

# RDA Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

## WebEx

Call to Order: 9:04

Attendees: Geoff Baran (Ecology), Shayne Cothorn (DNR), Don Noviello (WDFW), Rob Whitlam (DAHP), Mark Toy (DOH), Jessica Logan (PARKS), Kara Tebeau (AAG), Marla Steinhoff (NOAA), Jason Lundgren (Cascade Fisheries), Aaron Rosenblum (Cascade Fisheries), Rose Longoria (Yakama Nation), Hans Smith (Yakama Nation)

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the March 11, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Motion passed.

Adjournment: 10:06

## Minutes

I. No New Business

II. Old Business

### A. *Open RDA Case Updates*

#### 1. *Coleman Oil Company, March 28, 2017 r-diesel spills into the Columbia River*

- Geoff summarized the incident: On March 18, 2017, Ecology was notified of an oil sheen in the Columbia River. A broken underground transmission line owned by Coleman Oil was leaking r99 biodiesel into groundwater, and travelling via groundwater into the Columbia River. A multi-week response ensued. An estimated 4,543 gallons of r99 oil was lost, and 703 gallons was removed in contaminated soil, leaving an estimated 3,840 gallons spilled into the Columbia River. In lieu of paying a natural resource damage assessment claim, Coleman Oil has proposed funding a restoration project. Ecology assisted Coleman Oil in soliciting projects, and sent four projects to Coleman Oil for consideration. Coleman Oil has proposed funding the Lower Sleepy Hollow Preserve Restoration project to be administered by Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (Cascade Fisheries).
- Aaron Rosenblum of the Cascade Fisheries presented the project to the committee. The main tasks include:
  - Noxious Weed Control
  - Native plant installation in 5-acre pasture land
    - Includes wood mulch and irrigation
  - Installation of interpretive signage
    - Educational, includes P'squoa (Wenachi) language, and Spanish TranslationBenefits include:
  - Increased shade to waters of the Lower Wenatchee
  - Increased filtering of sediments that are delivered through runoff
  - Increased nutrients, food, and structure for fish and wildlife
  - Limiting the distribution and spread of noxious weeds

- Rob asked if any of this funding could be used as match. Aaron said that they have secured a \$27,000 grant to improve erosion control features on this property and intend to leverage the RDA funding to seek additional grants.
- Rob asked if the interpretive signage will include any acknowledgement of the funding source. Jason Lundgren (Cascade Fisheries) said that this has been done in the past, and can be arranged.
- Rose Longoria (Yakama Nation) asked how this project was proposed vs. other available projects. Geoff explained that projects were solicited broadly, and all options were given to Coleman Oil to make the decision. The committee was not asked for advice in selecting the project.
- Rose noted that of all resources, fish were likely impacted most by the spill. Other projects given to Coleman Oil are more directed at salmon recovery.
- Hans Smith (Yakama Nation) added that of priority projects in this area, this does not rank as highly.
- Aaron noted that this project does improve fish habitat, and that projects like this typically do not receive high prioritization because their benefits take a long time to realize.
- Geoff moved to approve the project. Motion passed.

### III. Announcements

- Response-NRDA Specialist Position is accepting applications.