

Appendix R: Public Outreach Program and Materials

This appendix comprises the following items used in public outreach for the Methow and Okanogan Subbasin plans

- Public outreach distribution list
- List of information distributed, date sent, and means (email, postal mail, etc.)
- Email update text
- List of briefings and presentations given—date, organization, invitees
- Letters, Handouts, Fact sheet, and news releases
- List of material posted to County and NPCC web sites, with dates
- List of other avenues of information distribution

Public Outreach Distribution List
Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Planning—Public Outreach

Following is the list of recipients that received information as part of the Public Outreach effort. Email addresses and/or US Mail addresses were used according to the preference, availability and request of the recipient.

| | Organization | First Name | Last Name | City | State |
|----|---|-------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | Oroville Tonasket Irrigation District | Syb or Sid | ? | Oroville | WA |
| 2 | WA State DOE - Watershed/Salmon Recovery | Neil | Aaland | Olympia | WA |
| 3 | Tunk Valley Grange | Wayne | Adams | Riverside | WA |
| 4 | Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce | Tim | Ailing | Grand Coulee | WA |
| 5 | Conconully Mayor | Chuck | Alexander | Conconully | WA |
| 6 | Butte Busters Snowmobile Club | Gary | Allard | Omak | WA |
| 7 | | Teresa | Allen | Twisp | WA |
| 8 | Okanogan Conservation District | Bob | Anderson | Okanogan | WA |
| 9 | WDFW | Carmen | Andonaegui | Chelan | WA |
| 10 | Washington State House of Representatives | Mike | Armstrong | Wenatchee | WA |
| 11 | | John | Arterburn | Omak | WA |
| 12 | WDFW | Paul | Ashley | | WA |
| 13 | Chelan Chamber of Commerce | Emmit | Aston | Chelan | WA |
| 14 | | Heike | Baesecke | Winthrop | WA |
| 15 | WA State Dept. Fish & Wildlife - Fish Biologist | Casey | Baldwin | Spokane | WA |
| 16 | NOAA Fisheries | Dale | Bambrick | | WA |
| 17 | | Peter | Barber | | WA |
| 18 | Whitestone Reclamation District | Jerry | Barnes | Loomis | WA |
| 19 | WDFW | Heather | Bartlett | Omak | WA |
| 20 | WA State Dept. Fish & Wildlife | Dennis | Beich | Ephrata | WA |
| 21 | Forest Service: Okanogan-Wenatchee SO | Mel | Bennett | Okanogan | WA |
| 22 | | Laura | Berg | | WA |
| 23 | Colville Confederated Tribes | Matt | Berger | | WA |
| 24 | | Joe | Berney | Omak | WA |
| 25 | Okanogan Wilderness League | Lee | Bernheisel | Carlton | WA |
| 26 | Okanogan County PUD | Chuck | Berrie | Okanogan | WA |
| 27 | Methow Conservancy | Katharine | Bill | Winthrop | WA |
| 28 | Okanogan Mayor | Micheal | Blake | Okanogan | WA |
| 29 | Chewuch Basin Council | Craig | Boesel | Winthrop | WA |
| 30 | Pateros Chamber of Commerce | Brenda | Brady | Pateros | WA |
| 31 | | George | Brady | Pateros | WA |
| 32 | | Sharon | Brown | | WA |
| 33 | | Christy | Brown | | WA |
| 34 | Glenfir Resources | Chris | Bull | | BC |
| 35 | Okanogan Grange | Howard | Burnett | Okanogan | WA |
| 36 | KWA | Sammi | Buzzard | Okanogan | WA |
| 37 | | Steve & Dena | Byl | | WA |
| 38 | Tonasket Mayor | David | Caddy, Sr. | Tonasket | WA |
| 39 | Okanogan Kiwanis Club | Dee | Camp | Okanogan | WA |
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|----|--|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 40 | U. S. Senate | Maria | Cantwell | Washington | DC |
| 41 | Yakama Nation | Lee | Carlson | Toppenish | WA |
| 42 | Tonasket Chamber of Commerce | Helen | Casey | Tonasket | WA |
| 43 | NPCC (NW Power & Conserv Council, West) | Larry | Cassidy, Jr. | Vancouver | WA |
| 44 | Nature Conservancy of Canada - Aquatic Consrv Ecologist | Kristine | Ciruna Ph.D. | Victoria | BC |
| 45 | Okanogan Conservation District | Bob | Clark | Okanogan | WA |
| 46 | Okanogan Conservation District | Laura | Clark | Okanogan | WA |
| 47 | Washington Rural Electric Association | Dave | Clinton | Olympia | WA |
| 48 | | Carol | Coleman | Tonasket | WA |
| 49 | Washington State House of Representatives | Cary | Condotta | Wenatchee | WA |
| 50 | WDFW Omak Hatchery | Mark | Cookson | Omak | WA |
| 51 | Okanogan County | Brenda | Crowell | Okanogan | WA |
| 52 | | Sheryl | Curtis | | WA |
| 53 | Twisp Valley Grange | Nancy | Dammann | Twisp | WA |
| 54 | Highlands Associates | Kurt | Danison | Okanogan | WA |
| 55 | WA State Dept. Fish & Wildlife | Judy | dela Vergne | Wenatchee | WA |
| 56 | | Dave | Demyan | | WA |
| 57 | Malott Grange | Dwain | Denton | Malott | WA |
| 58 | Brewster Chamber of Commerce | Bob | Dewey | Brewster | WA |
| 59 | Washington State Senate | Linda | Evans- Parlette | Wenatchee | WA |
| 60 | | Dick | Ewing | Winthrop | WA |
| 61 | Okanogan Communities Development Council | Mike | Ferris | Carlton | WA |
| 62 | Colville Confederated Tribes | Chris | Fisher | | WA |
| 63 | | Ollie & Fran | Flor | | WA |
| 64 | WDFW | Joe | Foster | | WA |
| 65 | WDFW | Ron | Fox | | WA |
| 66 | | Jim & Sandee | Freese | | WA |
| 67 | | Mike | Gage | Carlton | WA |
| 68 | | Dan & Jane | Gerth | Oroville | WA |
| 69 | Brewster Kiwanis Club | Doris | Goodell | Brewster | WA |
| 71 | NOAA Fisheries Upper Columbia Basin | Mike | Grady | Seattle | WA |
| 73 | Parametrix | Julie | Grialou | Kirkland | WA |
| 74 | Winthrop Kiwanis | Bob | Grinstead | Winthrop | WA |
| 75 | Brewster Grange | Marge | Hagy | Brewster | WA |
| 76 | | Jim & Darlene | Hajny | Okanogan | WA |
| 77 | | Sam | Hanan | | WA |
| 78 | Methow Valley News | John | Hanron | Twisp | WA |
| 79 | USFS | Margaret | Hartzell | | WA |
| 80 | | Doc | Hastings | Pasco | WA |
| 81 | | Angel | Hastings | | WA |
| 82 | NOAA Fisheries | Lynn | Hatcher | | WA |
| 83 | | Chad | Henneman | Wauconda | WA |
| 84 | Tonasket Kiwanis Club | Becky | Holloway | Tonasket | WA |
| 85 | Brewster Mayor | Bonnie | House | Brewster | WA |
| 86 | | Bud | Hover | Winthrop | WA |
| 87 | Pateros Mayor | Gail | Howe | Pateros | WA |

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|-----|---|----------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 88 | | Don | Hruska | | WA |
| 89 | | Kim | Hyatt | | WA |
| 90 | Methow Valley Snowmobile Association | Estelle | Imes | Winthrop | WA |
| 91 | WA State Dept. Fish & Wildlife | Connie | Iten | Omak | WA |
| 92 | Bridgeport Mayor | Steve | Jenkins | Bridgeport | WA |
| 93 | | Mark | Johannes | | WA |
| 94 | WDFW | David | Johnson | | WA |
| 95 | | Chris | Johnson | Okanogan | WA |
| 96 | | Don | Johnson | Carlton | WA |
| 97 | Douglas County | Chuck | Jones | | WA |
| 98 | Twisp Mayor | Rose | Jones | Twisp | WA |
| 99 | Fish Biologist | John | Jorgensen | Winthrop | WA |
| 100 | Chelan County | Mike | Kaputa | | WA |
| 101 | NPCC (NW Power & Conserv Council, East) | Tom | Karier | Spokane | WA |
| 102 | NRCS (National Resource Conservation Service) | Randy | Kelley | Okanogan | WA |
| 103 | Oregon BLM | Joe | Kelly | | OR |
| 104 | Okanogan County | Sheilah | Kennedy | | WA |
| 105 | | Ralph | Kiona | Twisp | WA |
| 106 | Economic Alliance | Terry | Knapton | Okanogan | WA |
| 107 | U. S. Bureau of Reclamation | Greg | Knott | Twisp | WA |
| 108 | Partnership for a Sustainable Methow | Sue | Koptonak | Twisp | WA |
| 109 | Okanogan County Farm Bureau | Joel | Kretz | Wauconda | WA |
| 110 | Winthrop Mayor | Sue | Langdalen | Winthrop | WA |
| 111 | State of Washington Office of Trade and Economic Dvlp | Terry | Lawhead | Spokane | WA |
| 112 | OC3 (Okanogan Council Citizen's Coalition) | Bonnie | Lawrence | Omak | WA |
| 113 | Okanogan Resource Council | Bonnie | Lawrence | Omak | WA |
| 114 | | Cathy | Lebret | | WA |
| 115 | Okanogan County Cattlemen's Association | Gary | Lesamiz | Okanogan | WA |
| 116 | Nespelem Mayor | Colleen | Leskinen | Nespelem | WA |
| 117 | WA State Dept. Fish & Wildlife | Tracy | Lloyd | Ephrata | WA |
| 118 | | Ralph | Longanecker | | WA |
| 119 | Methow Valley Sport Trails Association | Jay | Lucas | Winthrop | WA |
| 120 | | Hilary | Lyman | | WA |
| 121 | | Deana | Machin | | WA |
| 122 | Colville Confederated Tribes | Jerry | Marco | | WA |
| 123 | Okanogan Highlands Alliance | Michael "Buffalo" | Mazzetti | Tonasket | WA |
| 124 | Okanogan County Public Works Department | Robert | McGaughey | Okanogan | WA |
| 125 | Aeneas Lake Irrigation District | Brian | McMillan | Tonasket | WA |
| 126 | Washington State House of Representatives | Cathy | McMorris | Colville | WA |
| 127 | Omak Chronicle | Ed | Merriman | Okanogan | WA |
| 128 | Chewuch Ditch | Roxie | Miller | Winthrop | WA |
| 129 | Oroville Chamber of Commerce | Richard | Milligan | Oroville | WA |
| 130 | Winthrop Chamber of Commerce | Doug | Mohre | Winthrop | WA |
| 131 | Forest Service: MVRD Fisheries Biologist | Jennifer | Molesworth | Winthrop | WA |
| 132 | Washington Department of Ecology | John | Monahan | Yakima | WA |

