



DRAFT Meeting Minutes  
**Nisqually River Council**  
**May 20, 2011**  
**Mill Village Motel, Eatonville**  
Information: 360.438.8715

Attendees:

**Council Members**

**Ron Averill** – *Lewis County*  
**Doug Beagle** – *Town of Eatonville*  
**Jeanette Dorner** – *Nisqually Indian Tribe*  
**Rich Doenges** – *Thurston County*  
**Fred Michelson** – *NRC Forestry Committee*

**Jean Takekawa** – *US Fish & Wildlife, NNWR*  
**John Thompson** – *City of Yelm*  
**David Troutt** – *Nisqually Indian Tribe*  
**\* CAC Representatives (3)**

**Citizens Advisory Committee Members**

**Paul Crosetto\***  
**Mary Foster\***  
**Karelina Resnick**

**Kayla Saville**  
**Marjorie Smith**

**Guests**

**Nick Bond** – *Town of Eatonville*  
**Randy Brake** – *Pierce County*  
**Sayre Hodgens** – *Nisqually Indian Tribe*  
**Roy Huberd** – *Pierce County*  
**Michael Korchonoff** – *Pierce CD*  
**Renee Mitchell** – *Pierce CD*

**Emmett O’Connell** – *NWIFC*  
**Steve Ruff** – *Miles Sand & Gravel*  
**Jean Shaffer** – *TreeArt Ecoforestry*  
**Chris Schutz** – *Pierce County*  
**Barb Wood** – *Thurston County*

**Staff & Associated Nonprofits**

**Justin Hall** – *Nisqually River Foundation*  
**Joe Kane** – *Nisqually Land Trust*  
**Don Perry** – *Nisqually Indian Tribe*

**Sara Scott** – *Nisqually River Council*  
**Sheila Wilson** – *Nisqually River Education Project*  
**Ashley Von Essen** – *NREP Intern*

**1. Call to Order, Officer Elections, Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

**Call to Order** – David called the meeting to order at 9:37.

**Approval of Minutes, Agenda** – The minutes and agenda were approved as presented.

**2. Introductions, Reports**

Nick Bond, Eatonville Town Planner, welcomed the group to Eatonville and described the recent collaborative rain garden projects. Jeanette reported that she would lead a tour of the rain garden projects for those interested after the meeting.

**Advisory Committee Reports**

- *Citizens Advisory Committee* – Marjorie reported that the CAC met on April 12 and elected representatives for the NRC, Paul Crosetto, Mary Foster, and Robert Smith. The next meeting is June 14, 7 – 9 pm, at Gordon’s Grange.
- *Environmental Advisory Committee* – Fred reported that the group met yesterday and is working to plan the next forestry session for end of July. He will meet with Kirk, Steve, and David to work on details.
- *Community Advisory Committee* – Steve gave an update on the Community aspect, and reported that the community forum called for in the original Nisqually Watershed Stewardship Plan is now chaired by Sarah Scott (Ashford), with staff support from Sara Scott (NRC). Steve noted that the current, inactive Community Advisory Committee will dissolve under the new structure of the plan, and may emerge in the future as needed.
- *Chair Report* – David reported that he recently attended the National Conference of Association of Washington Counties, Western region, where he participated in a panel discussion about ESA issues. The “Poisoned Waters” video was shown (<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/poisonedwaters/>). He’s also been working with legislators on the Community Forest bill and Salmon Recovery Funding Board issues.
- *Staff Report* – Sara reported that the most recent edition of Nisqually River Notes was just published. The newsletter included a piece about Nisqually FSC products and a watershed map. She’s been supporting the various committees and working on project tasks. She noted that the photography interns will show some of their work at the June NRC meeting.

### **Allied Programs**

- *Nisqually Land Trust* – Joe reported that first Forest Advisory Committee Meeting will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approximately twenty people are expected to attend. Lots of tools and enthusiasm to move things forward. There will also be an event in Ashford on June 15<sup>th</sup> to explain the Gateway Initiative.
- *Nisqually River Education Project* – Spring NatureMapping field trips at the NNWR. Summer teacher institute is upcoming and will include training on the University of Wisconsin’s “Restore” Curriculum. June 27 - 30, room for 45. Sheila and Justin recognized and thanked Ashley the Intern for her efforts and work.
- *Nisqually River Foundation* – Justin reported he's working with the 2514 water planning unit to determine how best to move forward when state funding sunsets. The NRF recently received notice of funding for a 2012 ALEA grant. The Foundation has nominated Norm Dicks for an award. Jean Takekawa noted that last year the EPA selected the Partnership for an award recognizing the value of its role in the restoration of the estuary. The ceremonies may be combined, and anticipated to take place at the Refuge in August.
- *Stream Stewards* - Don reported there are 10 new rain gardens in Eatonville. Stream Stewards class is starting soon, June 1 - July 16. Working to develop specific tasks for volunteers.
- *Salmon Recovery Update* – Jeanette noted that the community's participation in Stormwater management. Currently developing a contract to help the Town of

Eatonville take their stormwater system off line. Eatonville is on track to be a model for the region and the nation.

