

Puget Sound Recovery Implementation Technical Team (RITT)

Agenda and Notes from Meeting (in italics)

Minutes by Eric Beamer; accepted at October 19, 2010, RITT meeting

Twenty-ninth Meeting - Tuesday, September 21st, 2010, 10 am – 3:00 pm

Urban Waters Center, 326 East D St, Tacoma, WA 98421

first floor conference room

Attendance

Present:

RITT Members: Norma Sands, Krista Bartz, Mindy Rowse, Eric Beamer, Ken Currens, Kit Rawson, and Kirk Lakey

Puget Sound Partnership: Rebecca Ponzio,

NMFS RO: Elizabeth Babcock (phone).

Others: Geoff Talent, WA Department of Ecology ; Leonard Bauer, WA Department of Commerce; Katie Knight, WDFW; Alan Chapman, Lummi Natural Resources

Absent:

RITT Members: Bill Graeber, Mike Parton,

10:00 am Approve minutes of last two month's meetings and today's agenda
Choose notetaker and Announcements

- *Eric was notetaker*
- *July meeting minutes approved as amended.*
- *August meeting minutes approved as amended.*

10:15am .. NMFS RO tasks for RITT

Elizabeth reported on NMFS RO request of future work for RITT and a recent NOAA reorganization:

- *Skokomish plan chapter review*
 - *The updated plan chapter was given to NOAA RO Domain Team in August 2010; the Domain Team will review it in November 2010 and wants to do a coordinated review with RITT. Norma agreed to this schedule for review of plan and will send out the updated plan to RITT members (done Sept 22). All RITT members need to be reviewing the plan in advance of the November timeframe.*
 - *The RITT review process will be as similar as possible to the one we followed for reviewing the final watershed chapters in 2005.*
 - *It was unclear what this final review of the chapter would result in from a procedural "adoption" standpoint within ESA.*
- *The Domain Team will request of RITT a review of new information for population designation of some Chinook populations within Puget Sound. The timeline is also November for this request.*
- *Elizabeth explained reorganization changes in the Northwest Regional Office. The Salmon Recovery Division will be dissolved and mostly moved to Protected Resources. Salmon hatchery and harvest management will be in a new division under Bob Turner. Whether or not this will change the way the Puget Sound Domain team functions remains to be seen, however, one goal of this restructure is to better coordinate management of all the H's for salmon recovery.*

10:30 am Habitat Protection Regulations and Policies, Part 1

Geoff Talent, Leonard Bauer, and Katie Knight all participated in a presentation aimed at educating RITT members about the Shoreline Management Act, including Shoreline Master Programs (and their updates) as well as the Growth Management Act. Rebecca will distribute the powerpoint file of their presentation to RITT members.

RITT education on the remaining habitat protection regulations and policies (HPA and NOAA's BiOp on FEMA's NFIP) will be at the October meeting.

The purpose of the Shoreline Management Act and Growth Management Act presentations was for RITT members to gain an understanding of the fundamental elements of each of the Acts and their relationship with salmon recovery. No tasks for RITT resulted from this agenda item. However, it is anticipated that discussion following education of RITT members on all habitat protection regulations and policies may result in identifying issues, tasks, or approaches for RITT to explore in support of salmon recovery.

12:30 Lunch Break

1:00 pm Adaptive Management

1) Status of making refinements, per August meeting

RITT members report on the status of existing adaptive management documents:

- *Eric, Mindy, Mike are meeting on 9/22/10 to work on freshwater and nearshore habitat tasks identified from August RITT meeting.*
- *Chinook Template document: To dos include: 1)define life stages, 2)cross reference life stages to habitats (Eric/Mindy/Mike do on 9/22/10 and email to Kit), 3)do a RITT completeness check on KEAs and indicators for this document (all RITT members need to do this), and 4)apply Levin filters on worthiness of KEAs and Indicators to Chinook KEAs and Indicators to present a shorter list to promote for Chinook recovery.*
- *Krista presented a discussion draft on Species and Foodwebs. RITT members need to look at excel file of food web indicators and provide feedback on what indicators are related to Chinook salmon.*

2) Watershed Leads meeting (9/9/10) review and next Watershed Leads meeting

Rebecca, Ken, and Kirk reported on the 9/9/10 meeting. The next in the three part series of presentations to the Watershed Leads is the Chinook KEA document, which will be presented to them on Oct 14.

3) Filling in the rest of the outline for the full report

Not discussed

3:00 pm Adjourn

Next Meetings – TUESDAY, October 19, 2010 – location NWFSC Montlake and third TUESDAY each month thereafter

Outstanding Ideas/Task/Issues/Agenda Items

RITT	TRT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adaptive Management Plans for each watershed (ongoing) Skokomish Recovery Plan review (November mtg) Population ID and sequencing review (November mtg?) Climate Change Guidance for recovery implementation (backburner) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinook Viability document Flow document <p>Back Burner – getting closer Symposium for TRT products at AFS 2011 meeting in Seattle</p>

Watershed Liaisons - RITT and PSP			Last Amended 8/28/10		
PUGET SOUND watersheds					
San Juan	Mindy	Roma	Lake Wash.	Kirk	Jason
Island	Mindy	Morgan	Green	Kirk	Jason
Nooksack	Eric	Rebecca	Puyallup/White	Mike	Jason
Skagit	Eric	Rebecca	North Olympic	Mike	John C.
	& Kit		West Sound	Norma	John M.
Stillaguamish	Kit	Morgan	Hood Canal	Ken	John M
Snohomish	Krista	Morgan	Nisqually	Ken	Roma
South Sound	Krista	Roma			
			OZETTE Sockeye	Norma	