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| 133 | | Dave | Moore | | BC |
| 134 | Methow Valley Irrigation District | Bunny | Morgan | Carlton | WA |
| 135 | Pacific Biodiversity Institute | Peter | Morrison | Winthrop | WA |
| 136 | Washington State Senate | Bob | Morton | Kettle Falls | WA |
| 137 | U. S. Senate | Patty | Murray | Washington | DC |
| 138 | Omak Chamber of Commerce | Dick | Neimeyer | Omak | WA |
| 139 | Okanogan Conservation District | Craig | Nelson | Okanogan | WA |
| 140 | Okanogan Watershed Committee | Craig | Nelson | Okanogan | WA |
| 141 | Riverside Mayor | Kyle | Nelson | Riverside | WA |
| 142 | U. S. House of Representatives | George | Nethercutt | Washington | DC |
| 143 | Forest Service: MVRD Ranger District | John | Newcom | Winthrop | WA |
| 144 | | Michael | Notaro | | WA |
| 145 | Okanogan Valley Chapter - Back Country Horseman | Frank | Oborne | Tonasket | WA |
| 146 | Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation | Terry | O'Reilly | Winthrop | WA |
| 147 | | Gary | Ott | | WA |
| 148 | | Merrill | Ott | | WA |
| 149 | Colville Confederated Tribes | Gary | Passmore | | WA |
| 150 | Omak Kiwanis Club | Gary | Pederson | Omak | WA |
| 151 | Oroville Kiwanis Club | Robert | Pellegrini | Oroville | WA |
| 152 | Washington Water Trust | Lisa | Pelly | Seattle | WA |
| 153 | Colville Confederated Tribes - Fish & Wildlife | Joe | Peone | Nespelem | WA |
| 154 | | Ron | Perrow | | WA |
| 155 | Okanogan County | Mary Lou | Peterson | Okanogan | WA |
| 156 | | Mel | Peterson | Okanogan | WA |
| 157 | Okanogan County | Ramona | Pfizer | | WA |
| 158 | | Patrick | Plumb | | WA |
| 159 | | Kathy | Powers | Okanogan | WA |
| 160 | Entrix | Jeremy | Pratt | Vashon | WA |
| 161 | Colville Confederated Tribes | Jim | Priest | | WA |
| 162 | Nature Conservancy of Canada - Okanogan Program Mgr | Barb | Pryce | Penticton | BC |
| 163 | 206 Snowriders Snow Club | Dennis | Rawley | Tonasket | WA |
| 164 | Conconully Chamber of Commerce | Shelley | Robideau | Conconully | WA |
| 165 | Yakama Indian Nation | Bob | Rose | | WA |
| 166 | Yakama Indian Nation | Jim | Russell | Toppenish | WA |
| 167 | Fulton Ditch | Dave | Sabold | Winthrop | WA |
| 168 | Okanogan County | Dave | Schultz | Twisp | WA |
| 169 | Oroville Tonasket Irrigation District | Tom | Scott | Oroville | WA |
| 170 | Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board | Theresa | Scott | Olympia | WA |
| 171 | Okanogan Chamber of Commerce | David | Sexton | Okanogan | WA |
| 172 | | Shelly | Short | | WA |
| 173 | The Nature Conservancy | Peter | Skidmore | Seattle | WA |
| 174 | Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce | Gene | Smit | Bridgeport | WA |
| 175 | | Doug | Smtih | | WA |
| 176 | Coulee Dam Mayor | Quincy | Snow | Grand Coulee | WA |
| 177 | Omak Mayor | Dale | Sparber | Omak | WA |

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| 178 | Oroville Mayor | Chuck | Spieth | Oroville | WA |
| 179 | | Alison | Squire | | WA |
| 180 | Oroville Grange | Betty | Steg | Oroville | WA |
| 181 | Molson Grange | Robin | Stice | Oroville | WA |
| 182 | Washington Department of Ecology | John | Stormon | Twisp | WA |
| 183 | Highlands Associates | Sandra | Strieby | Twisp | WA |
| 184 | Okanogan Irrigation District | Tom | Sullivan | Okanogan | WA |
| 185 | Skyline Irrigation District | Jerry | Sullivan | Winthrop | WA |
| 186 | Washington State House of Representatives | Bob | Sump | Republic | WA |
| 187 | Methow Valley Back Country Horseman | Sharon | Sutherland | Twisp | WA |
| 188 | Okanogan Valley Land Trust | Dale | Swedberg | Oroville | WA |
| 189 | | Jillian | Tamblyn | | WA |
| 190 | | David | Taylor | Moxee | WA |
| 191 | U. S. Fish and Wildlife - Fisheries Resources | Kate | Terrell | Leavenworth | WA |
| 192 | Twisp Chamber of Commerce | Jerome | Thiel | Twisp | WA |
| 193 | Elmer City Mayor | Paul | Tillman | Elmer City | WA |
| 194 | Wolf Creek Irrigation District | Nim | Titcomb | Winthrop | WA |
| 195 | WDFW | Kirk | Truscott | | WA |
| 196 | Quad City Herald | Ike | Vallance | Brewster | WA |
| 197 | Okanogan County | Craig | Vejraska | Okanogan | Wa |
| 198 | | Sarah | Walker | | WA |
| 199 | WA State DOE - Watershed/Salmon Recovery | Dick | Wallace | Olympia | WA |
| 200 | The Nature Conservancy | Nancy | Warner | Wenatchee | WA |
| 201 | | Lorah | Waters | | WA |
| 202 | | Paul | Waterstrat | | WA |
| 203 | - | Roy | Webster | Okanogan | WA |
| 204 | Pacific Northwest Trail Alliance | Jim | Weed | Omak | WA |
| 205 | Methow Valley Citizen's Council | Vickey | Welch | Twisp | WA |
| 206 | Forest Service: Tonasket Fisheries Biologist | Nance | Wells | Tonasket | WA |
| 207 | Okanogan County | James | White | | WA |
| 208 | | James | White | Ellensburg | WA |
| 209 | Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife | George | Wilhere | Olympia | WA |
| 210 | | Marty | Williams | Twisp | WA |
| 211 | Ellisforde Grange | Henry | Wilson | Tonasket | WA |
| 212 | Methow Valley Community Center | Vickie | Wilson | Twisp | WA |
| 213 | Mount Olive Grange | Albert | Wilson | Riverside | WA |
| 214 | Okanagan Nations Alliance | Dan | Wilson | Westbank | BC |
| 215 | Okanogan County Pomona Grange | Ron | Wilson | Tonasket | WA |
| 216 | | Mike | Wilson | | WA |
| 217 | Colville Confederated Tribes | Keith | Wolf | Duvall | WA |
| 218 | Kettle Range Conservation Group | George | Wooten | Twisp | WA |
| 219 | Okanogan County Horticulture Association | Tracy | Zahn | Bridgeport | WA |
| 220 | Brewster Public Library | | | Brewster | WA |
| 221 | Bureau of Land Management - Wenatchee Resource Area | | | Wenatchee | WA |
| 222 | City of Okanogan | | | Okanogan | WA |
| 223 | City of Twisp | | | Twisp | WA |
| 224 | Forest Service: Tonasket District Ranger | | | Tonasket | WA |

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| 225 | KEYG Radio | | | Grand Coulee | WA |
| 226 | KLVR Radio | | | Twisp | WA |
| 227 | KMBI Radio | | | Spokane | WA |
| 228 | KOZI Radio | | | Chelan | WA |
| 229 | KPBX Radio | | | Spokane | WA |
| 230 | Methow Basin Planning Unit | | | Twisp | WA |
| 231 | North Cascades Broadcasting (KZBE,KOMW,KNCW Radio) | | | Omak | WA |
| 232 | North West Public Radio (KQWS Radio) | | | Pullman | WA |
| 233 | Okanogan County Planning Department | | | Okanogan | WA |
| 234 | Okanogan Public Library | | | Okanogan | WA |
| 235 | Okanogan Valley Gazette Tribune | | | Okanogan | WA |
| 236 | Okanogan Wildlife Council | | | Okanogan | WA |
| 237 | Omak Chronicle | | | Omak | WA |
| 238 | Omak Public Library | | | Omak | WA |
| 239 | Oroville Gazette | | | Oroville | WA |
| 240 | Oroville Public Library | | | Oroville | WA |
| 241 | Pateros Public Library | | | Pateros | WA |
| 242 | PBX Spokane Public Radio | | | Spokane | WA |
| 243 | The Pacific Watershed Institute | | | Winthrop | WA |
| 244 | Tonasket Public Library | | | Tonasket | WA |
| 245 | Tribal Tribune | | | Nespelem | WA |
| 246 | Twisp Kiwanis | | | Twisp | WA |
| 247 | Twisp Public Library | | | Twisp | WA |
| 248 | Upper Columbia Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group | | | Oroville | WA |
| 249 | Wenatchee World | | | Wenatchee | WA |
| 250 | Winthrop Public Library | | | Winthrop | WA |

**Information Distributed
Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Planning—Public Outreach**

| Item | Date | Means | Recipients |
|--|-------------------|---|---|
| News release & fact sheet | 10/10/03 | Emailed and Faxed | Media outlets on distribution list |
| Briefing invitation & fact sheet | 11/7/03 | Postal mail | US Mail Distribution List |
| Email update | 12/5/03 | Email, unless otherwise requested | Email Distribution List |
| Email update | 12/9/03 | Email, unless otherwise requested | Email Distribution List |
| Email update | 1/2/04 | Email, unless otherwise requested | Email Distribution List |
| Email update | 1/9/04 | Email, unless otherwise requested | Email Distribution List |
| Email update | 1/16/04 | Email, unless otherwise requested | Email Distribution List |
| Email update | 1/23/04 | Email, unless otherwise requested | Email Distribution List |
| Email update | 2/3/04 | Email, unless otherwise requested | Email Distribution List |
| News release | 2/3/04 | Emailed and Faxed | Media outlets on distribution list |
| Email update | 2/6/04 | Email, unless otherwise requested | Email Distribution List |
| Email update | 2/13/04 | Email, unless otherwise requested | Email Distribution List |
| First drafts of plans, with comment guidelines | 2/24/04 | Paper copies | Public Libraries in Pateros, Brewster, Okanogan, Omak, Winthrop, Twisp, Tonasket and Oroville |
| First drafts of plans, with comment guidelines | 2/11/04 – 4/16/04 | CD or paper copy, as requested and FTP site | See “First Draft Request Log” |
| Email update | 2/18/04 | Email, unless otherwise requested | Email Distribution List |
| Email update | 2/23/04 | Email, unless otherwise requested | Email Distribution List |

| Item | Date | Means | Recipients |
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| Email update | 3/25/04 | Email, unless otherwise requested | Email Distribution List |
| Email update | 4/4/04 | Email, unless otherwise requested | Email Distribution List |
| Email update | 4/9/04 | Email, unless otherwise requested | Email Distribution List |
| News release | 4/9/04 | Postal mail | US Mail Distribution List |
| News release | 4/12/04 | Emailed and Faxed | Media outlets on distribution list |
| Newspaper ad | 4/12/04 | Emailed and Faxed | Media outlets on distribution list |
| Invitation to briefing for representatives of local jurisdictions on 4/26 | 4/16/04 | Email; hand delivery and phone calls | Mayors and Town Council members of Pateros, Brewster, Okanogan, Omak, Winthrop, Twisp, Oroville, Tonasket |
| Email update | 4/24/04 | Email, unless otherwise requested | Email Distribution List |
| Second drafts of plans, with comment guidelines | 4/27/04 | Paper copies | Public Libraries in Pateros, Brewster, Okanogan, Omak, Winthrop, Twisp, Tonasket and Oroville |
| Second drafts of plans with comment guidelines | 4/23/04 – 5/10/04 | CD or paper copy, as requested and FTP site | See “Second Draft Request Log” |
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**Meetings and Briefings
Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Planning—Public Outreach**

