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HNRTC Agenda for June 30, 2005

Department of Ecology Meeting Room, Richland, WA

Thursday – June 30, 2005

8:00—8:30	HNRTC business issues (Steffeck) Meeting minutes for May 25, 2005 Vice Chair for 2005 for Vice Hughes position Nominations for 06 (Vice Chair) Summary of May 25, 2005 ERWG meeting
8:30 - 10:30	Discussion of Data GAP workshop (ALL) Next Steps Results Summary
10:30 - 10:45	BREAK)
10:45 – 11:15	Columbia River ERA workshop update(Vigue))
11:15-12:00	Agenda for 9/05 Lowell HNRTC meeting (ALL)
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH
1:00 – 2:00	Risk Assessment Integration (Baker) Update on the draft charter and next steps Discuss the role NOAA is playing as HNRTC representative
2:00 – 2:45	Federal Facility Task Force , Summary and Discussions (Baker and ALL))
2:45 – 3:00	BREAK
3:00 – 3:30	Reference Site White Paper(Shaffer, McConnaughey, Harper))
3:30 – 4:00	Wrap up and discussions

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Natural Resource Trustee Council
Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2005
Richland, Washington

Participants:

CTUIR	**WDOE**
Barbara Harper	John Price
Rico Cruz	
	WDFW
NPT	Lauri Vigue
Dan Landeen	Doug Robison
USFWS	**YN**
Don Steffeck	Jay McConnaughey
	Wade Riggsbee
ODOE	
Paul Shaffer	**USDOE**
	Steve Wisness, RL
NOAA	Dana Ward, RL
Mary Baker	Jamie Zeisloft, RL
	Karen Lutz, RL
DOE Contractors	John Sands, RL
Tom Marceau, BHI	
Donna Morgan,	**Others**
Roger Dirkes, PNNL	Callie Ridolfi, Ridolfi, Inc (NOAA)
Ted Poston, PNNL	Tom Bowden, Ridolfi, Inc

June 30, 2005

Welcome, Announcements & Agenda (Steffeck)

Don Steffeck opened the meeting, welcomed attendees, and initiated introductions. Karen Lutz was introduced as new DOE RL staff member in Communications who may have some presence with the HNRTC as her responsibilities are established.

HNRTC Business Issues (Steffeck)

Meeting Minutes (All): The meeting minutes for the May 2005 HNRTC meeting were passed out for discussion. Concerns were expressed that the minutes may be getting 'scrubbed' by DOE and that comments are not being incorporated as expected. RL

assured everyone that they were not being revised and that very few RL staff even saw them prior to the Trustee review draft. All review comments are not being incorporated verbatim (wording changes and additions, as well as deletions). Comments on the same text by multiple reviewers require rewording of suggested revisions in some cases. It was agreed that emphasis would be placed on comments from the person making the initial statements in the meeting if possible, including contacting individuals in cases where conflicting comments are received. It was suggested that the meeting minutes should go back to more summary information with a focus on major decisions and actions as was agreed in the September 2004 meeting. Additional comments on areas of concern in the May 25, 2005 minutes will be incorporated into the latest version and the minutes will be discussed further, including a review of action items, at the September 2005 meeting. (ACTION # 55)

Vice Chair Replacement for 2005 and Nomination for 2006 (Steffeck): Larry Goldstein was approved to replace Suzan Hughes as Vice-Chair for the remainder of FY 2005 and become the Chair in FY 2006. In addition, Paul Shaffer was nominated and approved as Vice Chair for FY 2006. Resolution to be drafted by Don Steffeck for approval in September 2005 meeting. (ACTION # 56) *Note: This action has changed with the recent news that Suzan Hughes would not be leaving the state of Oregon position.*

HNRTC Telephone List (All): Suggestions were made to make the list more consistent. The individuals in the cc: list will be moved up into their respective organizations, signatory/policy level list will be corrected to include Gabriel Bohnee for the Nez Perce Tribe. Lauri Vigue will provide further changes. List will be updated and submitted to HNRTC at the September meeting. (ACTION # 57)

Summary of May 25, 2005 ERWG Meeting (Steffeck): Brief review of meeting. Solicited input on mitigation action plan from Trustees. Need for a HNRTC 'conceptual plan' for mitigation at Hanford to address overall needs and avoid one-at-a-time approach currently in place. Topics that were discussed briefly that could be included or addressed in 'plan' were locations where mitigation would be most effective, loss due to fire, geographical areas, restoration ratios, NEPA versus CERCLA actions and subsequent Trustee responsibilities, BRMaP/BRMIS/'conceptual plan' relationships, response actions, and injury assessment plan versus mitigation plan. Other issues no doubt exist. Current site selection protocol calls for staying close to impacted area. Perhaps better to move away where protection of mitigated area may be enhanced. Either way, we need updated HNRTC position presented to the Tri-Parties. Discussion to be continued during September 2005 meeting. Draft "conceptual plan" for mitigation expected to be ready for Council review by September 21, 2005. (ACTION # 58) Trustees could of course provide input on current mitigation action land as individual trustees as well as Council 'conceptual plan' position paper.

