

ICICLE STRATEGY

Icicle Work Group Meeting

Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Center Way #102, Wenatchee¹
Thursday, August 8, 10:00am to 2:00pm

A G E N D A

10:00 – 10:10am	Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review, Decisions Requested Today,
10:10 – 11:15am	Domestic Water Supply Subgroup Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report from Subgroup• Discussion and feedback from IWG
11:15 – 11:45pm	Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Columbia Basin Water Transactions Program September field trip to Icicle/COIC project area• October 10 Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board 25-Year Celebration in Icicle Watershed• September/October Community Meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Seattle – targeting recreation interests○ Leavenworth – general community focus• Wilderness stakeholder direct engagement meeting(s)• Leavenworth community engagement night (August 22 – SWISP)• Newsletter
11:45am – 12:15pm	Lunch
12:15 – 1:00pm	Roundtable Member Check-In Follow-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steering Committee discussion report back• Conversations around controversial projects
1:00 – 1:40pm	Short Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COIC project• Eightmile Lake Dam Rebuild EIS and Next Steps• Tribal Fishery Improvements
1:40 – 1:50pm	Public Comment
1:50 - 2:00PM	Wrap Up and Adjourn <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upcoming meeting dates<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Steering Committee meeting – September 12, 2024, Confluence Technology Center○ IWG – October 10, 2024, Leavenworth (morning field tour with UCSRB followed by lunch and afternoon IWG meeting)

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MEETING SUMMARY - ICICLE STRATEGY

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Members/Alternates Present: Shon Smith, Chelan County Commissioner; Theo Burgoon, TU; Carl Florea, City of Leavenworth; Cory Kamphaus, YN; Chuck Brushwood, CTCR; Jason Breidert, CTCR; Mike Kaputa, Chelan County; Levi Jantzer, IPID; Erica Taecker, USFS; Mat Maxey, USFWS; Greg McLaughlin, WWT (online); Nicole Ahlem, BOR; Brock Hoenes, WDFW; Nate White, WDFW; Sharon Lunz, ICWC; Melissa Downes, ECY-OCR

Guests Present: Margie Van Cleve (online)

Staff/Consultants Present: Dan Haller, Aspect Consulting; Kelsey Mach, Aspect Consulting (online); Mary Jo Sanborn, Chelan County; Abby Hendrickson, Chelan County (online); Peter Dykstra, Facilitator; Cynthia Carlstad, Facilitator; Ingrid Ekstrom, ECY-OCR

Domestic Water Supply Subgroup Progress Report

The subgroup was formed to recommend to the IWG criteria and triggers for releasing the 0.4 cfs domestic reserve currently in the Wenatchee Basin instream flow rule. Per the WAC, a rule amendment is required in order to “establish this additional reservation” of .4cfs for the Icicle.

A subset of the Subgroup spent several months exploring available technical information and discussing relevant data and considerations for releasing the additional 0.4cfs reserve. While the technical sub-subgroup did not make a recommendation, they felt the time spent on the relevant technical topics equipped them to engage the decision around recommending criteria and triggers for the 0.4cfs reserve.

Discussion at the meeting included:

- considering hatchery water usage
- taking an incremental approach to rule amendment
- setting a realistic timeline

The group plans to present a recommendation by the next IWG meeting in October.

Outreach

Columbia Basin Water Transactions Program September field trip to Icicle/COIC project area, September 10th:

A field trip is planned for around September 10 to visit the Icicle/COIC project area, including a site visit to the COIC. Abby is coordinating this event.

Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board 25-Year Celebration in Icicle Watershed, October 10th:

A celebration event is planned, starting with morning site visits to the LNFH and Boulder Field/Fish Screens/Bridge sites, followed by lunch at Sleeping Lady. The IWG will meet at Sleeping Lady following the luncheon.

September/October Community Meetings:

- **Seattle – targeting recreation interests:** A meeting targeting recreational interests will be held in October, potentially at The Mountaineers venue, not Good Shepherd. Sharon suggested coordinating it with the wilderness stakeholder meeting.
- **Leavenworth – general community focus:** Evening "visioning meetings" will occur in September and early October, with early November being a potential additional date.

Wilderness stakeholder direct engagement meeting: Focused wilderness meeting (invite only) scheduled for October 3 from 10:30am-1pm in Seattle. This is a continuing conversation with Wilderness stakeholders who engaged on the Eightmile Dam Replacement project prior to development of the Eightmile Dam Replacement project EIS. The October 3 meeting will be focused on Alpine Lakes Automation, bringing that group up to speed on current status and work plan, and understanding how that group wants to engage as the work advances.

Leavenworth community engagement night, August 22: A community engagement night will take place on August 22nd from 4-8pm. Mary Jo and Abby will be there tabling to talk about the Lawn Buy-back program/Icicle Strategy, Maxey will be splitting time between the Icicle booth and the Hatchery booth to discuss the SWISP project.

Newsletter: New issue will run early September once the meeting dates/times have been defined. Update will include: the COIC project being "under construction," the lawn buy-back program with a "click to sign up" option, an update on the Eightmile EIS, upcoming meetings. Group would like to integrate messaging about increased cooperation among water users in response to drought conditions, with a focus on clear communication strategies.

Roundtable Member Check-In Follow-Up

Steering Committee discussion report back: Key takeaways from the steering committee discussion include the need for more transparency, honesty, commitment, and compromise among work group members while avoiding crisis-driven decision-making. There was surprise within IPID related to some IWG member comments following the Eightmile EIS, and the committee emphasized the importance of addressing underlying issues ("iceberg components"). Members are encouraged to have direct conversations to clarify questions, and the focus is on ensuring that all relevant people are involved in discussions to advance projects with transparency. Brock highlighted a renewed commitment to improve collaboration, noting that advancing shared goals requires significant effort from each member.

Conversations around controversial projects: The facilitator's goal is to identify the controversial aspects of projects and make sure that members are informed and have access to the information they need to provide each other accurate feedback. Sometimes this will require a "deep dive" to thoroughly understand the detailed information about projects. Some IWG members are responsible for coordinating reviews within their agencies, and it is important that they are able to accurately communicate specifics about the projects.

Short Updates

COIC project: Construction at the pump station is progressing well, with in-water work set to begin on the 15th. The alpine lake releases present a challenge for the construction manager, who must consider how these flows will affect water levels. The project remains budget-neutral despite increased costs in areas such as dewatering and shoring, balanced by potential savings elsewhere. Work is on schedule, and the public location has not caused any issues.

Eightmile Lake Dam Rebuild EIS and Next Steps: The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Eightmile Lake Dam rebuild has been released. The preferred alternative is option 2. Discussions are ongoing about funding, and IPID is waiting for a decision from the USFS regarding further environmental review.

Tribal Fishery Improvements: Pickets are in place but were not closed fully this season due to not hitting the 50-fish trigger; they are prepared for the next season. Bidding for a restroom facility has begun, with construction expected by fall or early spring. Conceptual designs for the historic channel are under review, and discussions with landowners are positive. A PIT tag array has been installed above structure 5, and another will be installed above the boulder field soon. Funding has been secured through Reclamation.

Reach assessment: Interfluve is gathering background information for the reach assessment, with some input needed from the work group. They aim to collect all necessary information by early September.

Public Comment

No public comment.

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