Legend

HWG = Habitat Working Group
 MBPU = Methow Basin Planning Unit
 SCT = Stakeholder Core Team

| Type of meeting | Date | Location | Participants |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| | | | |
| HWG | 8/19/03 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff |
| HWG | 8/20/03 | Twisp | HWG, outreach staff |
| HWG | 9/16/03 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff |
| HWG | 9/17/03 | Twisp | HWG, outreach staff |
| HWG | 9/23/03 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff |
| HWG | 9/24/03 | Methow | HWG, outreach staff |
| HWG | 10/8/03 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff |
| HWG | 10/9/03 | Methow | HWG, outreach staff |
| Briefing | 10/9/03 | Winthrop | Methow Conservancy Board and staff |
| HWG | 10/20-22/03 | Leavenworth | HWG, outreach staff |
| Briefing | 10/21/03 | Oroville | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| Briefing | 10/23/03 | Twisp | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| Briefing | 10/23/03 | Tonasket | Okanogan Watershed Implementation Committee and staff |
| Briefing | 10/27/03 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| HWG | 10/27-28/03 | Mobrand Biometrics, Vashon Island | HWG, outreach staff |
| Briefing | 10/30/03 | Pateros | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| Briefing | 11/6/03 | Okanogan | Okanogan Conservation District Board and staff |
| SCT kick-off | 11/13/03 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT | 11/18/03 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff, technical writer |
| SCT | 11/19/03 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| Public meeting | 11/20/03 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT | 12/2/03 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT | 12/3/03 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff |

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| SCT | 12/5/03 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT | 12/15/03 | Twisp | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT | 12/16/03 | Okanogan | Outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT summary meeting | 12/17/03 | Twisp | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT | 1/6/04 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT | 1/8/04 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT | 1/12/04 | Tonasket | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT | 1/13/04 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT summary meeting | 1/13/04 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT | 3/4/04 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT | 3/5/04 | Tonasket | HWG, outreach staff |
| SCT | 3/16/04 | Okanogan | HWG, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT | 3/17/04 | Twisp | HWG members, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT | 3/30/04 | Okanogan | HWG members, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| SCT | 3/31/04 | Twisp | HWG members, outreach staff, stakeholders |
| MBPU meeting | 3/31/04 | Twisp | MBPU members, outreach staff |
| SCT | 4/5/04 | Okanogan | HWG members, outreach staff |
| SCT | 4/6/04 | Twisp | HWG members, outreach staff |
| Public meeting | 4/19/04 | Okanogan | Outreach staff, stakeholders |
| Public meeting | 4/20/04 | Twisp | Outreach staff, stakeholders |

Email Updates and Press Releases Text
Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Planning—Public Outreach

December 5, 2003

Hello:

Thank you for your interest in sub basin planning in the Methow and Okanogan sub basins. We recognize that keeping track of the meeting dates, locations and topics has been a somewhat confusing and daunting task over the last month. In an effort to better communicate the information to the folks that we really need input from, we will be sending out a weekly email update. We hope that this will prove to be helpful.

We also recognize that there is some confusion as to which meetings folks should attend and what they are really about. Perhaps this will help:

Habitat Working Group (HWG): This is the technical folks working on the technical assessment for the sub basin plan. Meetings of this group focus in the scientific aspect only. At this point of planning, this group has integrated with the public to develop the Sub basin Core Team.

Sub basin Core Team (SCT): This group is comprised of HWG (technical) members and the public - local stakeholders.

SCT meetings: At the SCT meetings, we are looking at detailed habitat assessments prepared over the past several months by the HWG. We are using results from a model (EDT) that predicts what environmental factors limit salmon production and recovery on streams and stream reaches (assessment units). This is being put together to develop a formal statement (a working hypothesis) about how environmental conditions and salmon production are related in the streams and stream reaches. Finally, the SCT is brainstorming actions and activities (management strategies) to remedy the situation where salmon recovery and habitat restoration would be beneficial. Eventually, after the 1st of the year (January 2004), this group will prioritize the suite of management strategies. It is essential that the public be involved in brainstorming the suite of management strategies and then the prioritization.

Summary meetings: We recognize that the SCT meetings are being held during the day, typically when much of the public is at work. Further, we recognize that there are some whom do not desire to work through every detail. In an effort to accommodate these needs, we will be holding evening summary meetings to give folks a brief overview of the work completed to date at the SCT meetings and provide another opportunity for input.

Thank you for your patience and participation. Stakeholder input is exceedingly important in this process as well as when we move into recovery planning. We appreciate the communication and input that we have received and strive to continue to be responsive to your thoughts.

Meetings for the Week of December 08, 2003

December 11, 2003; 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Okanogan: USFS Office; SCT meeting
Meeting Topic: Okanogan Lower (mouth to Salmon Creek); Okanogan Middle (Salmon Creek to Whitestone Creek)

December 12, 2003; 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM; Okanogan: USFS Office; SCT meeting
Meeting Topic: Chilliwist Creek/Tallent Creek

Future December 2003 Meeting Dates:

December 15, 2003; 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM; Twisp: USFS Conference Room; SCT Meeting
Meeting Topic: Beaver Creek/Bear Creek; Lower Chewuch; Upper Chewuch

December 16, 2003; 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM; Twisp: USFS Conference Room; SCT Meeting
Meeting Topic: Okanogan Upper (Osoyoos Lake); Loup Loup Creek

December 17, 2003; 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM; Twisp: USFS Conference Room; SCT Meeting
Meeting Topic: Black Canyon Creek/Squaw Creek; Libby Creek/Gold Creek; Goat Creek/Lower Boulder Creek; Wolf Creek/Hancock Creek

December 17, 2003; 6:30 - 8:30 PM; Twisp: USFS Conference Room; Summary Meeting
Meeting Topic: SCT work on the METHOW to date

Items to note on Meeting Information

For the week of December 15th, the SCT meetings focused on the METHOW will now be held at Twisp rather than Okanogan.

The summary meeting that was scheduled for December 10th will not occur, it has been rescheduled. There will now be a summary meeting on December 17. This summary meeting will focus on the SCT's work in the Methow. Further this evening meeting will be held in Twisp rather than Okanogan.

The summary meeting that was scheduled for January 5th will not occur, it has been rescheduled. There will now be a summary meeting on January 13. This summary meeting will focus on the SCT's work in the Okanogan. This evening meeting will be held in Okanogan.

The summary meeting dates, locations, and topics had to be modified due to delayed model (EDT) results.

If you have any questions, please contact us by responding to this email.

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December 9, 2003

Hello:

We are sending this email update:

- To inform you of some changes to the Subbasin Planning meeting schedule that we sent to you last Friday (December 5th), and
- To let you know our current thinking about how Subbasin Planning is evolving, including possible changes to the process and schedule we have outlined.

Meeting dates and places

- The meetings scheduled for **December 11** and **December 12** have been **postponed**. We expect to cover the topics planned for those dates in January. We will re-schedule the meetings and let you know when and where they will be held.
- The meeting scheduled for **December 16** will be held at the USFS Supervisor's Office in **Okanogan**. Last week we incorrectly stated that the meeting would be held in Twisp. The time (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM) remains the same, as does the topic: Okanogan Upper (Osoyoos Lake); Loup Loup Creek.

The subbasin planning process

As noted above, we are making some changes in the Subbasin Core Team's meeting schedule. Those changes are a result of delays in the processing of data needed to move forward with assessment in the Okanogan subbasin.

In addition, we've seen light turnout at the Subbasin Core Team meetings we've held so far.

The combination of delays and light stakeholder turnout has caused us to reconsider our approach to completing the Okanogan subbasin assessment. We want to make the best use of everyone's time while providing ample opportunities for stakeholders to participate. To accomplish that, we are considering revising the process so that technical staff (the Habitat Working Group) can move forward with the analyses that they need to do, without as much participation by stakeholders, and then building in extra chances for stakeholders to participate in fleshing out the assessment products.

The new approach would save time by cutting down on travel, and we believe it would be just as effective at involving stakeholders if interest in attending meetings remains low.

Our current plan is to hold the scheduled Subbasin Core Team meeting on December 16 (no changes yet), and then make a decision about the timing and format of future meetings, and how work is done between meetings. Stakeholder turnout on the 16th will probably be the primary factor that guides our decision about future meetings. We are also very interested in hearing your comments via telephone or email.

Please let us know if you have ideas about how we can structure this process so that it works well for you and best serves your interests.

Thanks again for your interest in subbasin planning.

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January 2, 2004

Hello All -

Happy New Year! I hope that you all have survived the Holiday season.

Just wanted to provide an update for meetings that are scheduled to occur next week.

Meetings for the week of January 5th:

January 6, 2004 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM USFS Office, Okanogan

Topics:

Lower Okanogan (Mouth to Salmon Creek)

Middle Okanogan (Salmon Creek to Whitestone Creek)

Chilliwist/Talent Creeks

January 8, 2004 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM USFS Office, Okanogan

Topic:

Omak Creek (Omak Creek include Staploop Creek, Trail Creek and Swimptikin Creek)

Loup Loup Creek (Loup Loup watershed only)

Tentative Meetings for the following week:

January 12, 2004 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM USFS Office, Tonasket

Topic:

Upper Okanogan (Osoyoos Lake)

Similkameen (all lower confluence (not backwater channel to north) up to Enloe Dam

Small Tributaries of the Middle and Upper Okanogan Basin (Bonaparte Creek, Tonasket Creek, Nine Mile Creek, Whitestone Creek and Wannacut CJanuary

January 13, 2004 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM USFS Office, Okanogan

Lower Salmon Creek (From mouth the Conconully Dam)

Upper Salmon (From Conconully including all reaches in west and north forks, Pelican)

January 13, 2004 evening Omak PUD Auditorium

Topic: Okanogan Basin summary meeting

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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January 9, 2004

I hope all of you are enjoying our winter wonderland!

Here is an overview of meeting dates and Subbasin Planning next Steps for January through May, 2004.

January 12-13, 2004:

Complete assessment unit review and development of management strategy blocks for the Okanogan subbasin.

(Assessment unit review and development of management strategy lists for the Methow subbasin was completed in December.)

January 12, 2004 - 10:00am – 4:00pm - Forest Service office, Tonasket:
Assessment unit review and development of management strategy blocks for the Similkameen, Upper Okanogan, and small tributaries in the middle and upper basin

January 13, 2004 - 10:00am – 4:00pm Forest Service office, Okanogan:
Assessment unit review and development of management strategy blocks for Upper and Lower Salmon Creek

January 13, 2004 – 6:30pm PUD Auditorium (across the street from Museum), Okanogan (evening):
Overview of assessment and management strategy work for the entire Okanogan subbasin.

Above dates and times were confirmed Thursday, January 8, 2004

January 26-27, 2004 Okanogan:

Golder Associates will present results of a technical review of completed work. The intent of the review is to ensure that the management strategies the SCT has selected are appropriate, given

the habitat attributes of each assessment unit, and are likely to be effective in overcoming the primary limiting factors.

Time and place to be announced.

February 11-March 11, 2004:

Review of draft subbasin plans by stakeholders and the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board's Regional Technical Team. Dates for stakeholder review sessions have yet to be scheduled; expect roughly two meetings in the Okanogan and two in the Methow, with dates to be announced.

Mid-March-mid-April, 2004:

Revisions to subbasin plans. Expect three meetings in the Okanogan and three in the Methow, with dates to be announced.

Mid-April, 2004:

Subbasin plans delivered to lead entities (the Colville Confederated Tribes, Okanogan County, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife) and technical writers for final review and editing.

By May 28, 2004:

Final subbasin plans submitted to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

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January 16, 2004

Hello!

Hope that things are going well for you all. Here is the weekly email update regarding the Sub basin Planning Process for the Methow and Okanogan sub basins.

