COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
SPECIAL MEETING
ELLENSBURG INN, ELLENSBURG WA

TUESDAY 6:30 P.M. MARCH  8, 2005

Those in attendance: Chairman Perry D. Huston, Vice-Chairman David Bowen, and Commissioner Alan Crankovich.

Others: Shannon Carlson Deputy Clerk of the Board, Darryl Piercy, CDS Director. Representatives from NOAA fisheries & NIMPHS, and approx. 35 members of the public.

At 6:30 P.M. Chairman Huston opened the special meeting to hear a presentation from NOAA fisheries regarding the critical listing of the steelhead. Chairman Huston said that there will be a 20 minutes presentation and then take comments and or questions from the public in terms of the listing process. Chairman Huston introduced the Board, Clerk and presenters.

Donna Darm from NOAA said that the public hearings have been completed and there were 8 total all over the state of Washington. Even though the public hearing process had been completed the public comment period was extended until the 14th of March. Donna Darm explained her job description and what her responsibilities are in the department. She showed a power point presentation on Proposed Critical Habitat for Pacific Salmon and Steelhead. The power point presentation explained the rulemaking process and steps that NOAA went through to get there. They are under court order to have the rulemaking completed by August 15th, 2005.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Chairman Huston opened the floor for questions. Many members attending asked questions of the representatives. Chairman Huston asked for those that had questions and comments to please submit them to the Boards office to be part of the record and then the Commissioners would forward the comments onto NOAA.
The Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Shannon L. Carlson

Perry D. Huston, Chair

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