

**WATER Steering Team Meeting
Tuesday, November 5th, 2019
Fireside Room, UASCE Portland District, Portland, OR**

http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/tmt/documents/FPOM/2010/Willamette_Coordination/

FINAL Facilitator's Summary
[No edits received]

ACTION	BY WHOM?	BY WHEN?
Review September and October meeting summaries and send any edits/comments to Emily (emily@dsconsult.co).	Steering Team	November 8th
Request edits on the April 2019 Manager Forum meeting summary from Managers; send edits to DS Consulting.	Steering Team	ASAP
Schedule the next Managers Forum meeting for March or April 2020.	DS Consulting	February 2020

Participants in the room or on the phone: Eric Andersen (BPA), Ian Chane (USACE), Brad Eppard (USACE), Nancy Gramlich (ODEQ), Mike Hudson (USFWS), Kelly Reis (ODFW), Lawrence Schwabe (CTGR), Karl Weist (NPCC).

Facilitator: Donna Silverberg; **Support/Summary:** Emily Stranz, DS Consulting.

Welcome, Introductions, & Housekeeping

Facilitator Donna Silverberg welcomed the group to the meeting and conducted a round of introductions. The Team gave a special “welcome back” to Ian Chane, USACE, who had been away on a detail in D.C.

Steering Team members needed additional time to review the September 3 and October 1 meeting summaries. They will send any revisions to DS Consulting by Friday November 8th. They agreed that, if no substantive changes are made, then the summaries will be considered approved. If substantive edits are made, Emily will send them to the Steering Team for approval.

- **ACTION: Steering Team members will provide edits on the September and October meeting summaries to DS Consulting by November 8th.**

Updates on FY20 Planning

Ian reported that there was no new news on the FY20 budget since the Corps reported at the October 18th Managers Forum meeting. He reminded the group that a final budget bill has not yet been signed and the government is operating under a continuing resolution through November 21, 2019. In the meantime, the Corps is continuing work on projects, using funds that have been carried forward from FY19. Additionally, the Corps is still awaiting approval on reallocations. Ian committed to keeping the team informed on any budget updates.

Debrief October 18th Managers Forum

The Steering Team discussed the October 18th Managers Forum meeting, noting that it was an effective conversation on the issues and challenges facing the region. Since no action items were identified and given budget uncertainties, the region is in a “holding pattern”. Lawrence Schwabe, CTGR, noted that the Tribes are disappointed by the budget situation and would like to work with the region to explore alternative options for moving forward.

Donna asked that Steering Team members circle back to their managers regarding the April Managers Forum meeting summary and send any edits to DS Consulting as soon as possible.

Ian noted that the Corps expects the FY21 budget to be released in February 2020 and suggested that the group target the next Managers Forum meeting for March or April 2020. This would support the Managers discussion of the budget. The FY21 President's Budget should signal whether any funding will be allocated for passage measures at Cougar. Whether or not there is funding allocated, it will be important for Managers to check-in on the budget and next steps.

- **ACTION: Steering Team members will request edits from Managers on the April 2019 Managers Forum meeting summary and send edits to DS Consulting.**
- **ACTION: DS Consulting and ST members will work with managers to schedule the next Managers Forum meeting for March or April 2020.**

Regional Updates

- BPA – Nothing to report.
- CTGR – Nothing to report.
- NPCC – Karl provided an update on the Habitat Tech Team (HTT). He shared two documents: a report on 2019 Willamette Mainstem Anchor Habitat Investments (WMAHI), and a diagram of the WMAHI funding mechanisms. The first shows projects and funds received for FY20. Karl pointed to four projects that are being funded by BPA (monitoring and restoration efforts). The second document shows the WMAHI three-part funding mechanism, funding criteria, and funding commitment into the future. Karl noted that the Meyer Memorial Trust funding sunsets this year.
- ODEQ – Nothing to report.
- ODFW – Nothing to report.
- USACE – Ian reported that the FFDRWG met today to look at Cougar downstream passage plans; the Willamette EIS Cooperating Agencies will be meeting in November; the AFEP Review is December 3rd; and the Willamette Basin Science Review will be in February 2020. Additionally, the Corps plans to request FY20 proposals soon and will circle back to WATER partners for review of the proposals.
- USFWS – Mike reported that the 3rd annual Lamprey Information Exchange is December 12-13 at the USFWS Office in Vancouver, WA. The exchange will cover range-wide lamprey information, including the Willamette River Basin. If interested, please register online. Mike also noted that the Steering Team could visit the Lamprey exhibit at the Portland Zoo and suggested that DS Consulting connect with Mike to help schedule a room.

Next Steps

The Steering Team agreed to cancel the December 3rd meeting and hold a conference call if there are budget updates or RM&E Proposals that need to be discussed. Team members will review the Managers and Steering Team meeting summaries and provide edits to DS Consulting.

With that, Donna thanked the Steering Team and the meeting was adjourned.

The next Steering Team meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2020.

This summary is respectfully submitted by the impartial facilitation team at DS Consulting. Suggested edits are welcome and can be sent to Emily at emily@dsconsult.co.