Summary of progress to date

Earlier this week the Subbasin Core Team completed its first round of assessment work. Over the course of the next week, the Habitat Working Group and Outreach Team members will outline the next steps in the Subbasin Planning process and schedule another round of meetings to complete those steps. Here is a summary of what has been accomplished to date.

- The Habitat Working Group (HWG) assembled and reviewed the available data for each stream reach in the Methow and Okanogan subbasins
- The Outreach Team conducted briefings and made presentations to interested stakeholder groups
- The HWG and the Outreach Team hosted a kick-off meeting to introduce Subbasin Planning to stakeholders and recruit Subbasin Core Team (SCT) members
- The HWG and the Outreach Team hosted a public meeting, giving members of the general public an introduction to Subbasin Planning and an opportunity to review a draft inventory of projects and programs
- The SCT (which includes the HWG) held roughly a dozen meetings to review summaries of assessment data and draft lists of potential management strategies

Now technical writers are working to incorporate the inventory and assessment information in draft documents. The SCT will continue work on working hypotheses and management strategies. We will have more information about next steps to send to you next week. For now—thank you and congratulations to all of the SCT members! They have accomplished a mountain of work in a short time.

No meetings next week (January 19 - 23)

January 27-28, 2004, 10 AM-4 PM, U. S. Forest Service office, Okanogan

Please note that the date has changed since last week's update!

Golder Associates will present results of a technical review of completed work. The intent of the review is to ensure that the management strategies the SCT has selected are appropriate, given the habitat attributes of each assessment unit, and are likely to be effective in overcoming the primary limiting factors.

Thank you for your interest and involvement in sub basin planning.

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January 23, 2004

Hello!

I hope that your week has gone well for you and that you have an enjoyable weekend planned.

Provided below is our weekly sub basin planning update for the Methow and Okanogan Sub basins. Thank you for your interest in sub basin planning.

Subbasin Planning next steps

The Subbasin Core Team (SCT) has completed its first round of planning, with three meetings on January 12-13. Congratulations to all participants, and many thanks for your time and energy over the last two months!

What does this mean?

All Subbasin Plans are based on three components: an inventory, an assessment, and a management plan. The management plans are based on the inventories and assessments. Inventories are annotated lists of recovery and restoration projects that have been completed or are underway, and programs that are operating in the subbasin. Stakeholders will have a chance to review the inventories as part of the draft management plans in March (see below). Assessments summarize information about watershed health. They include working hypotheses regarding what conditions may be limiting the production of target fish species in each watershed. "Limiting factors" is a term that refers to environmental conditions that limit fish production.

The first round of planning built on several months of assessment by a technical Habitat Working Group (HWG). The HWG rated 46 habitat attributes. Once rated, those attributes were analyzed using a model called EDT (Ecosystem Diagnosis and Treatment). Subbasin Core Teams (SCT) in the Okanogan and Methow have been meeting since November to review EDT results, summarize limiting factors, and block out preliminary management strategies for local groups of rivers and streams (termed "assessment units").

What's next?

1. The technical review presentation by Golder Associates, scheduled for January 27th and 28th, has been cancelled. There will be no SCT meetings until February 25th (Methow) and 26th (Okanogan).
2. On February 11th, the Subbasin Planning Coordinators (the "Coordinators" include the Colville Confederated Tribes, Okanogan County, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife) will present the outcomes of the work completed to date to the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board's Regional Technical Team (RTT). Between now and February 11th, the Coordinators will work together to prepare the presentation and to complete first drafts of the working hypotheses for all assessment units and a priority list that integrates priorities among several species and about a dozen assessment units in both the Methow and the Okanogan. (The SCT will review the working hypotheses and the integrated priority list this spring.)

3. The RTT will review work to date on the subbasin plans (draft assessments, limiting factors, working hypotheses, and preliminary management strategies). The RTT will return comments to the Coordinators within 30 days.

4. During the RTT review period (February 11th through March 11th) the SCT will work on integrated priorities, working hypotheses, vision, goals, and other components of the plans. The schedule for those meetings is as follows:

February 25th: review integrated priorities and working hypotheses for each assessment unit -

Okanogan February 26th: review integrated priorities and working hypotheses for each

assessment unit -Methow March 4th: work on vision, goals, and full review of the draft plan-

Okanogan March 5th: work on vision, goals, and full review of the draft plan-Methow

5. SCT stakeholder comments and RTT technical review comments are due by March 11. The Coordinators will receive and organize the comments and distribute them to the SCT.

6. The SCT will meet in March to consider both stakeholder and technical review comments and to refine management strategies for incorporation in the Subbasin Plans in March and April. The tentative schedule for those meetings is as follows:

March 23rd: stakeholder/RTT comments-Okanogan

March 24th: stakeholder/RTT comments- Methow

March 30th: stakeholder/RTT comments- Okanogan

March 31st: stakeholder/RTT comments-Methow

April 5th: refine management strategies-Okanogan

April 6th: refine management strategies- Methow

April 12th: refine management strategies- Okanogan

April 13th: refine management strategies-Methow

7. The Coordinators are scheduled to develop draft subbasin plans for the Okanogan and Methow for public review in March and early April. Those drafts will be introduced to the general public later in April. We are still working on the public review timeline and will send it to you in a future update.

8. The Coordinators and SCT members will work with the technical writers to prepare revised draft plans for presentation to the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board (UCSRB). Those drafts will be amended based on the UCSRB's comments, and final plans will be submitted to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council by May 28th-the deadline for plan submittal throughout the Columbia Basin.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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February 3, 2004

OKANOGAN COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: **Water Resource Division**

Northwest Power and Conservation Council Sub basin Planning: Methow and Okanogan sub basins

For immediate release

During the second week of January, a dedicated team of local stakeholders and technical experts completed the first round of Subbasin Planning work for the Methow and Okanogan watersheds. “It was a very intensive process,” said Julie Dagnon, Water Resource Division Manager for Okanogan County. “The SCT [Subbasin Core Team] met 10 times over a period of less than two months. The Habitat Working Group worked through the summer and fall to gather and prepare data for the SCT to work with. We have some extremely dedicated people working on Subbasin Planning. We are writing first draft subbasin plans now, and preparing to move into the next stage in February. We’d like to invite the public to join us in reviewing those drafts.”

Subbasin Planning was initiated by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) to develop management plans for the expenditure of the Bonneville Power Administration’s mitigation funds for recovery of Columbia Basin fish and wildlife. In Okanogan County, the process is being coordinated by the Colville Confederated Tribes, Okanogan County, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (the Coordinators). “This is about fish and wildlife and people,” said Ms. Dagnon. “How can we all survive and thrive? People have invested time in this process because those issues are so important to our quality of life here in Okanogan County.” The subbasin plans will be the building block for regional salmon recovery plans in the State of Washington.

What’s been done so far?

All Subbasin Plans, throughout the Columbia Basin, are based on three components: an inventory, an assessment, and a management plan. The management plans are based on the inventories and assessments.

Inventories are annotated lists of recovery and restoration projects that have been completed or are underway, and programs that are operating in the subbasin. *Assessments* summarize information about watershed health. They include working hypotheses regarding conditions that may be limiting the production of target fish species in each watershed.

The first round of planning built on several months of intense work by a technical Habitat Working Group (HWG). The HWG rated the quality of 46 different habitat attributes—factors such as water temperature, presence of large woody debris, and quality of riparian vegetation that

affect fish survival during different life stages. The attributes were rated for more than 350 stream reaches in the Okanogan and Methow river basins and tributaries. Once rated, those attributes were analyzed for each stream reach using a model called EDT (Ecosystem Diagnosis and Treatment). The SCT met from November 2003 until January 2004 to review EDT results, summarize limiting factors (things that keep salmon production from being all that it could be), and outline preliminary strategies to manage fish and rivers to improve habitat and facilitate salmon recovery. Those management strategies were grouped for rivers and streams with similar characteristics (termed “assessment units”). Completion of that work in January brought an end to the first round of planning and laid the groundwork for the next phase.

What’s next?

On February 11th, the Subbasin Coordinators will present the outcomes of that first round of planning (partial first drafts of subbasin plans) to the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board’s Regional Technical Team (RTT). The RTT will review the work to ensure that it is consistent with regional salmon recovery goals and the framework established by the NPCC. The Okanogan and Methow subbasin plans are part of a larger provincial plan that encompasses plans from six subbasins in the Upper Columbia region, all of which are going before the RTT for review. The RTT will return comments to the Coordinators by March 11th.

The Coordinators invite public comment on the work that has been accomplished to date. Initial drafts of the plan will be available for public review on February 11th. “At this stage the drafts are incomplete,” said Ms Dagnon. “We are at a stage where the process calls for a technical review, and we’d like to invite the public to review the work that’s been done so far, too. The management plans themselves, though—the really creative part of the process—will be written this spring, after the technical review stage ensures that we are on the right course. We hope local residents will get involved now so that their ideas can be included as we write those management plans.” You may request a copy of the initial draft via email from sbp@co.okanogan.wa.us. Copies will also be placed in local libraries for review.

The Coordinators will host two public meetings to discuss the planning process and the initial drafts: the first on Tuesday, February 17th, in the Forest Service conference room in Twisp; and second on Wednesday, February 18th in the Okanogan County Commissioners’ Hearing Room in Okanogan. Both meetings will run from 6:30-8:30 PM.

Comments are welcome and will be accepted until March 11th. According to Ms Dagnon, “The SCT will review comments from both local stakeholders and the RTT in March. Your ideas are important! The public will have further opportunity to comment on a final draft plan in April. The comments we receive at this stage will help us write that draft for final public review before all the subbasin plans are submitted to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.”

While the RTT is preparing its comments, the SCT will work on integrated priority lists, working hypotheses, visions, goals, and other components of the plans. *Integrated priority lists* are so called because they integrate recovery priorities across several species and about a dozen assessment units in each subbasin (the Methow and the Okanogan). During the assessment phase, each species and assessment unit was analyzed individually. Integrating the outcomes of those assessments will make it easier to prioritize recovery strategies.

Working hypotheses are statements about what we think is really happening “on the ground” (or in the river) that would account for the operation of limiting factors and the condition of the

habitat and salmon stocks in each subbasin assessment unit. They are framed in a way that facilitates future scientific testing of each hypothesis. They don't reflect certainty, but they do set forth the logic that provides scientific accountability for our future management actions. *Visions* and *goals* reflect our desired outcomes for the subbasin planning process. Local stakeholders are welcome to join the SCT as they press forward with all this work.

Once the Coordinators receive comments from both the SCT and RTT on the first draft materials from subbasin planning, the SCT will hold a series of meetings to consider those stakeholder and technical comments and to refine management strategies for incorporation in the Subbasin Plans.

Following public review, the Coordinators and SCT members will work with technical writers to prepare revised draft plans for presentation to the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board (UCSRB). Further editing of the drafts will incorporate the UCSRB's comments, and final plans will be submitted to the NPCC by May 28th—the deadline for plan submittal throughout the Columbia Basin.

The Coordinators are encouraging all interested stakeholders to join the SCT and participate in development of the management plans. "By all means, come to the meetings, learn about what's been done, and help make these plans a reflection of local priorities," said Ms Dagnon. "The NPCC is giving us a chance to tell them where and how we would like them to invest in fish and wildlife recovery. It is up to us to create a document that will indicate what's important to the people of Okanogan County. We want to write plans that are based on science *and* local interests. The importance of public participation and input is further emphasized since the subbasin plans are the initial building block of the regional salmon recovery plans."

