

**ICICLE STRATEGY**  
**Icicle Work Group Meeting**

*Conference Call*

*Thursday, May 14, 2020, 1:00-3:00 PM*

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**MEETING SUMMARY**

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**Attendees:**

Mary Jo Sanborn, CCNRD; Cynthia Carlstad, NHC; Carmen Andonaegui, WDFW; Cory Kamphaus, YN; Dan Haller, Aspect Consulting; David Child, USBR; Dave Rice, Anchor QEA; David Van Cleve; Erick Walker, USFS; Greg McLaughlin, WWT; Jeff Dengel, WDFW; Jim Craig, USFWS; Kelli Scott, Rep. Schrier's Office; Lisa Pelly, TU; Mat Maxey, USFWS; Melissa Downes, Ecology-OCR; Mike Cushman, Cascadia CD; Mike Kaputa, CCNRD; Peter Dykstra, Plauche and Carr; Tim Walsh, COIC; Tony Jantzer, IPID; Rep. Keith Goehner; Rick Evans, Sen. Cantwell's Office; Kitty Craig, TWS; Cole Provence, Ecology; RJ Lott, Chelan County Community Development

**Welcome, Review Agenda**

**IWG Business**

1. Steering Committee Membership – the Steering Committee met and discussed formal membership and expectations. Cynthia reviewed a briefing paper summarizing the recommendations, which is attached at the end of this Summary. The following suggested edits were made to the Roster Table:
  - a. Separate the tribes so there is a representative from each, Yakama Nation and Colville Confederated Tribe (Cynthia to confirm with Chuck Brushwood).
  - b. Jim Craig will be the USFWS representative with Bill Gale as the alternate.
  - c. Susan Adams should be replaced with Greg McLaughlin.
  - d. Add USFS as a member with Erick Walker as representative and Jeff Rivera as the alternate.
  - e. Leave the Chair position open for now, things are going well with added facilitation.

***IWG Decision: Approved Steering Committee Membership with above changes.***

2. New Budget Allocations – The Steering Committee is recommending budget allocations shown in the budget table. The IWG discussed the allocations including funds for facilitation and technical support, city of Leavenworth fish screen, COIC pump station design, and data collection to support the decision support tool. A question was asked about the Eightmile EIS and whether Ecology knows the cost of that yet. Have they selected a proposal with cost estimate? Melissa gave a status update that Ecology received four proposals for the EIS, and a review team is being formed now. The review team will either select a consultant based on proposals or decide to hold interviews for final selection.

***IWG Decision: Approved Budget Allocations.***

3. Budget Planning for 2021-2023 (Discussion) – Cynthia and Peter suggested that the goal should be to have a draft budget by September to inform a 2021-2023 budget request. Melissa said that the budget process is underway now, OCR’s budget request will be due to OFM in September. The current amount being requested for Icicle is \$4 million, the same as the current biennium amount. COVID-19 response may result in impacts to the budget. OCR may need to submit a second package with reductions.

Next Steps:

1. Mary Jo will update the master budget for planning the 2021-2023 biennium
2. Project sponsors to provide information and cost estimates. Budgets should be scalable.
3. Steering Committee will discuss in June and July and bring to IWG in August.

### **Project Presentation – Tribal Fishery Adaptive Management Plan (Dan Haller)**

Dan gave a presentation overview of the work planned. Aspect and Chelan County have been coordinating with the Yakama Nation, Colville Tribe, and LNFH staff to gather input on important projects.

1. Bathymetry at the plunge pool was done in 2015 and is planned again for Aug/Sep 2020 to do a comparison analysis and determine if changes are occurring there. This is currently funded within the Tribal Fishery AMP task.
2. Trail Improvements have been identified to improve access for fishing in a safe manner, especially for tribal elders. Access now can be challenging. Conceptual trail improvements are being reviewed and discussions are taking place on necessary permitting. Cost estimates will be developed soon.
3. Amenities – Input from Tribal members indicated a need for restrooms, small storage, and electricity to provide lighting and charging of electronics. LNFH has been working on restroom designs and location. Cost estimates will be developed soon.
4. Future projects being discussed include: a bubble curtain or some kind of attraction flow at the spillway to increase fish retention, Potential Extension of the Tribal Fishery Season, and potential projects within the historic channel and/or at Structures 2 and 5. A long-term goal is to improve passage at Structure 2 while facilitating a good Tribal Fishery.

Next Steps:

- 1) Bathymetry is planned for late summer 2020
- 2) Continue to get feedback and coordinate work with tribes and LNFH
- 3) Develop design and cost estimates for trail improvements and amenities. A funding request may come to the IWG in August.

### **Selected Brief Updates – Projects and Subcommittees**

City Screen/Boulder Field (Lisa Pelly) – Construction began on the City’s water mainline. The next phase is the fish screen and boulder field which will begin in July.

Eightmile Lake (Peter Dykstra) – Facilitated discussions have been ongoing among IPID, USFS, Ecology and Environmental groups. Another meeting/video call was held on Monday (5/11). A follow up meeting will be scheduled soon.

Melissa – Ecology is currently reviewing 4 proposals to complete the project-level EIS and should have a consultant selected in June. Kitty asked what level of design is needed for the EIS? Melissa responded that SEPA does not require a particular level of design. Design is currently at 30% so that will be used to evaluate potential impacts in the EIS. IPID is looking for input on design to help guide the 60% design.

Instream Flow Subcommittee (Cynthia Carlstad) – This committee met a few weeks ago to discuss summer data collection, continue to develop the data gap matrix and 5-year plan. The committee discussed ICWC’s questions around data and the ecology in the wilderness. The main take away message from the committee participants is they do not see anything other than positive improvements resulting from automation. There are dual focuses that must be balanced through a future Decision Support Tool, including creating a more natural release pattern for Icicle Creek tributaries when possible, as well as augmenting late season flows in the Icicle Creek mainstem consistent with the Guiding Principles. Input is also requested on the Decision Support Tool as that will be more developed soon. A question was asked if new data needs will be identified in the Eightmile Lake EIS? If yes, it should be included in this matrix.

Instream Flow Rule (Mike Kaputa) – Reviewing original instream flow rule and have reached out to Tom Ring (retired from YN, an original participant in rule making) for input on rationale and intents of those involved in developing the rule. Have reached out to Ecology OCR and briefly with Water Resources. Next steps are to continue to review history, basis of the rule with Ecology staff and bring to IWG for discussion.

Public Engagement (Peter Dykstra) – this group met last week (5/8) to discuss goals, organization, etc. Another meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss details of an outreach plan and tools.

### **Meeting Recap and Adjourn**

IWG meeting summaries for several meetings will be sent out soon.

We have been off the regular meeting schedule during this stay-at-home order with shorter, more regular calls. The schedule below will get things back on the regular meeting schedule:

*June 11 – No IWG Meeting (Cancelled)*

*July 9 – Steering Committee (video call)*

*August 13 – IWG Meeting (location/video call to be determined)*

**ADJOURN**