

HCCC IN-LIEU FEE MITIGATION  
INTERAGENCY REVIEW TEAM (IRT) MEETING  
October 18, 2018  
10am – 3pm HCCC Office

IRT Participants

Suzanne Anderson, Army Corps of Engineers  
Anne Baxter, Suquamish Tribe  
Cynthia Rossi, Point No Point Treaty Council  
Randy Lumper, Skokomish Tribe  
Lisa Belleveau, Skokomish Tribe  
Brittany Gordon, WDFW  
Nam Siu, WDFW

Non-IRT Participants

Patty Michak, Hood Canal Coordinating Council – Sponsor

Review of Meeting Agenda

- Meeting Notes:
  - September 18, 2018 notes – approved.

**ACTION ITEM: HCCC to post final notes to website.**

Receiving Site Updates

- Receiving Sites
  - Little Anderson – second phase of garbage removal completed, ~ 145 feet of plastic flex 4” and 8” drain pipe, large bags of bottles/garbage, misc. other debris removed.
  - Irene Pond – Mason Weed Board staff completed final weed treatment for bindweed and blackberry. Will be keeping any eye on things next spring to see if we had any success with bindweed control.
  - Olson and Little Dewatto nearshore properties – completing weed mapping.
  - Big Beef area property – pending acquisition: seller to address heating fuel oil UST leak.

Credit Sale Update

- Navy – Service Pier Extension
  - Navy in discussions with USACE staff on project impacts.
- Private dock in southern Hood Canal: possible use of ILF program for replacement decking without permits. WDFW reviewing impacts and working on any mitigation requirements.

Myrvang Mitigation Plan Draft Review

- IRT comments due November 1, 2018.
- IRT stated support for the preservation of a Category 1 headwater wetland and the minimization of proposed enhancement actions as the site is already highly functioning.
- Discussed process for Plan and amending the Instrument to identify Myrvang as a receiving site.
- Public review and comment on draft mitigation plan.
- Once plan is final COE/Ecology to provide amendment letter to HCCC to amend Instrument to add Myrvang Wetland as a receiving site.

User’s Guide Working Session

Worked an example project located in south Hood Canal through the User's Guide.

- Revised Degree of Impact – Duration to address the timeframe for impact persistence; distinction between permanent and temporary impacts.
- IRT defined permanent impacts are those that persist greater than 1 year. [HCCC Comment – post meeting: regulatory agencies may define permanent or temporary impacts with a differ timeframe.]
- All permanent impacts score high.
- Temporary impacts would generally score Moderate.
- Low was defined to be temporary impacts only occurring during construction and within the construction area and completely restored to pre-project condition.
- Degree of Impact – Cumulative: scoring was found to be very difficult and some IRT members suggested we revisit the “Area of Concern” approach that was proposed within the Instrument.
- IRT was reminded that the Area of Concern approach was determined by the IRT in 2016 that it would not address the cumulative impacts well and that all the marine shoreline was of concern for cumulative impacts.
- Cumulative High – removed “difficult to replace” in reference to aquatic vegetation as IRT felt that all aquatic vegetation will be difficult to replace.
- Consider site dependent adjacency to existing development?
- Consider forage fish modeling by WDFW that shows adjacent habitat within 1.2km of occupied habitat effects population. WDFW proposed expanding occupied habitat to 1.2km from the location of an occupied beach sample transect of 30 meters. (Brittany to provide WDFW document).
- Risk Factor Type of habitat sub-class – Intertidal Vegetated – High: added attached macro algae; Moderate: added Ulva.

**ACTION ITEM: HCCC to provide revised draft of the User's Guide.**

#### Future Meetings

- HCCC meeting on December 20, 2018.