<u>Discussion of Data Gap Workshop (All)</u>

An update on the status of the document entries and reviews was provided by C. Ridolfi. Over 500 documents have been entered into the database and reviews are being initiated at

this time. Approximately 100 documents have not been located and a listing of these will be sent to RL for help in obtaining copies. The review form, including 'classifications', was handed out. Additional publication lists obtained from 'experts' during the completion of the worksheets will be forwarded from R. Dirkes to C. Ridolfi. The form is consistent and compatible with that used by the River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment (RCBRA). Classifications include geographic area, study focus, limitations, resources, and contaminants of concern. Endpoints that were designed for the RCBRA may need to be expanded to include those necessary for injury evaluations. Consideration of quality factors also needed. It was determined that the entry of documents should not be constrained by geographic area at this time, better to get as many documents in the database as possible. Focus to date on biological media, also need to capture contaminants in air, soil, water, sediment, etc. Ultimate level of data entry is not captured in the handout, drop down menus are included for most classifications to allow for additional detailed entries. There is also a data dictionary, consistent with the RCBRA. It is important for Trustees to review the checklist for completeness and provide input. An example of the data entry package will be available for Trustee review and comment by the end of July (ACTIONS # 59).

Feedback from 'experts' during workshop was generally considered good, although there was a sense of defensiveness noted at the beginning. The afternoon session, where 15 needs or areas of additional study were identified, was considered most useful. Some disappointment was expressed in the lack of detail that was obtained, although it was felt that an additional couple hours may have gotten us there. More information may have been gleaned from individual scientists as opposed to the group format. Trustees need to consider input from scientists along with information from Callie's initial efforts to identify where to focus Trustee feedback. Conference call for further discussion and identification of Trustee priorities set for July 11, 1:00 to 3:00. Target September meeting to identify specific needs to move forward on. Suggestions on information received and reviewed to date indicate toxicological information, amphibians, and hyporheic zone as areas where additional information is needed. Other areas suggested as topics for further consideration in this process included synergistic effects, effects of multiple stressors, needs beyond Hanford community, identification of impacts in environment and follow-up to define cause, need to identify good reference site, and usefulness of IBI. Microorganisms in near-shore groundwater was also discussed as a possible information need as well. Work by Bert Cushing may be useful in evaluating this need. (ACTIONS # 59)

The possibility and usefulness of a follow-up workshop was discussed, perhaps focused on the central plateau since the last workshop emphasized the aquatic environment. Another approach included Trustees following up with individual, or a small group of, scientists to gather additional detail about specific needs of interest and reporting back to the Council. Dan Landeen to contact individual scientists to discus specific needs relative to chromium entering the river. (ACTION # 60) Trustee Council needs to act relatively quickly to assure they have input into ongoing ERAs. 100/300 Area SAP are out for review in a week, comments are due back ~ August 10, 2005. 100BC Pilot results report workshop also is coming up. Milestones cannot slip, therefore all need to get recommendation in to

assure Trustee issues are addressed. Chromium seems likely candidate in light of new 'discoveries' in groundwater and unknown source(s). Is there adequate characterization? Was clean-up to 15 mrem/15 feet adequate? Is groundwater plume growing? Briefing on this subject would be useful, perhaps scheduled during one of the July workshops? Steve Wisness will check into possibility of groundwater brief. (ACTION # 65)

Columbia River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment – Lauri Vigue

A summary of the RCBRA meeting was provided to the Council. The meeting involved each of the 5 subcontractors working on the data compilation activity giving a summary status briefing, including preliminary findings. One issue identified early on was the situation surrounding the BHI contract and the potential impacts to this project. BHI was recently replaced as the River Corridor contractor by Washington Group, therefore, the subcontracts would have to be terminated and new contracts established with the new lead contractor. Subsequent discussions revealed that the RCBRA would be reinstated into the new contract and that the study would at a minimum go on through the Work Plan preparation during FY06. Trustees are concerned about additional integration issues with new contractor(s) coming on board. Other issues included the apparent limited amount of 'acceptable' data, students apparently making decisions on background levels of contaminants, exclusion of terrestrial animals in plants for the whole project, and what happens to data not used in ERAs that could be used for other purposes. Tom Marceau came in after lunch and alleviated all the concerns for the time being: data is just now beginning to be evaluated on acceptability by use classifications (1 being best, 4 being not useful) – nothing thrown out yet; students are not screening out data as compared to background; terrestrial plants and animals are in the risk assessment; and all data collected will be maintained for potential use by others whether or not it is screened out of this ERA. An outline, including high level summary, exists for the final data compilation report that will be provided electronically to the Trustees. (ACTION # 66)

