WATER Steering Team Meeting

August 7, 2018 // 12:30-4:30 pm

**Fireside Room, First Floor USACE Portland District “300 Block Building”**

**333 SW First Ave, Portland**

Call-in number: 866-340-4886 (toll free); Call ID: 224871933#

## PROPOSED Meeting Agenda

***Purpose:*** Todiscuss issues and seek consensus on process, substance and outcomes for efforts affecting participants engaged in the Willamette system.

**12:30 Welcome, introductions, & housekeeping –** *Donna*

* Approve Steering Team meeting summary from 7/3 **Decision**
* Steering Team meeting schedule – continue 1st Tuesday meetings? **Decision**

**12:45 Discussion Topics** (the group will decide timing for each)

* FY19 Budget update - *Ian*
* Jeopardy standard **Presentation and Discussion**– *Marc (presentation), All (discussion)*
* Definition: "*Jeopardize the continued existence of* means to engage in an action that reasonably would be expected, directly or indirectly, to reduce appreciably the likelihood of both the survival and recovery of a listed species in the wild by reducing the reproduction, numbers, or distribution of that species."
* Definition of jeopardy (and other determinations) in the context of the ESA can be found here:  <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2012-title50-vol11/pdf/CFR-2012-title50-vol11-sec402-02.pdf>
* Follow-up on RM&E prioritization and information needs **Discussion and next steps** –*All*
	+ Continue conversation on concepts
	+ Identify which concepts to move forward into proposals
	+ Policy approach to address information “placeholders” on the RM&E planning tables
* Lookout Point follow-up **Status update and next steps** *– Marc & Ian*
	+ Report out on Corps and NMFS clarifying conversation regarding:
		- How the Corps made the decision that the deep drawdown is outside of its authority, and,
		- What is needed to get the authority necessary to test the operations deemed outside of Corps authority?
	+ Progress update on current operations that the RM&E team is exploring.
* North Santiam TDG **Work session** (or discussion about when to have the work session)
* Work session to focused on ‘what we know and where next to go’ on N. Santiam TDG
	+ Corps report back on whether they can start going down the road to feasibility studies. – *Ian and Brad*
	+ Update on formalizing the planned outage schedule to limit TDG impacts. - *Erik*
	+ What is needed to tee this up for the Managers in September? - *All*
* High Head Passage Team/Cougar Downstream Passage – **Report out on progress and next steps** (standing agenda item) – *Ian and Brad*
* Regional messaging **Discussion and consensus seeking** - *All*
* As agreed to at the July Steering Team meeting, Steering Team members will come prepared with the message that they are willing/able to put forward at this point regarding WATER. Note: Messages could be around WATER in general, Cougar and Detroit passage, HHB, big picture on the BiOp, etc.
	+ - Where are the gaps in the messaging?
		- How can these gaps be filled?
* Continue September Managers Forum agenda development **Group brainstorming & next steps** - *All*
	+ Potential topics brainstormed at July ST meeting:
* High Head Bypass status – identify timeframe/changes; clarify outstanding questions – what can be done without affecting the current schedule?
* N. Santiam TDG below Big Cliff – possible methods for addressing high TDG in the reach and why addressing it is necessary
* Consistent regional messaging: ideas for messages that could/should be sent to decisions makers.
* Other topics that need to go in front of the Managers in September?
* Next steps to prepare
* Team updates: RM&E progress, HTT, et al
* Other??

**4:15 Next Steps**

* **Develop** agenda for next Steering Team meeting
* Review action itemsand assignments

**4:30 Adjourn**

**We will take breaks as needed to support comfort of the group…**