

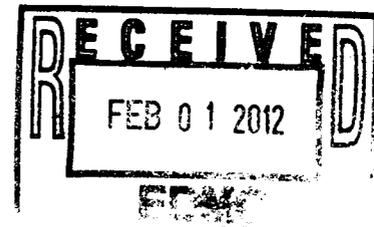
**Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (HNRTC)
Senior Trustee Conference Call**

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 - 3:00-4:00 pm

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Meeting Participants:

Senior Trustees	Council Technical Trustees	Others
Matt McCormick, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)	Barbara Harper, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR)	Steve Wisness, YAHSGS (contract support to DOE)
Kate Benkert, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	Doug Shoop, DOE	Ruth Nicholson, Nicholson Facilitation & Associates, LLC (contractor)
Craig O'Connor, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	Dana Ward, DOE	
Gabriel Bohnee, Nez Perce Tribe	Janis Ward, DOE	
Ken Niles, State of Oregon	Russ MacRae, FWS	
Jeff Tayer, State of Washington	Charlene Andrade, NOAA	
Polly Zehm, State of Washington	Jack Bell, Nez Perce Tribe	
Phil Rigdon, Yakama Nation	Paul Shaffer, State of Oregon	
	Larry Goldstein, State of Washington	
	Russell Jim, Yakama Nation	



The primary focus of this conference call was to update the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (Council) senior trustees on the progress made to date by the Council's technical trustees in developing a budget request for Fiscal Year 2013 (FY2013). The request is still not complete awaiting final discussion and decisions on how many studies to undertake and the amount of money to be requested by the trustee organizations to support their work on the Council and Technical Working Groups. The group is still awaiting a participation funding request from the Yakama Nation.

Russ MacRae, Council chair, provided an update to the seniors on work to date, including the prioritization of 12 possible studies. The seniors were in general agreement that it was important to get at least the first few studies underway and show progress and results from the Council's work. The seniors were also concerned about the capacity of the technical

trustees to manage as many as 12 studies at one time. Concerns remain about how efficiently the Council is currently operating.

DOE gave an update on federal funding for FY2011 and FY2012 in light of ongoing Continuing Resolutions. The expectation is that funding levels will be reduced in FY2011 to \$2-4.5 million. DOE is expecting something similar in FY2012. It is difficult to plan in light of the current budgetary uncertainty. DOE committed to submit the Council's FY2013 budget request in full if that request reflected the consensus of the Council.

Senior Trustee Meeting

Due to the unavailability of all of the senior trustees, the previously-scheduled senior trustee meeting on March 17th was cancelled. The seniors requested that the facilitator put out another Doodle poll to find a substitute date in late March or in April. The seniors expressed a preference for a face-to-face meeting over a mixed in-person meeting with some participants calling in on a conference call line.

The conference call ended at 4:00 pm.