

Shoreline Master Program Meeting

Chelan County Fire District #1, 206 Easy St., Wenatchee
June 26, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- 9:00 Introductions & Updates (Kaputa)
9:10 Review Public Outreach Materials (Fonville)
- SMP Fact Sheet
 - List of Interactions
- 9:30 Jurisdiction (Summe & Kaputa)
- Review revised maps and discuss map layers
 - Discuss Table of Proposed SMP Jurisdiction (listed by stream name)
- 10:15 Break
10:30 Shoreline Inventory Update (Summe)
- Review list of data collected
 - Review list of remaining data needs/gaps
 - Review example map set
- 11:30 Sub-Committee establishment (Kaputa)
12:00 Adjourn

Meeting Notes:

In attendance: Cary Siess, Don Bolstad, Paul Gray, Clynda Case, Lilith Yanagimachi, Susan Driver, Jenae Miller, Buford Howell, Mike Kaputa, Steve Vaughn, Brian Frampton, Craig Gildroy, Kelly Larimer, David Holland, George Wilson, Bob Sheehan, Peri Gallucci, Werner Janssen, Jamie Wallace, Keith Goehner, and Erin Fonville.

Introductions/Updates

- The County and Cities have signed the interlocal agreement that ends on June 30, 2008 and will start drafting the next phase of the agreement to go through June 30, 2009.
- The Army Core of Engineers (ACOE), the Services (US Fish & Wildlife, NOAA Fisheries) and WADNR are looking at over water structures (2001 or newer construction) on the Columbia River for inventory, compliance with regulations and possible enforcement. Currently, they are in the information gathering phase. Debbie Knaub (ACOE) says that they will plan to start work on Lake Chelan once complete with the Columbia River. Mike Kaputa suggested to ACOE, to coordinate their effort with the Shoreline Master Program as part of the inventory. This effort may extend out past the two areas they have been looking into. The Questions the ACOE are looking into are: 1) Are all the regulations by different permitting agencies in compliance with each other? 2) Should we try to develop some consistencies?
 - Comments received during update topic:
 - Paul Gray mentioned that we should look at when permits were first required and when the structures were built.
 - George Wilson mentioned that there are changing requirements and inconsistencies in definitions between permitting agencies (i.e. Lake Wenatchee Dam). If there is any anticipation of removing dams that are not in compliance, we should look at retro-fitting them to bring into compliance.

- Clynda Case mentioned that the survey is looking at 2001 or newer for the inventory of over water structures. Douglas County did a similar mapping exercise with docks as part of their SMP update. There is also a report that was recently completed by University of Washington students on Lake Washington looking at standards for docks and consistency among all permitting agencies.
- Mike Kaputa mentioned that WSDOT wants to surplus ownership of their property along the Wenatchee River at the mouth of Peshastin Creek (also known as the DOT gravel pit). The property is located where many rafters take out to portage around the dam. The County is working with WDFW to acquire the property, if the exchange or purchase goes through the property would belong to WDFW. The County is looking at the potential for restoration activities at the site.

Public Outreach Materials

- Reviewed SMP brochure designed by Jones & Stokes (*Attachment 1, filename: SMP_mtgattachments_062608*)
 - Comments received:
 - List out contacts for city, county, consultant on back under “Need more information” instead of using a sticker.
 - On front page; add Chelan County above “Shoreline Master Program”; enlarge logo and move to center (in the light blue area)
 - Under “What are Shorelines”; remove the wording “shorelines of the state”
 - Add in “over-water structures” to what do shorelines cover
 - Clarify building height of structures (i.e. houses) instead of docks.
 - Try to make the brochure sound less bureaucratic and more in laymen terms.
 - The County would like to receive all comments on the brochure by July 11th. Erin Fonville will send out a reminder e-mail to the group and all comments can be sent directly to her.
 - Cities will get the numbers of brochures that they think they may use (i.e. as stuffers in utility billings, etc.) to Erin. We can always have more brochures printed as we need to.
- Mike Kaputa will be meeting with landowners in Stehekin on a separate issue and will try to put time on the agenda to discuss the SMP update.
- Jamie Wallace suggested that the County try to get on the agenda at Realtor meetings and the Chelan Council. Leavenworth & Chelan have their office meetings on Tuesdays. Mary Hull and Jeff Holman (Chelan Council) are the contacts.
- Briefly reviewed the Public Participation Checklist (*Attachment 2*). We are using the checklist to document our public outreach activities.

Shoreline Inventory Update (*Agenda Change, switched with Jurisdiction*)

- The map inventory scale agreed to by Ecology (DOE) and the County is 1:9,600 for cities and Urban Growth Areas (UGA's); and 1:48,000 for all other.
- Bob Sheehan mentioned that the Forest Service has a GIS layer for improved areas.
- Chelan County Public Works has looked at public easement and road access, should contact to see if this information is available.
- George Wilson mentioned that there are strips of 20' public access easements along Lake Wenatchee every 600'.
- The public's ability to access water is of high importance to Chelan County.
- County Public Access Plan to provide consistent and predictable public access. We may be able to tie the plan to the transportation or trails plan.
- Will use inventory and analysis work to develop the public access portion.

