

ICICLE STRATEGY

Icicle Work Group Meeting

Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort, Leavenworth, Quail Room

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Thursday, October 10, 1:40 – 4:00pm

A G E N D A

Start Time	Topic
1:40pm	Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review, Decisions Requested Today,
1:45pm	Domestic Water Supply Subgroup Recommendation to IWG <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report from Subgroup• Discussion and Requested IWG Decision on Recommendation
2:30pm	Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Debrief 10/3 Wilderness Stakeholder meeting• Seattle Community Meeting- Date and Preparations• Leavenworth Community Meeting – Date and Preparations• Leavenworth community engagement night – Date and Topic• Newsletter
3:00pm	Short Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COIC project• Eightmile Lake Dam Rebuild• Alpine Lakes Automation• Tribal Fishery Improvements
3:30pm	Public Comment
3:40pm	Wrap Up and Adjourn <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upcoming meeting dates<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Steering Committee meeting – November 14, 2024, Confluence Technology Center○ IWG – December 12, 2024, Confluence Technology Center

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MEETING SUMMARY - ICICLE STRATEGY

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Members/Alternates present: Levi Jantzer, IPID; Melissa Downes, ECY-OCR; Mike Kaputa, Chelan County; Carl Florea, City of Leavenworth; Tessa Reeder, WWT; Shon Smith, Chelan County Commission; Brock Hoenes, WDFW; Nate White, WDFW; Theo Burgoon, TU; Ariaahna Jones, Triangle Associates (for ICWC); Erica Taecker, USFS; Cory Kamphaus, YN; Sharon Lunz, ICWC; Bill Gale, USFWS; Matt Maxey, USFWS; Chuck Brushwood, CTCR; Jason Breidert, CTCR

Guests Present: David Ortman (online)

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

Domestic Water Supply Subgroup Recommendation to IWG

Report from Subgroup:

The subgroup has focused on interpreting the rule's language around release of the 0.4cfs domestic reserve concerning *habitat restoration*, and worked on identifying and highlighting technical details needed to make an informed recommendation. The current drafted letter to Ecology offers a comprehensive view compared to the previous version; it integrates the findings that these past 6-months of meetings have developed. The primary difference of this letter is the inclusion of an incremental approach that allows release of water upon completion of certain projects (COIC, IPID Pumpback, Automation.)

Comments from Domestic Water Supply Subgroup Members on Process:

- Cory: Incremental approach achieved through extensive meetings; compromise works for all parties.
- Brock: Initial uncertainty due to limited knowledge; now, group has a strong foundation to proceed.
- Chuck: Emphasized trust and collaboration, finding middle ground to meet domestic needs while protecting Icicle Creek.
- Mike: Group made progress, but there is still more to be done. The submission of the letter is only the beginning of the process so we need to keep thinking about how we will proceed with rule amendment.
- Carl: Face-to-face meetings built trust; balance needed between domestic water needs and fish preservation.

Discussion and Requested Decision:

- Sharon raised questions over the decision to use COIC as a project that would allow a water release under the rule and requested clarification over the feasibility of this since the COIC water is seasonally available (irrigation season). Chuck responded that the subgroup tried to take a holistic approach to finding a comprehensive solution and since, by virtue of the COIC project, the benefit will at minimum be 11.9cfs, the group felt comfortable with agreeing to include COIC as a trigger project for .2 cfs and the benefit from these projects will offset the release of the reserved water. The increased demand associated with the released domestic reserve will primarily be during the summer season, which is also the season the COIC project will be adding flow to the creek.
- Climate analysis update: expected from Dan on Tuesday for subgroup discussion.
- Rule-making queue: current queue includes two amendments; OCR has also submitted an amendment application but is on hold for now.

Decision: group approval to proceed with drafting letter to Ecology given the information presented today. Peter will take the lead drafting this letter, which will be reviewed by the Domestic Water Supply Subgroup and reviewed/approved by the IWG before sending to Ecology.

Next Steps:

- Upcoming subgroup meeting to consider new climate change/projects stack up and finalize letter draft.
- Coordination with Ecology to try to expedite the amendment process.
- Final decision on letter recipient(s) and signatories.

Outreach

Debrief on 10/3 Wilderness Stakeholder Meeting:

- Peter held a meeting (invite only) in Seattle for the Wilderness Stakeholder group that had previously worked with the IWG to provide input on Eightmile Dam replacement to engage/update on automation. The participants were very engaged and overall, there was a good understanding and support for the project.
- Members who were able to attend said they thought the presentation from IPID was great and the input from the stakeholders was positive and promising for future engagement and support.
- There was mention of more engagement from those stakeholder groups but all groups have limited capacity to participate in the IWG- Peter made a commitment to engage with them more.

Seattle Community Meeting - Date and Preparations

- Scheduling challenges; ideal dates are in late November (e.g., before Thanksgiving) or early December, avoiding conflicts for key members.

Leavenworth Community Engagement Night - Date and Preparations

- Scheduled for October 29th, from 4-7 PM, Mary Jo and Abby will be there to talk about the Icicle Strategy and COIC

Newsletter

- Newsletter is ready. Will be published when the date for the Seattle meeting is finalized.

Short Updates

Budget review: Mary Jo is doing a mid-biennium budget check and will update the Steering Committee in November. She expects to find areas where the IWG may want to shift funding around a bit.

COIC project: there is a lot going on. Working on all the laterals. Shore Street is the biggest and taking the longest. Won't reach Sleeping Lady until after Oktoberfest.

Eightmile Lake Dam Rebuild: resetting conceptual design to go with preferred alternative from the EIS, FEMA funding needs to be spent by June 2025; IPID plans for 60% design to be complete by then.

Alpine Lakes Automation: data loggers will be collected soon. Dan Haller's team is still working with Day Wireless on setting up a trial, waiting on permits from USWF to start this trial.

Tribal Fishery Improvements: NSD presented options for sediment management, discussions on different options for construction techniques and the types of structures built. Once this is finalized, the design could then come to landowners to get input on preferences (working on this over winter).

Public Comment

Mr. David Ortman commented that the Icicle Strategy "workgroup" link on Ecology's website does not work. He also expressed disappointment that as of Tuesday, the location and time for this IWG meeting did not appear on the Icicle Strategy meeting webpage <https://iciclestrategy.com/meetings> and that the August 8, 2024, IWG meeting summary has still not been posted. He requested that the group do better.

Wrap-up and Adjourn

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