

Bradford Island Community Involvement Program

Community Involvement Committee (CIC) DRAFT Meeting Summary

**Wednesday, June 27, 2007
6:30 – 8:00 PM**

**Bonneville Dam Auditorium
Cascade Locks, Oregon**

CIC Members Present: Rachael Pecore, Columbia Riverkeeper; Darrell Driver, Cascade Locks City Council

CIC Members Not Present: Tom Jermann, City of North Bonneville; Paul Pearce, Skamania County Commissioner; Peggy Bryan, Skamania County Economic Development Council; Ryan Sudbury, Nez Perce Tribe

Project Team Members Present: Mark Dasso, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Amy Echols, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Bob Schwarz, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality; John Hoey, Jones & Stokes; Melinda Posner, Jones & Stokes

Audience: Brian McCavitt, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Welcome and Introductions

John Hoey began the meeting, led a round of introductions for attendees, and reviewed the agenda.

Project Update

Mark Dasso, the Corps' project manager for the Bradford Island investigation and cleanup, provided a quick overview of the project status. The in-water dredging to remove PCB contaminated sediments is scheduled to begin in October 2007, and will take four to six weeks to complete. The longer-term action at Bradford Island is a Remedial Investigation for the entire site, including a risk assessment for human and environmental health. The overall remedial investigation is expected to take three to five years to complete. The results of the investigation will recommend final remedial actions for Bradford Island.

The Corps held a meeting and site visit with interested tribes on May 24. Representatives from three tribes attended. Another similar meeting and tour will be held on July 17 for tribes that were not able to attend in May.

Bradford Island Fact Sheet Distribution Update

The primary focus for the CIC is to get the word out to the local communities about the PCB contamination at Bradford Island, the associated risk factors, and the Corps' proposed cleanup efforts. Jones & Stokes and the Corps prepared a brochure-style fact sheet for distribution throughout the local communities. The fact sheet reviews the risk factors associated with PCB contamination, especially related to fish consumption. CIC members agreed to distribute the fact sheets to interested parties and at local distribution points in their communities.

Rachael Pecore has distributed the fact sheets at the Riverkeeper office and Hood River City Hall, as well as at many local meetings and events. She offered to put the fact sheet content in the Riverkeeper newsletter. Darrell Driver will investigate whether the fact sheets have been distributed at Cascade Locks City Hall and other locations. Brian McCavitt noted that the fact sheets have been distributed at the Bonneville Dam auditorium, project office, at the Bradford Island visitor center, and the visitor center on the Washington side of the river. Brian indicated that he will investigate potential opportunities for posting the fact sheets at the Corps' local boat ramps.

Amy Echols provided an update on translation of the fact sheet into other languages. The Corps has translated the fact sheet in Russian, Ukrainian, and Spanish. The CIC recommended that the fact sheet also be translated into Southeast Asian languages such as Vietnamese. Amy will investigate the possibility of one or more additional translations.

Amy also noted that the Corps would like to develop a sign to communicate more broadly about the dangers of PCB contamination and fish consumption. The sign could include translation into other languages as noted above. The CIC discussed locations where the signage could be posted including boat ramps, other river public access points, bait shops, and sporting goods stores.

Public Meeting Planning

The Corps had previously considered holding a public meeting in September 2007 to inform the public about the in-water dredging work that is scheduled to begin on October 1. The public would be informed of the meeting by a mailing to the Corps' database and any additional mailing lists, such as watershed councils. Darrell Driver mentioned that the Port of Cascade Locks has volunteered to offer their pavilion space for a public meeting.

Rachael Pecore stated that the Corps would receive better attendance at smaller meetings located throughout the local communities than at one centralized public meeting. The CIC discussed the possibility of holding informational sessions at City Council meetings or other similar venues in Cascade Locks, Stevenson, and North Bonneville. City Council meetings are televised locally, which would

provide viewing access to those who could not attend the meetings. Jones & Stokes will meet with the Corps to discuss this concept further. Darrell Driver agreed to review the Cascade Locks City Council calendar for a date in August or September when this item could be added to the council agenda.

Next CIC Meeting

The group agreed that it was not necessary to schedule a face-to-face meeting of CIC members, but instead intends to communicate via email after the project team meets to discuss the options noted above.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.