

Kittitas County Critical Areas Ordinance Update

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY AND SUMMARY OF SUBMITTED COMMENTS

For May 18, 2012 Meeting

Meeting Attendees:

Chair: Robert "Doc" Hansen

TAC Members: Present: Linda Baker, Liz Ritzenthaler, John Marvin, Sean Gross, Anna Lael, Cathy Reed
Absent: Mark Teske, Jason Smith, Kelly Larimer, Paul James

Consultants: Anna Nelson, Margaret Clancy

Others: Kirk Holmes, Stephanie Mifflin

Action Items from Meeting:

Agenda Item 4. Literature Sources

- Review and comment on preliminary draft list by 5/24.

Agenda Item 5. CAO Mapping

- Maps to be updated following review and comment on related Best Available Science documents.
- If County proceeds with letter request to Irrigation Districts/Companies, County to provide C. Reed opportunity to review and comment.

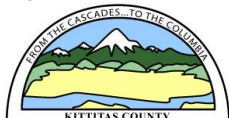
Summary:

Agenda Item 2. Role of Technical Advisory Committee & Agenda Item 3. Introduction to RCW, WACs, County Plan/Regs.

Anna N. updated the TAC Members on Kittitas County's CAO, Voluntary Stewardship Program, CAO Public Participation Program, and Best Available Science (BAS). Anna N. also gave the TAC Members an overview of the upcoming meetings and timeline of adoption.

Agenda Item 4. Literature Sources

Margaret C. provided an overview of the literature sources and noted that applicable resources will be included as references in the individual BAS review documents, with some resources listed in an additional resources list. ESA is reviewing the City of Ellensburg BAS for relevant resources. Margaret C. also stated that the BAS memos are not site specific.



John M. noted some the Yakima County BAS was included in the list.

Sean G. asked if the King County BAS was included in the study.

Liz R. stated yes, some names on the data sheet are from King County.

Anna N. stated that the group will not be using data that is specific to only Western Washington.

Sean G. asked if more sources would be included.

Anna N. stated yes, that the current list is a starting point and that the TAC should review and submit comments on the preliminary draft list.

Agenda Item 5. CAO Mapping

Anna N. and Margaret C. presented the group with an overview of the preliminary maps. Margaret C. explained where different features are located on the map.

Sean G. asked how to submit comments on the map.

Margaret C. stated circling an area on the map, creating a PDF version of the map, and emailing the PDF with the comments would be best. Margaret C. showed the TAC Members how to get to, and use the mapping tool.

There was general discussion of fish data on the map and how it is presented to the public.

Anna N. stated that in regard to E2SSB 5292, that the County is currently discussing sending a letter to each Irrigation District and asking them to provide information regarding whether their facilities met the definition of fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas. Anna N. stated she would send a draft letter to Cathy R. for review and comment first, if the County decides to send letters.

Agenda Item 6. Next Meeting & Next Steps

Anna N. stated the TAC comments on the Literature Sources list need to be submitted by May 24th. The draft Wetland BAS memo will be distributed to the TAC early next week for review and comment at the June 8 TAC meeting. Anna N. stated that TAC comments on the May 18 draft meeting summary need to be submitted by May 30th.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8th at 9:00. An agenda and materials will be emailed by May 30th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

(See next page for summary of submitted TAC comments)

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Summary of Submitted Comments and Initial Responses

The following is a summary of written comments submitted related to the meeting agenda items. The comments shown below are excerpts from these items that include the specific comments. Also shown are the initial responses to the comments.

No.	Name	Comment	Response
# x	<i>Name Title/Location Date of Em/Ltr</i>	<i>Comment shown below may be a summary or an excerpt from submitted comments.</i>	<i>Response from Consultant team</i>
1	Cathy Reed, TAC 5/22 email	Provided a list of wetland buffer documents from Tom Hruby, Ecology.	Documents will be evaluated for addition to BAS References
2	Cathy Reed, TAC 5/22 email	Provided a list of references for best available science from Donna Buntun, Ecology.	Documents will be evaluated for addition to BAS References
3	John Marvin, TAC 5/22 email	Provided two separate emails with links to various documents for inclusion in the BAS list.	Documents will be evaluated for addition to BAS References