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Minutes

January 11, 2016

Present: Fred, Paul, Tim, Gordy, Ken, Dave, Steve, Chuck, Tom and Aubrey

Absent: Lisa and Al

- I. Minutes: Aubrey moved, and Gordy seconded to approve the minutes for December 14, 2016.
Passed unanimous.
- II. Update: 1. Dave and Steve gave an update on what appears to be a change in the interpretation of the "green-up" rule (WAC 222-30-025 (30 and (4)) by the DNR staff. They will be meeting with them today and will report back. Dave noted that he had been involved with the writing of this rule section years ago. There was discussion as to whether this should be brought up at the next TFW breakfast meeting or wait and see if Olympia was really behind this change. It was noted that a shift in the interpretation could mean larger harvests with all of the associated impacts. 2. It was noted that there has been conversation regarding cable yarding over an inner gorge and now requiring a Class IV Special permit. The cable is just for lift. A Class IV Special requires SEPA and will have impacts both in time and costs. 3. The DNR is now starting to require more points to be shot when a FPHP is required. They are asking for a minimum of 200' up and down the stream from the project and want 10th of an inch precision. This is much more field time. These permits were to take over by the DNR from the WDFW to help stream-line processes and costs. It has become more time consuming, costly and requires more technical skills. 4. Meeting date change was discussed because Tom will not be able to attend Monday morning meetings with his new schedule and it is difficult for the commissioners to attend at the current time as well. Others agreed that another day would be better with Wednesday becoming the day of choice. Kendra said she would check to see if this would be ok. Next meeting would be scheduled for February 10th. 5. Congratulations to Tim...he is now a Planning Commissioner.
- III. