

Meeting Minutes
Citizen's Advisory Committee of the Nisqually River Council
April 1st, 2010

Attendees:

Citizen's Advisory Committee Members

Fred Michelson

Robert Smith

A. Marjorie Smith

Stuart Helzer

Paul Crossetto (By phone)

Staff

Justin Hall

- 1) **Call to Order, Visitor Introductions, Approval of Agenda & Minutes, Announcements –**
The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm. The March minutes were approved unanimously (Motion by **Fred Michelson**, second by **Stuart Helzer**). An Agenda was developed at the table.
- 2) **Bonneville Power Line –** Stuart mentioned that Bonneville Power had contacted him about wanting to clear some brush under the power lines from his property. This included cutting about 3 acres of black locust trees that had been left previously. After the cutting of the locust they wanted to treat the stumps with herbicide to prevent regrowth. They could taste the chemical when it was being sprayed. Bonneville Power would like to continue to spray and apparently have the right to spray for anything that grows more than 6ft a year. Stuart felt that the birds were acting differently.
- 3) **Black Locust –** This is one of the best woods in the world for firewood, fenceposts, boats, etc. Very hard and dense. Grows very fast at the beginning and then slows way down. Stuart would like to plant these full length dead trees at the refuge for habitat. It can help prevent erosion and pollution control. He would like to see them planted all over the watershed and state. There was more discussion on the potential benefits. Fred suggested that the CAC contact the tribe and NNWR about whether they might find them useful. He also suggested that we send out an email to see if anyone has a use for them. He also suggested that we might start a discussion about using them more widely. [Note: *Black Locust is often invasive in the NW.*]
- 4) **Master Forest Plan –** Paul and Fred have been having a lot of discussions about a master forest plan for the watershed.
- 5) **Scheduling and Other Business –**
 - New items for the plan – Energy, Toxics
- 6) The meeting adjourned at 8:05.