

Staff Notes

HE meeting

6/11/15

CU-14-6 & SD-1430

- Intro by HE
- Staff Presentation
- Marty Peoples WDFW (Applicant) biologist
John Hansen is project engineer
 - no launching only take-out facility
 - signage will address this
 - intent not to provide waste receptacle

Public Testimony

Public in Favor

- Leta Davis - In favor.
- Lee Davis - In favor, past president of Field & Stream & current board member. Explained briefly land swap w/ Steve Joyce of Red's Fly Shop & WDFW
 - Field & Stream has requested to adopt access site
- Ralla Vickers - lives toward dam from this side
Generally in favor & have rescued many people.
Should only be a take out only
- Rick Holmstrom - WSDOT
In favor of take-out
This is a Great Project

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- Derek Young - Representing Trout Unlimited
 - collected 2 bags of garbage at this site today
 - supports new area
- Tim Gavin - Representing Yakima Fly Fishing Association.
 - supports
 - safety important & safe take out is needed
- Joe Rotter -
 - In favor
 - Pro fishing guide for 15 seasons in KC
- Ninon Wheatley -
 - Runs a major Rec Rafting business in county
 - Important for safety
 - concerned about increase recreational traffic because of private property in area.
- Steve Joyce - A partner w/ Red's Fly Shop
 - explains transfer w/ WDFW
 - In favor
 - Should be listed as a take-out
- Martha Sahlstrand -
 - Grateful to hear about all agencies involved
 - concerned about traffic & safety
- Clay Meyers - KC Sheriff's Office
 - supports takeout
 - good emergency access

Signed take-out will reduce
the number of people going
over the dam

Opposition to project

- Gordon Tang -
 - been in area since 1950s
 - Jan 2013 purchased Red Hawk Ranch
known now as "GT Ranch"
 - hard to enforce that this will
be only a take out
 - concerned about migration goats
 - unnecessary hazard
- Brian Amsbary - Attorney for GT Ranch
(not under oath because only commenting)
 - providing full size copy of Exhibit 1
of ~~the~~ Mr. Mathews declaration
(index # 64)
 - does not meet conditions of proposal
requirements
 - surrounding owners were not contacted
 - how do you prevent this from being
a launch?
 - send back for further review before
making a recommendation
- Dorothy Redlin -
 - what is cost of area
 - slide area

- most dangerous curve on Hwy 10
- a take-out is needed
- MP 100.5 is more out in open
- how will you keep people from camping & parties?
- Can this money be put towards Naches Hatchery instead
- lately there has not been a lot of rafting in this area
- Safety of vehicles exiting site
- Rhonda Griffin -
 - inundated w/ traffic, dangerous corner of road
 - more research on other location needed
- Gordon Tang - (2nd testimony)
 - is a hydraulic engineer should give my opinion more weight
 - WDFW could not pick a more dangerous place
 - wasting our money
- Ms. Vickers (2nd testimony)
 - confronted w/ reality US wishes
 - need safe place
 - a sign on her private property to warn of dam
- Simon Wheatley (2nd testimony)
 - Is there any way to put signage along river to warn of dam?

Applicant Rebuttal

- John Hansen WDFW project manager
 - two safety issues
 - 1) Hwy
 - 2) river
 - we have worked hard w/ WSDOT to make this a safe Hwy location
 - we know there is a dam that is dangerous & that is why this property was purchased
 - need to provide a safe take-out
 - we can give good salvage at various locations
 - submitted preliminary signs & verbiage
Index #65
 - no motors allowed on this section of river
 - will state this is take out only
 - best solution for ~~or~~ a river open to public
- Marty Peoples
 - aquatic habitat concerns
 - ↳ we avoided wetlands & most vegetation. Mitigating for 800 sq ft of habitat loss

Closed public record @ 7:45 pm