Agenda for September 7-8, 2005 Trustee Meeting in Lowell, Idaho – All

A number of potential agenda items were put on the table, including

- Data Compilation and Gap Identification
- Mitigation/Restoration – Trustee position
- Risk Integration status
- Overview of Cr in river
- Status of clean-up contract and assessments
- Specific Trustee recommendations for ERAs
- Tri-Party Activity Update -- Timeline for 'large' projects
    - Timelines
    - RODs and closure strategies
    - Integration framework
- Guest Speaker – NP Elder – history

Conference call is scheduled for August 23, 2005 to finalize agenda items. Draft agenda will be sent out by D. Steffeck prior to the call. (ACTION # 54)

Some discussion of whether or not legal representatives would be attending the meeting. The HNRTC can't preclude their attendance, however, the general sense was that they were not needed. A few topics came up (eg., final RODs, site closure strategies, etc.) that may warrant the presence of legal, particularly in light of pending litigation and the regulatory clock associated with some actions. 300FF1 ROD is coming up and the 300FF1 Remedial Action Report is out. Jamie Zeisloft took action to get copies to Trustees. (ACTION # 61) Final RODs and closure plans brings up legal issues and questions relative to the HNRTC. A closure contract will develop closure strategy, therefore legal involvement may be appropriate. Left this topic anticipating that no legal representatives would be present, however, legal staff could attend on their own accord. If Trustee was to become aware that legal representative was planning to attend then a courtesy notification to other Trustees would be appropriate and appreciated.

100 Area Chromium Update – John Price

Expect to do more source investigation this year to try and define various sources contributing to Cr groundwater plumes. Big picture approach since Cr is showing up in 100 F, D, N, K, and BC areas and we need to identify source(s) in order to plan clean-up and/or treatment options. May include soil analysis, pulling pipelines, overlay pipe maps with groundwater plume maps, evaluate GW monitoring network and results, sampling along transport rail lines, and effectiveness of pump and treat systems.

Risk Assessment Integration – Mary Baker, All

Brief discussion of Hanford contracts in terms of numbers and contracting strategy ensued. It was noted that the number of contracts, the strategy, and the changing of primary contractors as contracts are reassigned all play a part of the challenge before us in trying to integrate risk assessment activities at Hanford.

The risk integration work group has redrafted the 'charter' and 3 concerns were identified that were pertinent to the HNRTC, including

- Assurance that risk integration includes injury studies
- What can be incorporated into clean-up actions relative to NRDA and natural resources
- Is HNRTC linked to all decisions and actions pertaining to natural resources

Risk assessment integration responsibility is now under the Configuration Management Group (CMG). This group provides guidance to maximize consistencies across the Site, however, it has no authority on clean-up or decisions making. The CMG has indicated they want to receive HNRTC concerns. Concerns related to clean-up will be transmitted to the appropriate decision-maker. Concerns will be worked at the lowest level possible with the authority to implement the resolution. Three workshops are planned:

- Communication procedure, August 2, 2005
- Cumulative Risk/Composite Analysis, tbd
- Risk assessment in decision-making, tbd

HNRTC needs to decide how they want to be involved and define the process. Items discussed included how natural resource interests can be used for ERAs, integration of natural resource recovery into clean-up activities, and integrate NRDA into clean-up actions. Intent was to have HNRTC input into CMG for consideration in risk integration effort. The CMG wants input but they recognize that they are not the ones that will resolve NRDA issues. There was extensive discussion about the risk assessment integration effort with numerous concerns expressed ranging from the role of the HNRTC to the fear that involvement may be construed to be the HNRTC position on NRDA issues and that HNRTC participation may be considered involvement and consultation with all the individual Trustees. It was clarified for the record, and DOE acknowledged, that HNRTC participation did not equate to Tribal consultation. It was agreed that the language in the charter must not be inconsistent with that in the Trustee documentation (By-Laws, etc.) and must not undermine the basic responsibilities and authorities of the Trustees. There was also much discussion about having a representative for the HNRTC, how the representative and the Council would interact, responsibilities and authorities of the representative, and how having a HNRTC representative may jeopardize the rights of the individual Trustees. Don Steffeck took responsibility to draft a position paper on how a representative would 'represent' the HNRTC and provide it to the council members for review. (ACTION # 62)

