Puget Sound Recovery Implementation Technical Team (RITT)
Agenda and *Notes from Meeting (in italics)*
Minutes by Phil Roni, accepted at August RITT meeting.

Fifteenth Meeting – Thursday, May 21, 2009, 10:30am – 3pm
Madrona Investment Office, Seattle

Attendance:
RITT members present: Ken Currens, Kirk Lakey, Kit Rawson, Phil Roni, Norma Sands, Bill Graeber (by phone)
Absent: Eric Beamer, Mary Ruckelshaus
Domain Team: Elizabeth Babcock, Susan Bishop, Matt Longenbaugh, Tim Tynan
PSP: Rebecca Ponzio, Morgan Scheidler, Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz, Joe Ryan (pm)
Others: Erik Neatherlin (WDFW), Sarah Simrell (Palidin), and Paul Hage (by phone)

10:30 am Approval of minutes of April meeting and today's agenda
Select Notetaker!
Minutes from April – Accepted; Phil Roni is notetaker

10:35 am Adaptive Management: Update and Discussion: Long-term workgroup

Adaptive Management Update – *Ken, Kitt and Rebecca met just before RITT meeting.*

- *Established a schedule which was discussed at watershed leads meeting*
- *Pilot watersheds were accepted which include San Juan, Skagit, and Hood Canal*
- *It will take two years to cover all watershed and RITT liaisons will support effort when there watershed(s) come up – expected to take 6 months for each watershed*
- *Workshop on June 23rd in Edmonds from 9 to 12 that will focus on first three watersheds*
    - *Open meeting all are invited by it will focus on first three watershed*
    - *Rebecca emphasized that this is an open and iterative process and those not invited or in attendance will have other opportunities to provide input*
- *Miradi Software – Ken discussed the planning software that they will use to help develop the Adaptive Management Framework.*
    - *It is shareware that is widely used by nature conservancy*
    - *Way of documenting what they have done*
    - *Presentation on Miradi - potential topic for June meeting*
- *Norma asked for clarification of whether Miradi and logic model Eric is creating will be one in the same or compatible*
    - *Ken indicated he thought they would be compatible*

11:45 am Habitat Work Schedule Presentaton (Erik Neatherlin, WDFW)

Habitat Work Schedule – *Eric Neatherlin WDFW'*

- *Eric N. indicated that this was a tool developed for use by the lead entities.*
- *Wasn't designed as a tracking tool to make sure they are doing certain projects*
- *It was designed so projects would be in the work schedule from start to finish*

- *Sarah Simrell from Paladin (WDFW Contractor) went over how to use the Habitat Work schedule*
    - *Currently about 8000 projects in database*
    - *not all restoration projects are in database only what entities enter or want public*
    - *gives status of projects conceptual, proposed, active, completed and lists limiting factors (taken from recovery plans generally)*
    - *data can be exported to excel or html file*
- *Questions were raised about compatibility with other project databases Rebecca & Eric N. clarified that role of lead entities initially was voluntary habitat restoration and acquisition and now has changed. So original intent of habitat work schedule was not as a complete database of all projects. It could be set up to do that, but not original intent*

- *Sarah ran through some more demonstrations of how the database can be used and what I contains and passed out latest version of Wildlife Professional that contains a write up on habitat work schedule.*

12:25 pm Lunch Break

12:45 pm Population Prioritization: Presentation and discussion (Domain Team)

Population Prioritization Matrix – Tim Tynan and Domain Team

- *Tim handed out tables an write up and gave a Power Point presentation on the Population Prioritization Matrix that they had developed for assisting them with ESA consultations*
    - *Tim emphasized that it had not been adopted and that they have not begun using it yet and are waiting for agency approval to do so.*
- *Considerable questions and spirited discussion about purpose or goals of the this, how or why the RITT might use it or way in on it, the mix of watersheds and populations in the matrix, the difficulty it might present socially, and whether it was a real technical issue, whether it was a triage approach, and whether this was something to use to prioritize basins,*
- *Tim & domain team emphasized they were interested in additional input*
- *Norma asked if it is something we (the RITT) could use*
- *There was some confusion as to why they brought this to the RITT, but Domain Team was actually asked by RITT to present it.*
    - *Domain team said they would talk and decide what they were actually asking of the RITT*

1:45 pm Updates

a) NOAA Regional Office: Elizabeth (measuring implementation)

How Quickly are We Implementing Recovery Plan?

- *Elizabeth discussed an issue that has been raised by the Tribes regarding implementation of the recovery plan*
    - *1. Where are we with respect to recovery plan?*
    - *2. Are we implementing at a pace that is quick enough and does it deal with continue habitat loss?*

- *KIT suggested some of this is in the three year plan*
- *Elizabeth – How do we use three year plan, will it give us a meaningful picture of status relative to recovery plan?*
- *Ken and others indicated need for clarification of what tribes are looking for. Elizabeth indicated it may be in response to the pressure NOAA put on them on harvest*
- *Joe indicted his staff could help if it was a focused targeted effort such as a three page summary with a table*

b) Domain Team
Elizabeth indicated that they did a training session on Section 7 consultations and in the SW Region more permits for take were issued than actual fish exist!

c) PSP

Three Year Plan Review

- *Rebecca indicated that the Three Year Work Plans are posted on the Oracle Site, some were still missing as of the 19 June*
- *Need draft comments on each of them from RITT by June 5*
- *We will discuss the comments at the 19 June RITT meeting*
- *Majority of watersheds put a lot of time into this so our reviews should be respectful of the amount of effort they put into it.*
- *Reviews should follow the specific questions provided*

Recovery Council Meeting – Morgan

- *The Recovery Council requested a harvest presentation at their June 4th meeting*
- *"How are we doing relative to recovery plan" will be discussed at July Council meeting*
- *PSP could use some help on determining what recovery council is asking for in way of a harvest presentation (harvest management 101?) Ritt members will talk to Morgan with ideas.*

d) Watershed Liaisons – *no time, no update*
e) RIST – *no time, no update*

3 pm Adjourn

Next Meetings – June 18, 10am-3pm
July 16, 10am-3pm
And third Thursday of each month

Outstanding Ideas/Task/Issues/Agenda Items

RITT	TRT
June meeting – 3-yr project plans – RITT combined review Near term Adaptive Management **Back Burner** Symposium/Book for TRT products Ken's cross watershed comparison of TRT reviews	Ozette Viability document (*submitted to NWFSC technical memo publication Feb 2009*) Summer Chum document (*submitted to NWFSC technical memo publication Apr 2009*) Chinook Viability document

Watershed Liaisons

Straits	Phil Roni	Lake Wash.	Kirk Lakey
Hood Canal	Ken Currens & Bill Graeber	Green	Kirk Lakey
Nooksack	Ken Currens	West Sound/Kitsap	Norma Sands
San Juan	Mary Ruckelshaus	Puyallup/White	Kirk Lakey
Skagit	Eric Beamer	Nisqually	Ken Currens
Island	Eric Beamer	South Puget Sound	Norma Sands
Stillaguamish	Kit Rawson	Nearshore	Bill Graeber
Snohomish	Kit Rawson	Ozette	Norma Sands