

Draft Wildlife Advisory Committee July 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes

[Meeting Title]		
7.16.2015	Wildlife Advisory Committee	Davenport Hotel, Spokane Washington
Attendees	Peter Paquet, Kelly Singer, Chris Wheaton, Mark Fritsch, Paul Dahmer, Norm Merz, Kendra Coles, Robert Stephens, Bob Austin, Aren Eddingsaas, Matthew Berger, Scot Soultz, Loreen Kronemen, Tom O'Neil, Carl Scheeler, Greg Servheen, Richard Whitney, David Burns, Paul Kruger, Karl Weist, Alan Wood, Philip Key, Angela Sodena, Paul Ashley	
Approval of minutes from the		
Discussion	The Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the June Meeting. The minutes are posted on the WAC website (http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/wac/).	
Operational and Secondary Losses		
Prioritize options for Operational & Secondary Losses		
Operational and Secondary Losses Definitions		
	Feedback from presentation to Council F&W Committee	
Discussion	<p>There was a lengthy discussion of the document circulated by the Kootenai Tribe and the UCUTs through Keith Kutchins. Essentially this document outlines the steps necessary to carry out the operational loss assessment model developed by KTOI and MDFWP with associated cost estimates. (See http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/wac/meetings/).</p> <p>Members raised a number of issues and concerns, particularly regarding whether or not there was a necessity to have a uniform assessment tool or model to be used by everyone. Many felt that it was up to the entities to decide how they would evaluate their losses and enter into discussions with Bonneville on mitigation alternatives.</p> <p>There was also discussion on perhaps using a modeling/assessment approach on only several select projects, particularly in the Snake and Mainstem Columbia.</p>	
Monitoring and Evaluation Options & HEP Alternatives		
Discussion	Chris Wheaton communicated that the historical HEP data is now available at StreamNet (see http://www.streamnet.org/hep). With the HEP evaluations no longer being carried out at a regional level, the group also discussed how to address monitoring and evaluation in the future and whether there is a need for a regional approach or whether M&E can be addressed through individual agreements as has been done in past wildlife agreements.	