Reference Location Selection – Paul Shaffer, Jay M^{c}Connaughey, Barb Harper

The draft white paper on the selection of reference sites was not yet completed. A preliminary draft Finding and draft white paper on reference sites was handed out for use in the meeting and further review by the Trustees. Definitions and references are still being worked. Current plan calls for these drafts to be finalized offline, provided to the Trustees for final review, conference call for resolution, and a final document to be completed for Lowell meeting. (ACTION # 63)

Federal Facility Task Force – Mary Baker

A quick review of the Federal Facility Task Force activities was presented. The outlook is better with DOE, however, still not adequate with respect to NRDA and Trustee issues. DOE representatives indicated they are integrating NRDA with remediation. The 1997 guidance for integration is still 'blessed'.

Meeting Adjourned – Don Steffeck

The meeting was adjourned, with a request to distribute the action item list as soon as possible since several members had left and would not be aware of actions during the last couple hours of the meeting. (ACTION # 64)

ACTION ITEMS FROM 5/25/05 and 6/30/05 NRTC MEETINGS
(07/14/05)

	ASSIGNEE / ACTION	Date Assigned	Date Completed
2.	a) Update general information on Web page – D.Ward b) Review update, comment to D.Ward ASAP c) General Review by Trustees, comment to DWard d) Add ERA participation and link to BHI ERA website – J. Zeisloft ACTION: HNRTC - All	9/11/03 12/1/04 5/25/05 5/25/05	4th Qtr 04 Ongoing
3.	Set up a conference call with trustees to move forward on the USGS proposal integrating Sculpin studies into the DQO process • informal discussion 04 SETAC Mtg • conference call planned in January • conference call planned in near future • Conference call planned ACTION: Don Steffeck	7/13/04 12/1/04 2/23/05 5/25/05	Delayed
7.	ERDF, IDF and Bulk Vitrification construction projects underway which may have land disturbance impacts. • Reviews underway • Propose lay down yard to less sensitive area • Resolve next month or so • Review status • Draft Mitigation Action Plan (MAP) to Trustees • Comments on MAP to RL • Include ERDF MAP as agenda item in September ACTION: Trustees	9/8/04 12/1/04 2/23/05 2/24/05 5/25/05 5/25/05	Ongoing Done
9.	Provide Dana Ward updates to mailing list, especially individuals that need to be copied on information. Dana keep the e-mail list and mailing list current. • Mailing list provided to Trustees 12/1/04 • Mary Baker (NOAA) added • Update information due to D.Ward ASAP • Addition of Paul Shaffer • Provide copies at next HNRTC meeting • NOAA support print file – continue status ACTION: Dana Ward	9/8/94 12/1/04 2/23/05 2/23/05 5/25/05	Ongoing
10.	Attorneys to work together to review MOA and develop language that allows unencumbered technical discussions to continue. Ray Givens • Discussed in 12/1/04 meeting; attorneys should work together to review/rework MOA	9/8/04 12/1/04, 2/23/05	Ongoing

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	• Legal working – D. Steffeck get status from FWS legal	5/25/05	
24.	a) add NOAA as an HNRTC member b) decision/resolution to make NOAA a voting member c) NOAA to request membership -- M. Baker d) HNRTC to prepare resolution to add NOAA - HNRTC e) continued ACTION: HNRTC, Mary Baker	12/1/04 12/10/04 2/23/05 2/23/05 5/25/05	Ongoing
30.	Provide Ray (Austin) Johnson biological database electronically • Confirm completion • Confirm completion – D. Ward ACTION: D. Ward	12/2/04 2/23/05 5/25/05	Ongoing
38.	Trustee Ecological Study Matrix Workshop • Establish subcommittee (Dan Landeen – lead, Jay McConnaughey, Lauri Vigue, Larry Goldstein, Dana Ward, Barbara Harper, Roger Dirkes) • Organize workshop - Define purpose of workshop, use of matrix - Establish criteria upon which to work on matrix - Establish agenda for workshop - Identify participants and facilitator - 2-days, scheduled 2 months in advance - draft subcommittee input to HNRTC by 3/30/05 • Status next meeting, 6/30/05 ACTION: SubCommittee	2/23/05 5/25/05	Done
39.	Administrative Support Activities • Trustees to bring hard copies of materials needed for meetings • DOE to provide - organize/distribute meeting agenda - coordinate local meetings - maintain and provide updates to trustee council contact list - draft and final meeting minutes • Conference Call planned ACTION: Lauri Vigue, HNRTC	2/23/05 5/25/05	Ongoing
40.	Draft letter from HNRTC to DOE regarding potential to revisit habitat classification for mitigation due to loss of big sage brush habitat from fire a) evaluate need and timing for letter	2/24/05 5/25/05	Ongoing