### **3. CAC Membership Application, Jean Shaffer**

Jean Shaffer's application to the Citizens Advisory Committee was presented. Jean has been working closely with the Environmental Advisory Committee, and found her way to the Council and its work through an invitation from Paul Crosetto. A motion was made to approve Jean's membership within the Citizens Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **4. Nisqually Chinook Recovery Plan and Process – Jeanette Dorner**

Jeanette reported that they received 1 comment on the Chinook Recovery Plan, moving forward as anticipated. Submitted three year work plan to the partnership. Letters of intent received at the beginning of the month. Four draft applications submitted, three from Land trust:

1. Ohop/Burwash acquisition. Next phase of restoration. 400K Nisqually funds to match 400K from Pierce Conservation future funds.
2. Mashel acquisition, phase II. \$410K for two properties downstream of boxcar canyon that will link up with Smallwood Park
3. Ohop Creek, downstream of highway 161, conservation easement on riparian buffer, ag use, purchase development rights. \$225, Litzenberger property.
4. Pierce CD, Knotweed Project. \$65K 2012 program funding. Suggestion for the Council to consider longer term commitment on the funding of the program.

Total of requests: \$1.1 million dollars.

David reported that the SRFB is meeting to allocate funds next week. Challenge to balance between infrastructure and projects, seeking input from the Council.

Depending on June 1st results, Jeanette will report back and the June meeting and recommend a prioritized list. There's a potential for an early action round, in which funds can be requested for earlier allocation, which would allow for 2011 project starts rather than waiting for 2012.

You can contact Jeanette at [dorner.jeanette@nisqually-nsn.gov](mailto:dorner.jeanette@nisqually-nsn.gov) or 360.456.5221 x2135.

### **5. Nisqually River Basin Plan, Pierce County – Roy Huberd**

Roy Huberd presented an update to the Basin Plan, which is funded by surface water fees. All of the mainstem issues were pulled out of the plan, and a separate tributary plan is under development by Lorien.

The Basin Plan includes 41 capital improvement projects, 21 programmatic measures, and 19 studies. Pierce County is committing \$37,500 year for the next 10 years to the NRC. Project cost value estimated at \$150K annually.

The projects in the plan are prioritized; the NRC may want to talk with Hans or Harold to ensure priorities are tracked.

Nisqually Levy projects were also moved out of this plan, and moved to the flood hazard management plan. \$3 million allocated to repair damages to the Nisqually Park Levee from flood. Looking into install log jams, park is installing some at sunshine point, and county hopes to continue log jams downstream.

Roy noted that McKenna was hit hard by the 1996 flood, and the County is looking to buy out high-risk properties.

Roy noted that he is retiring in August. David congratulated him on his retirement and thanked him for all his work on Nisqually issues over the years.

#### **6. NWSP Update – Justin Hall**

A motion was made to approve the updated Nisqually Watershed Stewardship Plan as presented. Justin noted that the update includes the suggested removal of the Community and Economic advisory committees, and the transition of the Environmental Advisory Committee to an Ad-Hoc Forestry Committee. Standing and ad hoc committees will have a voting seat at the table in the new framework. Those interested in establishing an ad-hoc Community Committee were invited to draft an outline to bring before the Council for consideration.

Additional changes to the updated plan include the phrase “cottage industries” in the first item under Economic Sustainability.

A motion was made to approve the updated Nisqually Watershed Stewardship Plan, reflecting the changes noted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### **7. For the Good of the Order**

Steve noted that the home show was last weekend, the Yelm FFA program contributed enormously to the show’s success.

Renee Mitchell noted that she has internships available for knotweed control on the Nisqually.

Jeanette offered to take folks on a tour of newly installed rain gardens.

#### **8. Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:05.

*Next Meeting: Friday June 17, 2011  
City of Roy Library*