The next two SCT meetings are scheduled for February 17th (Methow Subbasin) and 18th (Okanogan Subbasin). For more information, including a full meeting schedule, or to have your name added to the Subbasin Planning mailing list (and receive weekly updates via email), please call Okanogan County Water Resources at 509/422-7113 or email sbp@co.okanogan.wa.us.

Legend

Coordinators: the Subbasin Planning Coordinators—the Colville Confederated Tribes, Okanogan County, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
EDT: Ecosystem Diagnosis and Treatment
HWG: Habitat Working Group
NPCC: Northwest Power and Conservation Council
RTT: the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board's Regional Technical Team
SCT: Subbasin Core Team
UCSRB: Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board

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February 6, 2004

Greetings!

We have less than four months to complete the sub basin plans for submittal to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (May 28, 2004 is the deadline for submittal). Earlier this week,

you should have received an electronic copy of the press release largely describing the work that has been completed to date on the sub basin plan. The following attempts to describe the path (actions, milestone or meeting) that we hope to pursue to meet our deadline of May 28, 2004. PLEASE be certain to keep in mind that following is still tentative, and the weekly email updates provide the most current information.

| Action/Milestone/Meeting | Date |
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| Presentation of DRAFT sub basin plans to RTT | February 11 |
| Release first drafts for public comment. Drafts will be available in the Brewster, Okanogan, Omak, Oroville, Pateros, Tonasket, Twisp, and Winthrop. In addition, drafts may be requested via email; write to sbp@co.okanogan.wa.us | February 12 |
| Review integrated priorities and working hypotheses, and distribute guidance on commenting on first draft—Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 10 AM-4 PM | February 17 |
| Public meeting to present first draft, review comment guidelines, distribute SCT schedule, discuss how SCT's work will affect the draft plan—Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 6:30-8:30 PM | February 17 |
| Review integrated priorities and working hypotheses, and distribute guidance on commenting on first draft—Okanogan (SLTBD), 10 AM-4 PM | February 18 |
| Public meeting to present first draft, review comment guidelines, distribute SCT schedule, discuss how SCT's work will affect the draft plan—Okanogan. Okanogan County Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6:30-8:30 PM | February 18 |
| Document review, vision and goal development, and working hypotheses (work left from earlier meetings)—Okanogan (SLTBD), 10 AM-4 PM | March 04 |
| Document review, vision and goal development, and working hypotheses (work left from earlier meetings)—Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 10 AM-4 PM | March 05 |
| Deliver comments to SBP coordinators from RTT and stakeholders | March 11 |
| Distribute RTT & stakeholder comments to SCT | March 16 |
| Discuss technical comments from RTT & stakeholder comments from public— Okanogan (SLTBD), 10 AM-4 PM | March 16 |
| Discuss technical comments from RTT & stakeholder comments from public—Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 10 AM-4 PM | March 17 |
| Discuss technical comments from RTT & stakeholder comments from SCT— Okanogan (SLTBD), 10 AM-4 PM | March 30 |
| Discuss technical comments from RTT & stakeholder comments from SCT—Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 10 AM-4 PM | March 31 |
| Refine management strategies—Okanogan (SLTBD), 10 AM-4 PM | April 05 |
| Refine management strategies— Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 10 AM-4 PM | April 06 |
| Refine management strategies— Okanogan (SLTBD), 10 AM-4 PM | April 12 |

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| Refine management strategies—Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 10 AM-4 PM | April 13 |
| Prepare revised draft for public meeting, based on RTT comments and SCT response | April 15 |
| Draft plans available for public review | April 16 |
| Public meeting to present draft—Okanogan (SLTDB) , 6:30-8:30 PM | April 19 |
| Public meeting to present draft—Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 6:30-8:30 PM | April 20 |
| Deadline for public comments | April 30 |
| Submit final plans to NPCC | May 28 |

PUBLIC COMMENT Periods

The public is welcome to attend all meetings pertaining to the sub basin planning process. Public comment and input is needed to make these plans a reflection of local priorities. The two public comment periods listed below are opportunities for more formal commenting on the DRAFT sub basin plans.

February 12 – March 11

At this stage the drafts are incomplete; however they are at a stage where a technical review should occur. The continued development of the management plan of the sub basin plans will continue during and after this review stage.

April 16 – April 30

Final formal public comment period prior to submittal to the NPCC

Keep in mind that there will be other opportunities for public comment through the NPCC after they have received the sub basin plans. This comment period is anticipated to occur sometime in the months of either June, July or August 2004.

OKANOGAN Sub Basin Meetings

Note: These meetings are tentative, and will be confirmed in the appropriate weekly sub basin planning email updates.

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| Review integrated priorities and working hypotheses, and distribute guidance on commenting on first draft—Okanogan (SLTBD), 10 AM-4 PM | February 18 Day |
| Public meeting to present first draft, review comment guidelines, distribute SCT schedule, discuss how SCT's work will affect the draft plan—Okanogan. Okanogan County Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6:30-8:30 PM | February 18 Evening |
| Document review, vision and goal development, and working hypotheses (work left from earlier meetings)—Okanogan (SLTBD), 10 AM-4 PM | March 04 Day |
| Discuss technical comments from RTT & stakeholder comments from public— Okanogan (SLTBD), 10 AM-4 PM | March 16 Day |
| Discuss technical comments from RTT & stakeholder comments | March 30 |

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| from SCT— Okanogan (SLTBD), 10 AM-4 PM | Day |
| Refine management strategies—Okanogan (SLTBD), 10 AM-4 PM | April 05 Day |
| Refine management strategies— Okanogan (SLTBD), 10 AM-4 PM | April 12 Day |
| Public meeting to present draft—Okanogan (SLTDB) , 6:30-8:30 PM | April 19 Evening |

METHOW Sub Basin Meetings

Note: These meetings are tentative, and will be confirmed in the appropriate weekly sub basin planning email updates.

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| Review integrated priorities and working hypotheses, and distribute guidance on commenting on first draft—Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 10 AM-4 PM | February 17 Day |
| Public meeting to present first draft, review comment guidelines, distribute SCT schedule, discuss how SCT’s work will affect the draft plan—Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 6:30-8:30 PM | February 17 Evening |
| Document review, vision and goal development, and working hypotheses (work left from earlier meetings)—Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 10 AM-4 PM | March 05 Day |
| Discuss technical comments from RTT & stakeholder comments from public—Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 10 AM-4 PM | March 17 Day |
| Discuss technical comments from RTT & stakeholder comments from SCT—Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 10 AM-4 PM | March 31 Day |
| Refine management strategies— Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 10 AM-4 PM | April 06 Day |
| Refine management strategies—Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 10 AM-4 PM | April 13 Day |
| Public meeting to present draft—Methow. Twisp Forest Service, 6:30-8:30 PM | April 20 Evening |

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your interest and participation in the sub basin planning process.

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February 13, 2004

Hello All -

With the weather that we are having here in the "Sunny Okanogan" it appears that the Groundhog really did see its shadow and that we are getting more winter! Ahh such as life. This email intends to provide you with an update to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's sub basin planning process that is occurring the Methow and Okanogan sub basins.

At the end of this update is the press release that should be appearing in the newspapers next week. Also would like to remind you of the following meetings for next February:

METHOW SUB BASIN

February 17, 2004; Twisp USFS Conference Room; 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Review integrated priorities and working hypotheses, and distribute guidance on commenting on first draft

February 17, 2004; Twisp USFS Conference Room; 6:30-8:30 PM

Public meeting to present first draft, review comment guidelines, distribute SCT schedule, discuss how SCT's work will affect the draft plan—Methow.

OKANOGAN SUB BASIN

February 18, 2004 Okanogan; Okanogan County Health District, 1234 Second Avenue S. (just south of Forest Service, upstairs); 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Review integrated priorities and working hypotheses, and distribute guidance on commenting on first draft—Okanogan.

February 18, 2004 Okanogan; Okanogan County Health District, 1234 Second Avenue S. (just south of Forest Service, upstairs); 6:30 PM -8:30 PM

Public meeting to present first draft, review comment guidelines, distribute SCT schedule, discuss how SCT's work will affect the draft plan—Okanogan.

PRESS RELEASE for Monday, February 16, 2004

Okanogan County, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Colville Confederated Tribes, Coordinators of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Subbasin Planning process for the Methow and Okanogan sub basins, would like to remind you that first drafts of the Subbasin Plans for the Methow and Okanogan basins are available for review. The drafts include assessments based on existing data about listed fish species and their habitat, inventories of projects and programs, and preliminary lists of management strategies to address data gaps and factors that limit fish production.

The Coordinators are seeking comments so that the Subbasin Plans will reflect local interests and priorities. All comments are due by March 11th. "The more specific your comments, the more likely it is that they can be addressed", said Okanogan County Water Resource Manager Julie Dagnon. "I'd like to encourage stakeholders to look at the inventory and assessment and let us

know if there is information we have missed, as well as commenting on the management strategy lists.” All comments will be reviewed during development of the final draft plans this spring, and all will be included in those plans as appendices. Comments may be submitted by mail to 123 North 5th Avenue, Room 110, Okanogan, WA, 98840; by fax to 509/422-7349; and by email to sbp@co.okanogan.wa.us. Please call 509/422-7113 with any questions.

Plans are available for review in the Brewster, Okanogan, Omak, Oroville, Pateros, Tonasket, Twisp, and Winthrop libraries. You may also request a copy by emailing sbp@co.okanogan.wa.us.

Your interest and participation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
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February 18, 2004

Our apologies!

Tonight's meeting location was incorrectly listed as the County Health District

Tonight's meeting is actually being held in the Okanogan County Commissioners' Hearing room in the Grainger Administration Building in Okanogan, WA.

Directions:

From Second Street turn at the clock onto Pine and head northwest up the hill, the Grainger Administration Building is the brick building at the crest of the hill at 5th Ave.

The door to the Hearing room is located on the Northeast side of the building.

**Address: 123 5th Ave N
Okanogan, WA**

February 13, 2003 - SBP Weekly update (as previously stated):

OKANOGAN SUB BASIN

February 18, 2004 Okanogan; ~~Okanogan County Health District, 1234 Second Avenue S. (just south of Forest Service, upstairs); 6:30 PM -8:30 PM~~

Public meeting to present first draft, review comment guidelines, distribute SCT schedule, discuss how SCT's work will affect the draft plan—**Okanogan.**

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February 23, 2004

Hello ~

I hope that you all were able to enjoy the sunshine that we received this weekend here in the Sunny Okanogan. I was able to get out in the sunshine both days of the weekend and it was quite spectacular. However, though the sunshine it still sunning and the weekend complete, we're back to sub basin planning in the Methow and Okanogan sub basins.

DRAFT SUB BASIN PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Methow and Okanogan sub basin plans are available for review and comment. The plans are available through a variety of avenues:

- > Okanogan County's ftp site
- > local Libraries
- > CD
- > hard copy

Okanogan County's ftp site

Okanogan County has a public ftp site. The address for the site is: <ftp://okanogancounty.org/pub>
There are many documents on this site, not all are related to sub basin planning. Here are the documents that you should access to download:

OkanogansbpFeb1304draft.zip

Met21304.doc

The DRAFT Okanogan sub basin plan is zipped and in Adobe. We zipped it in hopes that it would allow for easier download due to file size - it didn't reduce it by much.
The DRAFT Methow sub basin plan is in a Word Document and read-only.

Please also be certain to download this document as well: MEMD1sbp.doc
This provides information guidance about commenting on the sub basin plans.

Local libraries

Copies of the sub basin plans should be available for viewing the County's libraries starting February 25, 2004.

CD

Upon request (email or telephone), we can burn a CD that contains the sub basin plans.

