of beginning dialogue regarding the development of management plans for several aquatic resources (sturgeon, bull trout, aquatic invasive species, lamprey) in 2007 and 2008. RWG members were receptive to this proposal. Such discussions will require policy level discussions prior to management plan development activities. RWG members agreed to provide Shane with dates of availability for a future policy level meeting (Action Item #3).

Brad Hawkins (Douglas PUD) presented an overview of the Wells Project Relicensing Website to the ARWG members. Brad's presentation consisted of a walk through of the website and a brief tutorial on its functionality and organization. The website address is:

<http://relicensing.douglaspud.org/>

Items of Agreement

- The ARWG agreed to work together toward ensuring that the methodologies within the study plans are specific enough to meet the goals of the studies. The ARWG agreed to send any additional study comments to Douglas PUD by April 2, 2007.
- The ARWG agreed that beginning discussions regarding management plan development for several aquatic resources was appropriate.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2007 at Douglas PUD from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.