

Meeting Date: July 21, 2021

Location: This meeting was conducted by Zoom conferencing

Attendees via Zoom conference: Brian Miller, RC&D, Justin Bader, NYCD, Anna Lael, KCCD, Mark Crowley, KCCD, Cassandra Weekes, WDFW, Josh Rogala, WDFW, Michael Horner, YBFWRB, Erin Eaton, TU, Kevin Haydon, WWT, Ethan Lockwood, WWT, Cole Provence, Ecology, Joel Hubble, KR D, Michelle O'Malley, BPA

1. ADMINISTRATIVE-

- A. The meeting agenda was approved.
- B. The minutes from the June 16 YTAHP Core Team Meeting were approved.
- C. The Contract Revision for the FY 2021 YTAHP Contract 87467 should be submitted to BPA by the end of the week.
- D. The BPA Anadromous Fish Habitat and Hatchery Review Project Presentation was completed on June 24. The ISRP preliminary report is due to be released on September 23.
- E. The FY 2020 YTAHP Annual Report was submitted to BPA on July 14.
- F. The 1st Quarter FY 2021 Contract Status Report submitted on July 13 has been accepted by BPA.
- G. The meeting format for future YTAHP Core Team meetings was discussed (Zoom or in-person, or hybrid). The general consensus of the group was to continue to hold the meetings by Zoom for now.
- H. Michelle O'Malley provided the following BPA updates-
 - Great job on the YTAHP Project Council presentation.
 - BPA offices are closed until September 2021 at this point and travel is limited to mission critical.
 - Contract Revision (CCR): Can't delete work elements, but can cancel milestones. Michelle will work on that and review the CCR when it's submitted.

2. CORE TEAM PROJECT UPDATES-

A. NYCD- Justin Bader-

- **Cowiche Creek – Naches Cowiche Canal Co. Siphon: fish passage- O & M** ongoing this FY.
- **Cowiche Creek – Lust/Stevenson Water Quality: riparian fencing, planting, spring development- O & M** ongoing this FY.
- **Ahtanum Creek- Herke South fish screening and floodplain reconnection/enhancement-**
 - Project has been shelved.
 - O & M ongoing this FY for phase 1.
- **Wenas Creek – Priority passage and screening project-**
 - Awarded RCPP funding under the Mid-Columbia Steelhead Partnership application.
 - Will begin setting up agreements to facilitate expenditures.
 - Begin drafting RFP for engineering services.

- **Wenas Creek – Purdin Ditch Passage and screening project-**
 - Awarded RCPP funding under the Mid-Columbia Steelhead Partnership application.
 - Will begin setting up agreements to facilitate expenditures.
- **Wenas Creek –Riparian Enhancement-**
 - Developing project to install riparian fencing, planting, and provide compliant fish screen.
 - Planting will focus on supplementing heavily burned areas with larger tree species such as cottonwood and ponderosa pine.
 - May include some willow stakes on cut banks to help stabilize until more vegetation re-establishes.
 - Fencing will be done in field to exclude livestock and protect riparian area still intact after fire, water gap will be included.
 - Fish screen will be provided, sized to water right. Water meter will also be provided.
 - Initiated cultural resources consultation with BPA.
- **Wenas Creek – Chandler Riparian Enhancement-** O & M ongoing this FY.

B. KCCD- Anna Lael & Mark Crowley-

- **Caribou Creek – Gibb-** KCCD is moving forward on the three diversion removals on Caribou Creek. Ryan, Mark and Cassandra are reviewing the designs. These three are being combined with the lower Coleman Creek diversion removal for bidding purposes and because the designs are nearly identical. Anna Neuzil has been here to do the cultural resources survey. In order to do the diversion removals on Caribou Creek, a significant amount of pipe must be installed for the irrigator. Mark has talked to a pipe vendor who is saying their supplier won't even quote them a price or when pipe might be available.
- **Parke Creek – Cortese-** KCCD is working on design review and permitting information to get to Cassandra for the Corps permit for or this project. It includes three sprinklers in the project as well.
- **Coleman – Cascade intersection-** Anderson Perry continuing to work on the design. KCCD is working on the agreement with the Fish Barrier Removal Board for \$1.4 million. This project is included in the new RCPP project that has been funded.
- **EWC at Naneum-** KCCD is also working on agreement with the Fish Barrier Removal Board for this future project. It's included in the RCPP project too.
- **Whiskey Creek at Ellensburg Water Company-** Anderson Perry continues to work on the designs for this project.
- **Coleman-Olmstead-** The contractor is still working on issues with the flowmeter. Contractor's sub is slow in getting information back to them.
- **Swauk Creek-** KCCD contracted with another engineering firm to do an analysis on the Burke Road bridge. The County requires this analysis and will need to review and approve it. The firm KCCD contracted with is also on contract with Kittitas County to do that kind of review for them. Using that firm was quicker and more efficient than bringing in yet another engineering firm. They are hopeful that this project will go out to bid in August, although it also includes a significant amount of pipe so the conversation with the pipe vendor is concerning.

- C. KCT- No report this meeting-
- D. MCF- No report this meeting-
- E. Yakama Nation- No report this meeting.

3. WDFW- Cassandra Weekes-

- A. Cassandra is working on the permitting for six YTAHP projects, all of which have been discussed today by the sponsors.
- B. Update on the ISRP review – since February, the RC&D, KCCD, NYCD and WDFW have been working through the YTAHP project review as part of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council’s Anadromous Fish Habitat and Hatchery projects review. This review process typically happens on a 5-year rotation, although the last review was completed in 2013. We drafted our new YTAHP proposal, which was submitted in May, and last month we presented to the ISRP. The next step in the process is the ISRP releasing their preliminary report which is expected out in September and a public comment period will follow.
- C. WDFW has a new fish passage training video out. WDFW’s barrier inventory protocol involves a Level A survey that sometimes warrants a Level B survey. The training video for Level A has been online for quite some time and the new video is specific for Level B. The videos can be found on WDFW’s website on the Fish Passage Training page.
- D. There is a drought emergency order for much of the state and WDFW developed a reporting tool to collect observations of drought impacts. This tool provides an opportunity to report potential fish or shellfish die-offs related to low water levels, high temperatures, or other environmental conditions. The following is the link to the reporting page: <https://publicinput.com/X7060>.
- E. Lastly, the first phase of the Nelson Dam project is getting closer to construction. The first phase of dewatering and fish salvage is anticipated to start on or around August 16th and volunteers will likely be needed. The consultants for the project will be putting together a “call for volunteers” email and it’ll be shared with the YTAHP team.

4. The next Core Team Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18 at 9:30 a.m.

YTAHP Core Team Meeting Appendix