Hard copies

Upon request, we are able to provide hard copies of these first DRAFT sub basin plans. The size of these documents is quite large (over 200 pages) and it would be greatly appreciated if a hard copy was requested if no other means was acceptable.

MEETINGS

There are no scheduled meetings this week for sub basin planning.

FORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS

Public participation is always welcome and encouraged in the sub basin planning process. With this said though, we wanted to remind you of the more structured public comment periods:

February 12 – March 11

At this stage the drafts are incomplete; however they are at a stage where a technical review should occur. The continued development of the management plan of the sub basin plans will continue during and after this review stage.

April 16 – April 30

Final formal public comment period prior to submittal to the NPCC

Keep in mind that there will be other opportunities for public comment through the NPCC after they have received the sub basin plans. This comment period is anticipated to occur sometime in the months of either June, July or August 2004.

Thank you for your interest in sub basin planning. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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March 25, 2004

Hello,
Hope that this note finds you well. This message is to give you an update of the Northwest Power Conservation Council's sub basin planning process occurring in the Methow and Okanogan sub basins.

There are sub basin planning SCT meetings for the Okanogan and Methow sub basins scheduled for March 30 and 31st.

OKANOOGAN SUB BASIN

March 30, 2004 Okanogan USFS, Okanogan; 10AM - 4PM

METHOW SUB BASIN

March 31, 2004 Twisp USFS, Twisp; 10AM - 4PM

The following is the agenda that will be focused on at these meetings:

1 - Public Comments

The public comments that were received during the February 11 - March 11 formal public comment period as well as those received since then need to be reviewed, addressed, responded to, and incorporated into the sub basin plans.

2 - Vision, Goals, Objectives and Strategies

At last weeks' meetings, the SCT worked on visions and goals for the Methow and Okanogan sub basins. Using visions and goals proposed by the CCT and Okanogan County, the SCT developed a preliminary vision and preliminary goals list for each of the two subbasins. The agenda for March 30 and 31 includes finalizing the vision and goals and working on objectives and management strategies.

Other Items to Note:

With the date change of the release of the final draft from April 16 to April 23, formal public comment on the next sub basin plans will now be from April 23, 2004 to May 10, 2004. During the week of May 10, comments will then be reviewed, addressed and determined how and which to be incorporated. As like the comments in the last comment period - February 11 - March 11 and continuously received until April 16 - they will be included as an appendix with the responses provided in the sub basin plans. The County has maintained and will continue to maintain that the public will need at least two weeks to review the close to final document that is going to be submitted to NPCC. We recognize and sympathize that this a very short time frame however, we felt it better to have this comment period than not. Please keep in mind that after the sub basin plans are submitted to the NPCC, there will be another subsequent public comment time period.

Because of several comments we received due to the review time line for the first draft plans, Okanogan County proposes to accept comments on the first draft until April 13th with the SCT reviewing any new comments at each SCT meeting prior to the new drafts. Comments received after April 13th will be treated with any comments made during the final two week public comment period prior to the May 28 submittal deadline.

The agenda for each of the April SCT meetings will depend on what was accomplished at the preceding meeting. We are planning on two April SCT meetings in each sub basin—the first set to be held on April 5th and 6th; the second set to be scheduled as the time line for release of drafts and public meetings evolves.

Thank you for your commitment and continued participation.

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April 4, 2004

Hello Folks!

I hope that your weekend is going well for you! What beautiful weather! This is just a quick and friendly about the sub basin planning meetings that are occurring this week.

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| April 5 | 10 AM-4 PM | Okanogan Forest Service | SCT | Okanogan Subbasin vision, goals, and objectives; review and address comments |
| April 6 | 10 AM-4 PM | Twisp Forest Service | SCT | Methow Subbasin vision, goals, and objectives; review and address comments |

Thank you for your continued participation!

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April 9, 2004

Hello Everyone,

Have a wonderful Easter weekend!

Here is a quick reference for upcoming meetings:

SCT meetings previously scheduled during the day (10 AM-4 PM) on April 12th and 13th have been canceled.

April 19, 2004 – 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Public Subbasin Plan Overview Meeting
Okanogan County Commissioners' Hearing Room
123 N 5th Ave, Okanogan, WA

April 20, 2004 – 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
SCT Meeting
US Forest Service Conference Room
Okanogan, WA

April 20, 2004 – 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Public Subbasin Plan Overview Meeting
US Forest Service Conference Room
Twisp, WA

Here is a quick reference for “Draft” Plan releases & Comment Periods:

April 16, 2004 – is the extended deadline for comments on the current (February) draft.

April 23, 2004 – the next draft is due to be released - Comment period for this draft will run through May 10, 2004

The first NPCC comment period will run from June 9th – August 12th with a final review and comment period to follow sometime in the Fall of 2004.

This Press Release is being sent out for publication in local newspapers and we are including it here to give you additional information.

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Julie Dagnon, Okanogan County Water Resource Manager
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For release April 12, 2004

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The Coordinators will host public meetings on April 19th and 20th to offer an overview of the plans' contents; suggestions on how to review the plans, including areas to focus on; and information on how interested persons can obtain copies of the plans when they are released. The schedule for public meetings is as follows:

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Comments may be submitted via email, postal mail, or fax, as follows:

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Additionally, below we have included a copy of the ad that will also be published in local newspapers and publications in case you have a bulletin board that you would like to post this on or as a reminder post it on your refrigerator.

Methow and Okanogan Subbasins

The Colville Confederated Tribes, Okanogan County, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

will host two public meetings to present an overview of the Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Plans, suggestions on how to review the plans, and information on how to obtain copies of the plans. Final drafts of the plans will be released on April 23rd

Please come and help shape the future of your watershed

Monday, April 19th

6:30-8:30 PM

Okanogan County Commissioners'

Hearing Room

123 N. 5th Avenue, Okanogan

Tuesday, April 20th

6:30-8:30 PM

U. S. Forest Service Conference Room

Twisp

For more information, please call OKANOGAN COUNTY WATER RESOURCES at 422-7113

or email sbp@co.okanogan.wa.us

As always if you have questions or need additional information please feel free to contact one of us.

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April 12, 2004

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April 24, 2004

Good Morning Folks!

It looks like it is going to be a wonderful sunny day here in the sunny Okanogan Valley. I would imagine likewise for the Methow as well.

This email contains information as to where you can download a copy of the Okanogan and Methow sub basin plans. For those of you that have indicated that you would prefer to receive a copy of the plan in a different media, we are working to accommodate that as quickly as possible. CDs and hard copies will go out in the Monday (04/26) mail.

The Okanogan April DRAFT sub basin plan is available:
<http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/subbasinplanning/Okanogan/default.asp>
Click on "Public file exchange" on the right side of the page.
Select "Okanogan April DRAFT sub basin plan.doc"

The Methow April DRAFT sub basin plan is available:
<http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/subbasinplanning/Methow/default.asp>
Click on "Public file exchange" on the right side of the page.
Select "Methow April DRAFT sub basin plan.doc"

Wildlife Management Plans - Because we received this portion of the plan too late to incorporate directly into the sub basin plans, this is being provided as a separate document. This information will go into the portion of the sub basin plans titled "Biological Objectives". Though it is a separate document, we felt it important to provide the information to you so that we were able to receive your comments. This can be downloaded at the same site as the DRAFT sub basin plans for the specific sub basins.

Please note the following:

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All comments must be received by May 10th, 2004, 5:00 PM

The plans are now 350 pages including appendices. However, in these drafts there are no tables, charts or figures. Some of the tables, charts or figures will be the same as those in the February DRAFT sub basin plans. We placed a priority to get the text to plan more developed for this review and the tables, charts and figures are still works in progress. We apologize for any

inconvenience. (The OLD (February 2004) drafts are posted on the public exchange section of the NPCC website which has some of the tables, charts or figures.)

With out the tables, charts or figures the document is more manageable. With the current document size, this allows you to use the "track changes" function in MS Word and provide specific language changes, or add comments directly into the document. This will make allow maximum interaction. If you have comments on only specific sections of the document, please select and cut out those sections and email them back to us (to avoid having to email the whole document and potentially plugging up email in boxes)

In the new draft to table of contents has changed from the February 2004 DRAFT - we went back to NPCC basic table of contents.

Tools for reviewing the document:

The Table of Contents in linked to that actual text portion of the document. If you push the Ctrl button on your keyboard and then left click it will take you to that section in the document of which you've chosen

If you have a "buzz" word to look for, use the edit - find option in MS Word.

If you are unable to download the document, please let us know and we will do our best to make accommodations. Because of the size of the document, we are able to email it out to folks. We did not do so with this email because we did not want to overload some folks' email in boxes.

Thanks folks for you continued interest in sub basin planning.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Local Jurisdictions Briefing Invitation Text
Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Planning—Public Outreach

April 16, 2004

Dear Mayors and City Council Members of Brewster, Okanogan, Omak, Oroville, Pateros, Tonasket, Twisp and Winthrop,

We would like to invite all of you to join us for a meeting with the Okanogan County Commissioners on April 26th from 2:00 - 3:30 PM to discuss the Okanogan and Methow Subbasin Plans.

The meeting will be held at the Grainger Administration Building in the Okanogan County Commissioners' Hearing Room - 123 N. 5th Avenue, Okanogan.

Our goals for this meeting are to:

- Update you on Subbasin Planning and the most recent public meetings (scheduled for April 19th and 20th)
- Provide an opportunity for questions and comments from each of you in a face to face setting with the Commissioners
- Ensure that you are all brought up to speed on the process as it moves forward to the May 28th due date for submitting plans to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, including what we might need from you

Your time, involvement and input are invaluable and will be appreciated.

If possible please RSVP to the phone number or email address below – this will assist us in making sure that we have enough copies of the Subbasin Plans available to hand out.

For more information, please call Okanogan Count Water Resources at (509) 422-7113 or email us at sbp@co.okanogan.wa.us.

Thank you to everyone that assisted with distributing this information.

