

6 KLICKITAT LEAD ENTITY ORGANIZATION

Klickitat County was established as the lead entity in 1999 pursuant to chapter 77.85 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) for the geographic area composed of WRIA 30, 31 and the area of WRIA 29B extending from the White Salmon River east, inclusive. As the Klickitat Lead Entity, Klickitat County established the Klickitat Citizens Review Committee in 1999 and the Klickitat Technical Committee in 2004.

6.1 Klickitat Citizens Review Committee

The Klickitat Citizens Review Committee (CRC) fulfills the citizens committee functions prescribed in chapter 77.85 RCW, which are as follows:

- evaluate projects proposed to promote salmon habitat (RCW 77.85.050(1)(b));
- compile a list of habitat projects, establish priorities for individual projects, define the sequence for project implementation, and submit these activities as the habitat project list (RCW 77.85.050(1)(c));
- identify potential federal, state, local, and private funding sources (RCW 77.85.050(1)(c));
- describe the adaptive management strategy (RCW 77.85.060(2)(e));
- develop and implement habitat project lists that maximize the benefits from project mitigation while reducing project design and permitting costs (RCW 77.85.100(1)); and
- coordinate voluntary collaborative efforts between habitat project proponents and mitigation project proponents (RCW 77.85.100(4)).

The Klickitat Citizens Review Committee seeks to increase community support for the salmon recovery process. It provides guidance and leadership to the community in accomplishing salmon recovery, with positive benefits to the participating landowners and the community at large.

6.2 Klickitat Citizens Review Committee Mission Statement

The Klickitat Citizen's Review Committee will support salmon recovery by identifying credible and fundable habitat protection and enhancement projects. This process will support related programs and activities that produce sustainable and measurable benefits for fish and fish habitat.

6.3 Klickitat Citizens Review Committee Bylaws

Name

The name of the committee shall be the "Klickitat Citizens Review Committee."

Geographic Area of Concern

The Committee's geographic area of concern is Water Resource Inventory Area 30, 31 and Water Resource Inventory Area 29-B in Klickitat, Skamania, Benton and Yakima Counties containing salmonid species.

Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to fulfill the requirements of the citizens committee pursuant to Chapter 77.85 RCW (ESHB 2496 Salmon Habitat Recovery Funding Act). Specifically, this includes establishing and prioritizing projects on or within the Klickitat salmon recovery area and the development and adoption of *Klickitat Lead Entity Salmon Recovery Strategy*.

Nature of the Organization

The function of the Committee is to serve as an advisory committee to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The Committee shall be staffed and administered by the Klickitat Lead Entity, which is Klickitat County.

Duration

The Committee shall continue its work until dissolved by any of the following: the Legislature, SRFB, WDFW, the Governor, or the Klickitat Lead Entity.

Committee Membership

The Committee shall consist of twelve voting members (identified by Klickitat Lead Entity) unless changed by the Klickitat Lead Entity. Committee members shall serve three-year terms. The Committee may submit to the Klickitat Lead Entity nominations for appointment to the Committee. Previous members may serve at the Lead Entity's discretion.

Meetings

Meetings shall be open to the public and advertised to the extent practicable. The regular meeting schedule shall be the first Thursday of each month. Meeting frequency, time and location shall be at the discretion of the Committee. Meeting minutes will be recorded and distributed to all Committee members prior to the next meeting.

Absentee Policy

A Committee member seat (as represented by the primary or alternate appointee) that misses three consecutive meetings or four meetings in a 12-month period may forfeit his/her position on the Committee membership. The Lead Entity is responsible for Committee member appointments.

Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a majority of filled seats on the Committee at that time. A quorum is required for holding an official meeting. Meetings will occur when there is not a quorum though no decisions will be made.

Methods of Reaching Decisions

Consensus shall be the preferred method of decision-making. If consensus cannot be reached on any matter, then a vote will be called and must receive a majority to pass.

Conflict of Interest

Committee members shall recuse themselves if they are employed by the project sponsor or a co-sponsor, or the land owner, or otherwise have a vested interest in the proposed site or project actions.

Bylaws

Committee members shall operate with written ground rules that specify its mission and operating procedures. Ground rules may be altered by Lead Entity with recommendations from Committee members.