



Meeting Minutes  
**Nisqually River Council**  
**September 16, 2011**  
**Mount Rainier National Park**  
Information: 360.438.8715

Attendees:

**Council Members**

**Ron Averill** – *Lewis County*  
**Bryan Bowden** – *NPS, Mt. Rainier National Park*

**David Troutt** – *Nisqually Indian Tribe*  
**\* CAC Representatives (3)**

**Citizens Advisory Committee Members**

**Debbie Anderson**  
**Deborah Crosetto\***  
**Paul Crosetto\***

**Karelina Resnick**  
**Marjorie Smith**  
**Robert Smith\***

**Guests**

**Paul Nerge** – *Upper Nisqually Citizen*  
**Pam Painter** – *Mt. Rainier Visitor Assoc.*

**Chris Schutz** – *Pierce County*

**Staff & Associated Nonprofits**

**Justin Hall** – *Nisqually River Foundation*  
**Don Perry** – *Nisqually Indian Tribe*

**Sara Scott** – *Nisqually River Council*  
**Sheila Wilson** – *Nisqually River Ed. Project*

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

**Call to Order** – David called the meeting to order at 9:50am

**Approval of Minutes, Agenda** – There was a motion to approve the August meeting as presented. It was approved, as was the agenda as presented.

**2. Introductions, Reports**

**Advisory Committee Reports**

- *Citizens Advisory Committee* – CAC representative Deborah Crosetto reported that the CAC meeting would be October 11 at the Eatonville Library, with a presentation by Kayla Saville on eco-village living in Scotland.
- *Forestry Committee* – There was no NRC Forestry Committee update at this time.
- *Chair Report* – David reported that there is a group of people working with DNR to develop a forest market ecosystem. Dan Stonighton and NLT are submitting a grant proposal to EPA to fund the development of a community forest. If approved, this

funding will target private landowners and will monitor water quality with a focus on temperature. The target is private landowners with water quality (esp. temp) being a focus of this project. Municipalities would be the most logical buyers (City of Olympia, Yelm, TPU, etc.). For Carbon Ecosystem Services, California, Dave Baker has found funds for Earth Economics to do some work identifying potential buyers. Joe Kane and Justin are pulling together the pre-proposal, which will be submitted on Monday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>.

David reported that Justin and Tribal staff spent a fair amount of time taking the film crew around the watershed gathering footage for a television episode to air early next year on PBS. Billy Frank, Jeanette Dorner, David Troutt, and Chris Ellings were among some that were interviewed. Other filming incorporated catching fish, the weir project, NNWR restoration, restoration of Ohop Creek, and Clear Creek Hatchery. The initial idea included compiling all footage in one 30-minute episode, but could in fact become two episodes.

The weir should be operational by Friday. Will organize a tour for NRC within the next few weeks. Big press event with Norm Dicks on the 27th.

The Elwha dam celebration is tomorrow. Secretary Salazar and Governor Gregoire, special invitation to Nisqually River Council.

Scenic Highway funding.

- *Staff Report* – Nisqually Watershed Festival September 24th. Also forestry committees scoping, meeting in the next few weeks.

### **Allied Programs**

- *Nisqually Land Trust* – Land Trust BBQ at Odd Fellows Park, dinner at 5pm.
- *Nisqually River Education Project* – Sheila reported that there are 40 teachers in the program, 9 of them new this year. Water quality monitoring training will take place on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Tumwater Falls. Monitoring day is on Oct 20th, as always volunteers are welcome.

Best Buy grant funding has been obtained to help costs of NatureMapping fieldtrips for this spring. A grant obtained from Patagonia will assist with costs for salmon carcass tossing in the winter. This is the second year for the Patagonia grant.

Approached by TC environmental health, outcome based study, infiltrate neighborhood, Meadows neighborhood is identified as the potential target area.

Student GREEN Congress will be held March 23, 2011. This will mark the 20th anniversary! Celebrate with wine and salmon!

NREP is also working on holding a Wild and Scenic film festival. A meeting to discuss details will be held on September 27th at 2pm.

A new intern from The Evergreen State College will be starting on September 26th.

- *Nisqually River Foundation* – Justin reported that the second Community Forest Advisory Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, September 21st at 1:30.

The climate change grant proposal will not be submitted this year. The town of Eatonville pervious pavement project would need to be developed as a part of a program.

October 19 - coastal estuaries award.

Considerations are being made for an event in November with Norm Dicks.

Community Forest project - 2page pdf?

- *Stream Stewards* – Don reported that the Salmon Watcher workshop would take place tomorrow, September 18th. They are expecting both chinook and pink salmon this year, already being seen in the main stem. The workshop is from 9am to noon.

Recent knotweed bending party.

The UW has discontinued funding for the NatureMapping program. Karen Dvornich is seeking funding for the program, the future is uncertain.

- *Salmon Recovery Update* – David reported that the Tribe has received, via PSP and EPA, some project related funds. This will provide funds to support the Eatonville rain gardens and Earth economics/Ecosystem services project to the next phase. These funds will contribute \$240-300K for the next six years. Open to additional projects.

Indications point to the successful ... natural run transition.

### **3. Mt. Rainier Visitors Association**

Pam Painter of the Mt. Rainier Visitors Association grew up in La Grande and Eatonville. It is a year-round visitors center located in Ashford at Whittaker Base Camp. It is a non-profit

membership based organization, funded through lodging tax dollars. There are 46 active members. The goal of the MRVA is to provide the upper Nisqually a positive, responsive community environment. Reservations are internet based.

Www.mt-rainier.com  
2010 67920 web visits  
2011 47860 page visits

Upcoming events include:

2nd Annual Mt. Rainier Wine Festival and Dance -- November 5, 2011

www.road-to-paradise.com

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mt. Rainier Spring Wine Festival and Dance – May 12, 2012

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rainier Independent Film Festival – June 8-10, 2012

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Rainier Mountain Festival September 15-16, 2012

Wellness retreat and many more!

"Share your Washington" Washington tourism effort w/ partners.

Partners: MRNP, Visit Rainier, White Pass Scenic Byways, Tacoma Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau

#### **4. Updates**

Self-Reliant Community is a Graham-based organization that shares skills, knowledge, and encouragement, emphasizing permaculture as a component of self-reliance.

International organization

Graham "SRC", Eatonville chapter forming. Wayne Cook initiated the Graham organization. Meetings are held in Graham, on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at the 70th street fire station.

Email Karelina for more information.

Opportunity: Paradise Estates CERT, self-sufficiency, Biosand filter

There will be a local food summit held in Olympia in early October at the Washington Center for Performing Arts. This will be a weekend event. Some of the highlights will include a discussion of permaculture and disaster response, as well as Seattle tilth - urban approaches to sustainability.

Paul Nerge has Mason bees to share. Bob Smith reported a tremendous surge of interest. Lewis County has a newish beekeeping organization.

Chris Schutz reported that the Russell Foundation has been looking around southern and mid-Puget Sound for an area to target for a 10 mil/10 year process with a goal of seeing an end

result. Looking to put one big impact in an area. An area in the Puyallup and an area in Hood Canal are potential target regions. There are 13 municipalities along the main stem Puyallup corridor.

Bryan reported that the army corps of engineers is finishing up the work on the levy in/out of the park.

**5. For the Good of the Order**

**6. Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30.

*Next Meeting: Friday November 18, 2011, 9am – 12pm  
Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Auditorium*