Sandy Cox
Okanogan County Water Resources
(Assistant to Julie Dagnon, Water Resources Manager)

**First Draft Request Log
Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Planning—Public Outreach**

Below is a listing of those drafts that were requested directly from the Okanogan County Water Resources Office. There was no reliable method to track how many times the plans were viewed and/or copied from the FTP site, or shared by others.

| FEBRUARY 2004 DRAFTS | | |
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| | Name | Comment |
| 1 | Ewing, Dick | Sent CD |
| 2 | Allen, Teresa | Sent Hardcopy - Methow Plan |
| 3 | Hajny, Darlene | Sent CD |
| 4 | Williams, Marty | Sent Hardcopy – Methow Plan |
| 5 | Bull, Chris | Sent Hardcopy - Methow Plan |
| 6 | Gage, Mike | Sent Hardcopy - Methow Plan |
| 7 | Grialou, Julie | Sent CD |
| 8 | White, James | Sent Hardcopy - Okanogan & Methow |
| 9 | Coleman, Carol | Sent CD |
| 10 | Syb or Sid (?) | Sent CD |
| 11 | Strieby, Sandra | Sent CD |
| 12 | Carlson, Lee | Sent CD |
| 13 | Pateros Public Library | Sent copy of each plan along with copies of SBP email with information regarding plans and deadlines |
| 14 | Brewster Public Library | Sent copy of each plan along with copies of SBP email with information regarding plans and deadlines |
| 15 | Okanogan Public Library | Sent copy of each plan along with copies of SBP email with information regarding plans and deadlines |
| 16 | Omak Public Library | Sent copy of each plan along with copies of SBP email with information regarding plans and deadlines |
| 17 | Twisp Public Library | Sent copy of each plan along with copies of SBP email with information regarding plans and deadlines |
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| 19 | Tonasket Public Library | Sent copy of each plan along with copies of SBP email with information regarding plans and deadlines |
| 20 | Oroville Public Library | Sent copy of each plan along with copies of SBP email with information regarding plans and deadlines |

**Second Draft Request Log
Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Planning—Public Outreach**

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| APRIL 2004 DRAFTS | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| | Name | Comment |
| 1 | David Taylor | Sent Hardcopies - Okanogan & Methow Plans |
| 2 | Jennifer Molesworth | Sent CD and Hardcopy of Methow Plan |
| 3 | Darlene Hajny | Sent Hardcopies - Okanogan & Methow Plans |
| 4 | Bonnie Lawrence | Sent Hardcopies - Okanogan & Methow Plans |
| 5 | Marty Williams | Sent Hardcopy - Methow Plan |
| 6 | Lee Bernheisel | Sent Hardcopy - Methow Plan |
| 7 | Dave Sabold | Sent CD |
| 8 | Bob Anderson | Sent CD |
| 9 | Vickey Welch | Sent CD |
| 10 | Dick Ewing | Sent CD |
| 11 | Sandra Strieby | Sent Hardcopy - Methow Plan |
| 12 | Mike Gage | Sent Hardcopy - Methow Plan |
| 13 | City of Pateros | Sent CD and Hardcopy - Methow Plan |
| 14 | City of Twisp | Sent Hardcopy - Methow Plan |
| 15 | Comm. Craig Vejraska | Sent Hardcopy - Methow Plan |
| 16 | Comm. Dave Schulz | Sent Hardcopies - Okanogan & Methow Plans |
| 17 | Brenda Crowell | Sent CD |
| 18 | Comm. Mary Lou Peterson | Sent CD and Hardcopies of Methow & Okanogan Plans |
| 19 | City of Okanogan | Sent CD |
| 20 | Kathy Powers | Sent Hardcopies - Okanogan & Methow Plans |
| 21 | Kurt Danison | Sent Hardcopy - Okanogan Plan |
| 22 | John Jorgensen | Sent Hardcopies - Okanogan & Methow Plans |
| 23 | Lorah Waters | Sent CD |
| 24 | Pateros Public Library | Send copy of each plan along with copies of SBP email with information regarding plans and deadlines |
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| 33 | Julie Dagon | Sent Hardcopies - Okanogan & Methow Plans |

PowerPoint Presentations, Handouts, News Releases, and Other Materials Distributed Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Planning—Public Outreach

On Okanogan County Water Resources letterhead

Fact Sheet

What is Subbasin Planning?

Subbasin Planning is a process that has been initiated by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) to develop management plans for the recovery of Columbia Basin fish and wildlife.

The NPCC (formerly the Northwest Power Planning Council) was created by Congress in 1980 to give the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington a voice in how the region plans for its energy needs, while at the same time mitigating the effects of the Columbia River hydropower system on fish and wildlife.

The NPCC's *2000 Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Program* outlines a new mitigation project review and selection process, which emphasizes the development of *local Subbasin Plans* to guide project funding throughout the Columbia River Basin. The Subbasin Plans are intended to serve as a blueprint for recovery efforts, and to guide the review, selection, and funding of projects to carry out the NPCC's program. The Bonneville Power Administration will spend about \$186 million per year on fish and wildlife projects in the Columbia River Basin for the next four years.

There are 62 subbasins in the Columbia River Basin. Subbasin Planning has begun in 58 of those subbasins, located in all four Columbia Basin states—Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Two Subbasin Planning processes are underway in Okanogan County—one in the Methow and one in the Okanogan subbasin.

What is the timeline for Subbasin Planning?

Subbasin Plans must be completed by May, 2004. Okanogan County will hold a series of public meetings to solicit input from stakeholders at different stages in the process. Those meetings are tentatively scheduled for November, 2003; January, 2004; late February or early March, 2004, and late March or early April, 2004. As meeting dates are set, they will be posted on the County's Water Resources web site.

Who is involved?

Two agencies are acting as co-lead entities in each subbasin in Okanogan County. In the Methow subbasin, Okanogan County and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife are the co-lead entities. In the Okanogan subbasin, Okanogan County and the Colville Confederated Tribes are the co-lead entities. The co-lead entities oversee the process and are responsible for conducting public outreach during the process and submitting a Plan for each subbasin to the NPCC.

Several other organizations are involved in developing subbasin assessments, including the Yakama Nation, NOAA Fisheries, the Okanogan Nations Alliance (Canada), and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

All stakeholders will have a chance to be involved in Subbasin Planning. In Okanogan County, outreach efforts will target agricultural interests (including irrigation districts), government agencies (including local government), recreation interests, environmental and conservation organizations, business interests, land management and other groups that may have interests in future fish and wildlife mitigation efforts. Public meetings will give anyone who is interested a chance to comment on the plan components as they are developed.

What are the plan components?

Every subbasin plan, throughout the Columbia River Basin, will have three main parts:

- An assessment, which will be a technical analysis to determine the biological potential of the subbasin and the opportunities for restoration
- An inventory, which will include information about fish and wildlife plans and projects already completed or underway in the subbasin
- A management plan for the next 10-15 years, which will include a vision for the subbasin, biological objectives, and strategies

Assessments and inventories are already underway in the Methow and Okanogan subbasins.

How does Subbasin Planning relate to other planning efforts?

The co-lead entities anticipate that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries will use the Subbasin Plans to guide some aspects of endangered species recovery and other management activities when appropriate. In addition, Subbasin Planning will provide the foundation for the State's Regional Salmon Recovery efforts in Okanogan County and the Upper Columbia province.

Subbasin Planning is a separate effort from Watershed Planning. The Methow Basin Planning Unit will complete its Watershed Plan at the end of October, 2003. There may be opportunities to link implementation of that Plan with Subbasin Planning in the Methow Basin. Watershed Planning will begin in the Okanogan basin in Fall, 2003, and all parties plan to communicate closely so that the Subbasin and Watershed Plans are consistent, and there is no duplication of efforts.

What opportunities will there be for stakeholder involvement?

Okanogan County will maintain a mailing list and distribute information and notices of public meetings to interested individuals and organizations. The County will also advertise public meetings in local newspapers. (See "***What is the timeline for Subbasin Planning***", above, for more information about public meetings). Anyone is welcome to attend those meetings and comment on the plan.

For more information:

- Call or email Okanogan County Water Resources, or visit our web site. Contact information is shown on the front of this Fact Sheet
- Visit the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's web site:
<http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/subbasinplanning/Default.htm>

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On Okanogan County Water Resources letterhead

Memo

To: Interested stakeholders
From: Julie Dagon, Okanogan County Water Resources Manager
Date: October 10, 2003
Re: NPCC Subbasin Planning—Methow and Okanogan subbasins

In August, Okanogan County, the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT), and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) began work on Subbasin Plans for the Methow and Okanogan subbasins. We are writing to give you some information about Subbasin Planning and invite you to a briefing at which you will be able to learn more about the effort and how to become involved. The enclosed Fact Sheet includes additional background information that you may find useful.

Subbasin Planning is a process that has been initiated by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) to develop management plans for the recovery of Columbia Basin fish and wildlife. Okanogan County has partnered with the WDFW in the Methow subbasin, and with the CCT in the Okanogan subbasin, to develop subbasin plans requested by the NPCC.

The Subbasin Plan for each of the two subbasins will guide funding decisions by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and serve as the basis for salmon recovery planning in Okanogan County. Local involvement is critical to ensure that local interests are represented in fish and wildlife projects that will be initiated during the next 10-15 years.

To ensure local input in the Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Plans, Okanogan County and its Subbasin Planning partners will hold a series of public meetings. We anticipate scheduling the first of those meetings in November.

We will also convene a Subbasin Core Team (SCT) to represent agricultural, business, environmental and conservation, irrigator, land management, local government, and recreation interests. We are currently identifying candidates for membership on the SCT. The role we anticipate for the SCT includes:

- Review documents developed by the Habitat Working Group for each subbasin and provide non-technical commentary based on local circumstances and interests
- Give input on appropriate management strategies, including offering “reality checks” that will ensure the selected strategies are practical in the context in which they are proposed
- Represent the community, and the interests identified above; solicit buy-in for the Subbasin Plans

If you would like to nominate an individual to represent your organization, please submit a letter of interest to me no later than October 31st.

Okanogan County and its Subbasin Planning partners will host a series of briefings to explain Subbasin Planning and the status of the project in Okanogan County. The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, October 21st: 6:30 PM in the Oroville Depot, Oroville
- Thursday, October 23rd: 6:30 PM in the Forest Service Conference Room, Twisp
- Monday, October 27th: 6:30 PM in the Okanogan County PUD Auditorium Okanogan
- Thursday, October 30th: 6:30 PM in the Pateros City Hall, Pateros

We invite you to attend whichever session is most convenient for you. The agenda for each meeting will include a question and answer session, with an opportunity to learn more about public meetings and the role of the SCT.

Please contact me at sbp@co.okanogan.wa.us or 509/422-7113 if you would like more information. You may also visit the Okanogan County Water Resources web site at <http://66.133.20.113/home/> for information about Subbasin Planning, including meeting dates and planning documents.

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*On combined letterhead of Okanogan County Water Resources, Colville Confederated Tribes
and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife*

Briefing Agenda—*fleshed out version for staff*

October, 2003

1. Introductions
 - a. Staff. Mention that CCT, WDFW, and Okanogan County have partnered to conduct watershed planning in the Methow and Okanogan watersheds; explain roles and responsibilities later
 - b. Guests
2. Overview of meeting format
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Q&A
 - c. Stations
 - d. Materials available: fact sheet, subbasin planning guide, subbasin planning 101, other materials from NPCC web site
3. Purpose of briefing

- a. To introduce subbasin planning
 - b. To make interested parties aware of opportunities to become involved and stay informed
4. Introduction to subbasin planning
- a. Why it is important to know about subbasin planning. We will talk more about this later, but we want you to understand up front why this is important to you, the county, and the region.
 - i. Subbasin plans are intended to guide allocation of funds. Talk about what SBP will do for the region in terms of moving toward solutions, funding, reduction of regulatory intervention, economic stimulation. The main thrust is to provide strong justification for increasing actions to recover and protect fish and wildlife from the mitigation funds due to the region. Local involvement is key to ensuring plans reflect local interests.
 - ii. Subbasin planning will guide future Salmon Recovery planning
 - iii. NOAA Fisheries hopes to use plans to provide for ESA Assurances and to guide their own recovery planning efforts.
 - 1. Buy in by NOAA Fisheries will be a function of the quality of the plans
 - 2. SBP provide the best mechanism today for influencing federal policy as it relates to ESA and the CWA
 - b. Overview—the three levels of subbasin planning
 - i. Level 3—subbasin planning at the Columbia Basin level. Funding source for recovery of anadromous fish, native fish, wildlife
 - 1. Subbasin Planning was initiated by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council and is being conducted throughout the Columbia River Basin—in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington—show map
 - 2. Subbasin Planning is part of a new fish and wildlife mitigation project review and selection process, proposed by the NPCC in its *2000 Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Program*. Overview of BPA mitigation responsibilities, what is NPCC, what is it's role
 - 3. The intent is to develop management plans for the recovery of Columbia Basin fish and wildlife. Subbasin Planning is being coordinated with ESA recovery planning and statewide salmon recovery planning, but it is broader than either of those endeavors—intended to address impacts on wildlife and native fish as well as on anadromous fish.
 - 4. Subbasin Plans will guide BPA funding decisions at least for the next 3 years, and they are intended to address a 10-15 year planning horizon. BPA will spend about \$186 million/year for the next four years on fish and wildlife projects in the basin, so the funding implications are huge
 - 5. Subbasin planning is currently underway or starting up in 58 of the 62 tributary subbasins in the Columbia Basin.
 - a. Subbasin planning got started in the Methow and Okanogan subbasins in August.

