

## **Bradford Island Community Involvement Program**

### **Community Involvement Committee (CIC)**

#### **Meeting Summary**

**Monday, July 17, 2006**

**6:30 – 8:00 PM**

**Cascade Locks, Oregon  
City Hall - Council Chambers**

**CIC Members Present:** Ralph Hesgard, Tom Jermann, Matt Burlin, Paul Pearce, Lynne Kononen, and Brent Foster

**CIC Members Not Present:** Peggy Bryan, Diana Ross, and Ryan Sudbury

**Project Team Members Present:** Mark Dasso, Bob Schwarz, and John Hoey

**Consultants Present:** Melinda Posner and Barbara Smolak, Jones & Stokes

**Audience:** Brian McCavitt, Frank Salber

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting facilitator, John Hoey of Jones & Stokes, thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and asked the members to introduce themselves. John reviewed the agenda and then asked each member of the committee to identify a question regarding the Bradford Island project that they would like to have answered during the course of the meeting. The following questions were asked:

- Why didn't the toxicity test done on crayfish trigger a public health warning?
- What does the toxicity data show?
- Why is the Corps still spending money on studies? Why not use that money for clean-up?
- What is the current extent/status of contamination?
- Has there been a study on the sturgeon in the upper pool?
- Are the fish safe to eat?
- What are the risks?

- What is the projected timeline for mitigation?
- What is the plan/timeline for clean-up?
- How much will it cost for clean-up?
- How much influence did cost have in choosing the alternatives?
- What is the cost/benefit analysis?

### **Role & Responsibilities**

John reviewed the Roles & Responsibilities of the CIC. The purpose of the CIC is to assist the Corps in the community outreach process. Although not a decision-making body, comments and suggestions given by the CIC will be helpful to the project team in the decision-making process related to the ongoing investigation and clean-up efforts at Bradford Island. Mark Dasso, the Corps' project manager for Bradford Island mentioned that the February 2006 public meeting had a very low turnout. He hopes that the CIC can help get the word out and encourage more people to become involved in the public process.

John emphasized that it was important for the CIC to offer constructive feedback and comments and to support the community involvement process. He encouraged CIC members to share information from the meetings with their broader constituencies.

### **Project Update**

Mark Dasso gave an overview and status update of the investigation and clean-up process at Bradford Island. He gave a brief history of activities on Bradford Island, beginning with construction of the Bonneville Dam in the 1930's. Mark described how electrical equipment, capacitors, and other debris were disposed of in the Bradford Island landfill and dumped in the Columbia River. The Corps has chosen to conduct clean-up activities at Bradford Island under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process. This involves the Corps undertaking an In-Water Non-Time Critical Removal Action for short-term removal of PCB contamination in the river, and a longer-term Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the entire site.

For the In-Water Non-Time Critical Removal Action, the Corps will conduct "hot spot" dredging to remove 94% of the PCB mass in the river. Divers will use suction dredging to pump the contaminated sediments through a filter system and on to barges for removal. The RI/FS work plan is almost complete. The next step is to develop a comprehensive sampling plan. The Corps is in the process of collecting fish for sampling with assistance from Oregon Panfish and Bass.

## **Overview and Discussion of Community Involvement Plan (CIP)**

Jones & Stokes consultant Barbara Smolak gave a brief overview of the Bradford Island Community Involvement Plan (CIP). She described the recent stakeholder interview process, which involved interviewing individuals from federal and state agencies, local governments, tribes, environmental organizations, sport fishing and river user groups, and citizens. These interviews were influential in the development of the CIP. Barbara reviewed the objectives of the CIP, the key messages to be used in all community involvement activities, and the specific outreach activities that the Corps will conduct during the Bradford Island investigation and clean-up process.

## **Wrap-up and Questions**

Several CIC members asked where they could locate more information about the project, specifically where the results of surveys and data collection could be found. Mike McAleer, Public Affairs Specialist for the Corps, directed committee members to the Corps website at [www.nwp.usace.army.mil/issues/bradford](http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/issues/bradford), which is updated on a regular basis. In addition, the Administrative Record is kept on file at North Bonneville City Hall and Cascade Locks City Hall. It was suggested by a committee member that the Corps set up an easily accessible internet website specifically for the Bradford Island project.

## **Next CIC Meeting**

Mark Dasso recommended CIC members tour Bradford Island as part of the next meeting. Members agreed that they would like to see the project site. After some discussion of the best possible dates, it was determined that the Corps would conduct a tour of the island for CIC members on Monday, July 31, 2006 at 5:00PM. The Corps and consultants will coordinate this event and notify the CIC of the specifics.

It was agreed that the next formal CIC meeting will be on September 18, 2006 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. The location of the meeting was not discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.