- Jamie Wallace suggested that we should do our best to figure out what is happening on the ground through field visits as part of the inventory work and not rely solely on aerial photos.
- In Douglas County's SMP update some of the designation process did not meet existing conditions on the ground.
- George Wilson mentioned that we may want to include the PUD sewer system at Lake Wenatchee in our inventory.
- RH2 is looking at utility water as part of the subarea plan for Lake Chelan WRIA 47.
- The inventory report will be used to set the baseline for our conditions and environmental designations.
- DOE's "No Net Loss" standard will be used to compare our current baseline.
- There is no data available on a ground water survey.
- We reviewed the example map portfolio of the Wenatchee River corridor on screen. Because of the amount of maps (over 200 maps per theme) that will be created as part of the inventory process we will be minimizing the amount of printing and possibly have a few hard copies to pass around at meetings. We will also have map packets (hard copies) available to review at the city, county (Community Development and Natural Resources) offices and plan to have the maps posted on our ftp site and cd's available for anyone that needs them. The county also has the ability to host an ARCGIS viewer map program on the Shoreline Master Program website that people could go to view maps. We would set it up so that each map theme is a separate layer. This idea would be very user friendly and benefit the advisory committee by allowing members to zoom into an area of interest and click on the information they are interested in versus sorting through a bunch of maps to find what they are looking for.

Jurisdiction

- Reviewed handout titled "Chelan County Proposed SMP Jurisdiction Rivers and Streams by Landowner" (*Attachment 3*).
- Jurisdiction also covers within the flood plain and any associated wetlands.
- The county will be scheduling a meeting with the USFS District Rangers to discuss the SMP and federal lands in the near future.
- After reviewing the USGS report from our past meeting we had The Watershed Company look at areas that are not currently under shorelines jurisdiction.
- A synthesized hydrograph was almost completed for Chumstick Creek (Matt Karrer from the Forest Service was working on it).
- Most of the "new" parcels are located near the bottom of the stream segments.
- There is a minor margin of error in the USGS report with the data used from the 1970's. Some questions on how accurate the data is. DOE's uses mean annual flow to determine if the water resource falls into jurisdiction.
- We could possibly have Matt Karrer give a presentation to the group about what information has been collected and how that would interact with the USGS study and DOE's requirements.
- Jamie Wallace mentioned that Colockum has existing houses and potential for conversion of orchards into future uses. Colockum is not currently under jurisdiction.
- Paul Gray doesn't believe the mean annual flow for the Colockum meets the 20 cfs and for the Chumstick he mentioned that the 20 cfs point should be about Merry Canyon.
- Per Bob Sheehan the mouth of Fish Creek is located at Moore Point along Lake Chelan and Fish Creek hits the Alpine Wilderness boundary.
- Buford Howell asked what advantage will adding the new areas to our jurisdiction include? Are we gaining anything?

- Clynda Case explained that if we choose not to use the USGS report to determine our jurisdiction we must have enough information and data to prove that the stream does not meet the 20 cfs mean annual flow criteria.
- Mike Kaputa mentioned that our level of focus will be on the higher intensity uses within shorelines. The intensity of uses differs from place to place.
- This can be reflected in our regulations and we could have 2 different sets of rules on our designations.
- We currently have 4 environmental designations: natural (i.e. Napeequa), conservancy, urban (i.e. Wenatchee), and rural.
- It was mentioned that if we try to impact people's abilities there will be resistance.
- Between the SMP and Critical Areas the most restrictive rules apply. Part of effort with the update is to make them more consistent with each other.
- There is a clarification of the red and blue buffers on the jurisdiction maps. The buffers not only include the 200' jurisdiction but any associated wetlands and floodplains.
- Mike Kaputa asked the group if just looking only at what would be considered the new jurisdiction after the USGS report was a reasonable approach. There was a "yes" consensus among the group.
- There was some discussion on whether to begin outreach to residents in the new areas that fall in jurisdiction and to schedule a meeting with them or send a letter. We are in the data gathering phase and need to talk to the people we know and gather more information first. Right now we can't answer the question on how will this affect me?
- Once we have more information we will contact the affected residents and host a workshop.

Sub-Committee Establishment

- We are looking at the possibility of creating smaller groups (sub-committees) that would meet separate of the whole committee and focus on certain interests. These groups would then provide updates for the larger group.
- By creating smaller interest groups we would be able to focus our time and energy more effectively.
- One idea is to create geographic specific sub-committees or separate public access, policy and regulations, and public outreach sub-committees.
- The county will work on developing a sub-committee set up proposal and send out to the group via e-mail before our next scheduled meeting.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, September 11th, 9-12 at the Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Center Way, Wenatchee.