	ASSIGNEE / ACTION	Date Assigned	Date Completed
	ACTION: Lauri Vigue, HNRTC		
44.	HNRTC engage ORP and define trustee roles in ORP activities and review processes a) Draft letter to ORP – Steffeck, Wisness, Goldstein ACTION: HNRTC	2/24/05 5.25.05	
46.	Conference call to discus replacement process and candidate for replacing council officers; June 7, 2005 ACTION: Don Steffeck, HNRTC	5/25/05	
47.	Integration Working Group Interaction a) Conference call to discuss Council involvement in working group and internal feedback b) Electronic copy of working group charter (original version) to YN for review c) Comments to L.Goldstein or L.Gadbois ACTION: a-Council; b-D.Ward, S.Wisness; c-Trustees	 5/25/05 5/25/05 5/25/05	Done
48.	Provide electronic copy of data gap evaluation workshop participants ACTION: R. Dirkes	5/25/05	
49.	Reference location definition a) draft white paper definitions and trustees position from subgroup to Council by end of June b) Include reference location in September meeting agenda ACTION: a-Shaffer, McConnaughey, Harper; b-Ward	 5/25/05 5/25/05	
50.	300 Area End State a) 300FF5 review schedule requested – electronically to Trustees, hard copy to YN b) RL plans to discus (consult) separately with YN ACTION: S. Wisness, J. Sands	 5/25/05 5/25/05	
51.	Provide copy of the Surface Environmental Surveillance Master Sampling Schedule for 2005 to Trustees ACTION: R. Dirkes	5/25/05	Done
52.	Forward May 26, 2005 ERWG meeting summary notes ACTION: D.Steffeck	5/25/05	
53.	Conference call, June 23 – agenda for June 30 meeting ACTION: D Steffeck	5/25/05	Done
54.	Conference call, August 23 – agenda for September meeting ACTION: D Steffeck	5/25/05	
55.	HNRTC May 2005 Meeting Minutes • Review and comment on draft minutes • Agenda item for September meeting Action: Council	 6/30/05 6/30/05	
56.	Resolution for Vice-Chair replacement • 05Vice-Chair/06Chair – Larry Goldstein	 6/30/05	

	ASSIGNEE / ACTION	Date Assigned	Date Completed
	• 06 Vice-Chair – Paul Shaffer Action: D. Steffeck	6/30/05	
57.	Trustee Mailing List • make formatting consistent throughout • add Gabriel Bohnee as signatory for NPT • incorporate cc: list into agency list • HNRTC send corrections to D.Ward Action: D. Ward, HNRTC	 6/30/05 6/30/05 6/30/05 6/30/05	
58.	Mitigation Plan(s) • Draft HNRTC position/recommendations • Agenda item for September Action: D. Steffeck, D. Ward	 6/30/05 6/30/05	
59.	Data Gap Evaluation Workshop • Work Sheets to be provided to C. Ridolfi • Send list of ~100 documents not yet located to RL (D. Ward) • Provide example of worksheet and doc review pages for HNRTC review by end of July • Conference Call – 15 needs w/prioritization, set for July 11, 1:00-3:00 • Microorganisms in GW – search for Cushing preliminary work, provide to HNRTC Action: R. Dirkes; C. Ridolfi (2); L. Vigue; R. Dirkes	 6/30/05 6/30/05 6/30/05 6/30/05 6/30/05	
60.	Follow-up Cr discussions w/D. Landeen and 'experts' Action: D.Landeen, D. Ward	6/30/05	
61.	Provide 300FF1 Remedial Action Plan to HNRTC Action: J. Zeisloft	6/30/05	
62.	Integration Working Group • Draft position paper on how M.Baker will represent HNRTC in work group Action: D. Steffeck	6/30/05	
63.	Reference Location White Paper • Review draft rev 1, comment by July 14 • Revise white paper • Conference Call – July 20, 2005 Actions: HNRTC; J. McConnaughey; D. Steffeck	 6/30/05 6/30/05 6/30/05	
64.	Early distribution of June 30, 2005 Action Items Action: D. Ward, R. Dirkes	6/30/05	
65.	Check into overview of Cr status in July workshops Action: S. Wisness	6/30/05	
66.	RCBRA data compilation report outline to Trustees Action: T. Marceau	6/30/05	