- b. All plans must be complete by May 2004. Implication: very condensed timeline
 - 6. Subbasin planning is being conducted on three levels: Basin-wide, Province level, Subbasin level. Products from subbasins will be integrated into a provincial plan, and ultimately into a basin-wide plan. The basin-wide plan will enable NPCC to prioritize projects throughout the basin
 - ii. Level 2: NPCC has divided the Columbia Basin into 11 provinces
 - 1. Okanogan County is in the Columbia Cascade Province, which includes six subbasins—Methow, Okanogan, Entiat, Wenatchee, Upper Middle Mainstem, and Lake Chelan—show map
 - iii. Level 1: Okanogan County has partnered to develop two subbasin plans, one for the Methow and one for the Okanogan—show maps
 - 1. CCT is Okanogan partner
 - 2. WDFW is Methow partner
 - 3. CCT and WDFW have primary responsibility for technical components of the plan; County is responsible for outreach, communication, public involvement. Show list of HWG members
- c. How subbasin plans will be structured
 - i. Plan structure was developed by NPCC. Every subbasin plan will include three components: assessment, inventory, management plan
 - ii. Assessment is technical, addresses limiting factors in each reach. Inventory is a list of existing projects and plans—last 10 years
 - iii. Management plan will include vision, biological objectives, strategies
 - iv. Assessment and inventory are underway. Who is doing them (HWG—what are the organizations and who are the individuals involved), methodology (EDT). Using a standardized methodology throughout the Columbia River Basin will make it easier to develop a basin-wide plan that NPCC can use to prioritize projects throughout the basin
- d. Links to other planning efforts
 - i. Subbasin Plans will be foundation for future Salmon Recovery planning in Okanogan County—they will be used to prioritize projects for funding with money that has been distributed through the SRFB process for the last several years. Exactly what that will look like is not known yet.
 - ii. The co-lead entities anticipate that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries will use the Subbasin Plans to guide some aspects of endangered species recovery and other management activities when appropriate
 - iii. Subbasin Planning is a separate effort from Watershed Planning.
 - 1. The Methow Basin Planning Unit will complete its Watershed Plan at the end of October, 2003. There may be opportunities to link implementation of that Plan with Subbasin Planning in the Methow Basin.
 - 2. Watershed Planning will begin in the Okanogan basin in Fall, 2003, and all parties plan to communicate closely so that the

Subbasin and Watershed Plans are consistent, and there is no duplication of efforts

5. Public involvement

- a. The co-lead entities will host a series of public meetings to share information and solicit input from the general public. Show mailing list; solicit input
 - i. We anticipate four meetings at which we will invite comment from the general public
 - ii. First one is scheduled for November 20—time, place. Agenda will include comment on draft assessment and inventory, input of management strategies
 - iii. Others tentatively scheduled for January, February, and March
- b. We will also convene a Stakeholder Core Team. We are beginning to solicit letters of interest from individuals interested in representing local interests on the SCT.
 - i. SCT will be a melding of HWG and representatives of local interests. List the interests: agriculture, irrigation districts, government, recreation, environment and conservation, business, land management
 - ii. Let them know we don't have all the answers...need core team to help
 - iii. Role will be:
 1. Review documents developed by the Habitat Working Group for each subbasin and provide non-technical commentary based on local circumstances and interests
 2. Give input on appropriate management strategies, including offering "reality checks" that will ensure the selected strategies are practical in the context in which they are proposed
 3. Represent the community, and the interests identified above; solicit buy-in for the Subbasin Plans
 4. Address project prioritization, both within and beyond subbasin. We don't know yet how those decisions will be made...do know that if people don't get involved, decisions may be made by the time they do
- c. How you can participate—ask guests to:
 - i. Consider offering to serve on the SCT. Letters of interest will be due 10/31. Time commitment will be:
 1. Initial meeting 11/7—all day, probably in Okanogan
 2. Limiting factors meeting 11/19 in the Methow
 3. Public meeting in Okanogan 11/20
 4. Thereafter we hope to keep it to one meeting per month, for a couple of hours
 5. We will also be looking for people who can represent the SCT in the community—maybe not formal outreach—presentations like this one—but at least be connected, bring community feedback to the table, get buy-in from key parties
 - ii. Give us their contact information and let us know who in their organizations should receive updates

- iii. Let us know what data they can share and how we should ask for/access data. Who is the contact person?
6. Questions and answers
7. Adjourn to information stations and informal Q&A with staff. Review the station set-up and invite people to tour the stations and talk one-on-one with staff

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On Okanogan County Water Resources letterhead

MEMO

To: Interested stakeholders
From: Julie Dagon, Water Resource Division Manager
Date: February 12, 2004
Re: Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Plans

Thank you for your interest in Northwest Power Planning Council's Subbasin Planning process. By reviewing the first drafts of the Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Plans and submitting comments, you can help the Subbasin Core Team (SCT) and the Subbasin Planning Coordinators (the Colville Confederated Tribes, Okanogan County, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife) develop final draft plans that reflect the interests of Okanogan County's stakeholders. All parts of the plans—the inventories, assessments, and management strategies—will help inform the development of recovery projects. We welcome your ideas and other input!

Please note that the first drafts are very preliminary. You can expect to find gaps, which will be filled as the SCT continues its work over the next two months, as well as sections of the plan that are only minimally developed. ***By inviting comments at this stage, the Coordinators hope to give all stakeholders a chance to participate in the process while the documents are being shaped and management directions defined.***

I hope you will help us to make sure the plans are accurate and complete! Okanogan County is leading the public involvement aspect of sub basin planning and you are invited to submit comments to the Water Resources Division via email, postal mail, or fax, using the contact information shown above. Please note the following guidelines:

- All comments are welcome and will be appended to the final draft plans when they are submitted to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council in May
- The more specific your comments, the more likely it is that the Subbasin Planning Coordinators will be able to address them. Wherever possible, please help us understand and be responsive to your comments as follows:
 - Does your comment refer to text on a particular page? If so, please note the page number
 - Does your comment refer to a particular species (e.g., Steelhead)? If so, please tell us the species

- Does your comment refer to a particular assessment unit (e.g., Omak Creek, Lower Chewuch River)? If so, please tell us the name of the assessment unit. (Assessment units are explained in the plans)
- Comments must be received by March 11th, 2004 to be considered in development of the final draft plans

Final draft plans will be available for review in April, 2004. If you are interested in joining the Subbasin Core Team and participating in development of the final drafts, or if you would like to receive regular email updates on the planning process, please contact me at the email address shown above.

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On Okanogan County Water Resources letterhead

MEMO

To: Interested stakeholders
From: Julie Dagnon, Water Resource Manager
Date: April 19, 2004
Re: Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Plans

Thank you for your interest in Subbasin Planning. By reviewing the April, 2004 drafts of the Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Plans and submitting comments, you can help the Subbasin Core Team (SCT) and the Subbasin Planning Coordinators (the Colville Confederated Tribes, Okanogan County, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife) develop final draft plans that reflect the interests of Okanogan County's stakeholders. The comments we received on the first drafts of the plans have helped us to shape the April draft and to refine the review process. We welcome your input on this draft as well!

Obtaining and accessing the April 2004 draft plans

On the Internet

The April 2004 draft plans for the Methow and Okanogan Subbasins will be available on the following web sites by April 24, 2004:

Methow Subbasin Plan: <http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/subbasinplanning/Methow/default.asp>. Under the heading "Online resources", click on "Public file exchange."

Okanogan Subbasin Plan: <http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/subbasinplanning/Okanogan/default.asp>. Under the heading "Online resources", click on "Public file exchange."

Both Subbasin Plans: <http://66.133.20.113/home/Default.asp?ID=15>.

To receive an electronic copy

You may request an electronic copy of one or both plans by telephone, email, postal mail, or fax. Please use the contact information at the top of this page to make your request. On receiving your request, Okanogan County Water Resources will mail you a CD. Please be sure to include your mailing address when you make your request.

To receive a paper copy

You may request paper copy of one or both plans by telephone, email, postal mail, or fax. Please use the contact information at the top of this page to make your request. On receiving your request, Okanogan County Water Resources will mail you a paper copy of the plan. Please be sure to include your mailing address when you make your request.

In local libraries

Plans will be delivered to the Brewster, Okanogan, Omak, Oroville, Pateros, Tonasket, Twisp, and Winthrop libraries on April 28th. Plans will be available for review in the library but will not circulate.

Commenting and providing information

Okanogan County welcomes your comments on the draft Subbasin Plans and additional information that will help inform the direction of the plans. You may submit comments and information to the Office of Water Resources via email, postal mail, or fax, using the contact information shown above. Please note the following guidelines:

- All comments are welcome and will be appended to the final draft plans when they are submitted to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council in May
- The more specific your comments, the more likely it is that the Subbasin Planning Coordinators will be able to address them. Wherever possible, please help us understand and be responsive to your comments as follows:
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 - Does your comment refer to a particular species (e.g., Steelhead)? If so, please tell us the species
 - Does your comment refer to a particular assessment unit (e.g., Omak Creek, Lower Chewuch River)? If so, please tell us the name of the assessment unit. (Assessment units are explained in the plans)
 - Are you providing new information? If you believe that pertinent data or other important information has been omitted from one of the Subbasin Plans, please be specific about the information, the source of the information (e.g., the title of a report or study), and how you would like to see the information incorporated in the Subbasin Plan
- Comments must be received by 5:00 PM on May 10th, 2004 to be considered in development of the final draft plans that will be forwarded to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council on May 28th.

Next Steps: the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's review and adoption process for Subbasin Plans

- The Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) will accept public comment on Subbasin Plans from June 9th-August 12th, 2004. At the same time, an Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) will be reviewing the plans to ensure that they meet the goals of the *Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Program*
- The NPCC will adopt a draft amendment to the *Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Program* late this summer
- The NPCC will accept further public comment after the draft amendment has been adopted. We anticipate a 90-day comment period beginning early this fall
- At the end of the fall comment period, the NPCC will consider all information and comments
- The NPCC anticipates adopting a final amendment to the *Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Program* in December of this year or January of 2005

**Internet Postings
Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Planning—Public Outreach**

| Document | Where posted | Date posted |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| April comment guidelines | NPCC—Methow public file exchange | 4/15/04 |
| April comment guidelines | NPCC—Okanogan public file exchange | 4/15/04 |
| February draft plan (1 st draft) | NPCC—Methow public file exchange | 4/23/04 |
| February draft plan (1 st draft) | NPCC—Okanogan public file exchange | 4/23/04 |
| April draft plan (2 nd draft) | NPCC—Methow public file exchange | 4/24/04 |
| April draft plan (2 nd draft) | NPCC—Okanogan public file exchange | 4/24/04 |
| Draft wildlife management plan | NPCC—Methow public file exchange | 4/24/04 |
| Draft wildlife management plan | NPCC—Okanogan public file exchange | 4/24/04 |

List of other avenues of information distribution
Methow and Okanogan Subbasin Planning—Public Outreach

- Meeting with the media individually to explain the process to try and ensure accurate information in news paper articles
- Respond to telephone calls received
- Respond to emails received
- Discuss the process impromptuly at various meetings
- Provide schedule and progress to County Board of Commissioners to try and ensure accurate and consistent information relayed when they are approached for information