

Meeting Record: Bradford Island

Subject: **Technical Advisory Group Meeting**

Date of Meeting: 1/17/2006

Location of Meeting: Executive Conference Room, Portland District, Portland, OR

1. Participants:

Corps and Consultants to Corps (URS):

Jeff Hurt	Mike Gross	Carolyn Schneider
John Wakeman	Jeff Wallace, URS	Chris Moody, URS
Bill Winter, URS		

Agency/Tribal Members:

Bob Schwarz, ODEQ	Jennifer Sutter, ODEQ	Jennifer Peterson, ODEQ
Patti Howard, CRITFC	Jeremy Buck, US FWS	Paul Seidel, ODEQ
Rose Longoria, Yakama Tribe	Mary Lou Soscia, EPA	

2. Discussions

a. Introduction, Purpose and Agenda (Jeff Hurt)

b. Topics

- ❖ Old business (minutes of meetings, fish sampling)
- ❖ Presentation of, and Schedule for In-Water Non-Time Critical Action (NTCRA)
- ❖ Risk Assessment Approach
- ❖ Data Review of non-Corps' data for use in RI
- ❖ RI Work Plan Milestones

3. Key Discussion Points

a. Old Business.

- ❖ The Corps has fallen behind on writing TAG meeting minutes. This will be fixed before the next meeting, and placed on the internet site
- ❖ Fish Advisory sampling called on account of cold weather, also turbidity, and woody debris in river. It will likely restart the week of 2/13/2006.

b. *New Business.* In-water NTCRA Bill Winters presented information on the prospective action, and Jeff Hurt distributed an aggressive schedule with a list of assumptions, because there are items that could affect the ability to construct during the short winter window.

- Mary Lou Soscia and Jennifer Sutter noted that a key critical path is the Biological Assessment/Biological Opinion. Jeff stated that

despite our efforts NMFS has not attended the meetings to date despite invitations.

- The Corps was advised to increase efforts to engage NMFS, using if necessary top management contacts.
- Jennifer said that NMFS has been involved in Oregon projects well before the 60% design stage (which is listed in the schedule as the first consultation event).
- Jeff said we would try to make contact sooner to bring Christy Fellas to the meetings.

❖ Jeremy Buck said that he does not concur at this point that a quick fix without a clear idea of what will be accomplished (what risks will be averted) should be done. He said that he thought more than one remedial/removal action would increase organisms' exposure to PCB.

❖ Bob Schwarz commented that ODEQ is very much in favor of the action; as did Mary Lou for EPA. Bob noted that it is not necessarily true that 2 actions could increase exposure. The removal methods used may not be impactful, you gain years of significantly less contamination in the river, and if you should have to go back, the remaining contamination will be much less.

❖ Mary Lou noted that USFWS should be added to the Biological Opinion line of action.

❖ Bob Schwarz and Jeff discussed the ways that the State and Corps can work together to accomplish the public review, which occurs in February.

c. *New Business.* John Wakeman provided handouts to show progress on the risk formulation, including a Conceptual Site Model, some example tables conforming to the RAGS Part D Table 2.1 (compound of interest listing and screening) for the site. John showed the Adaptive Risk Management System, which the Corps proposes to use for the risk assessment.

#### 4. Action Items/Future Meetings

- ❖ Distribute notes to the meeting (Attachment A).
- ❖ Prepare schedule
- ❖ Inquire into clams' status

#### 5. Next meeting. (No future date was scheduled at the meeting.)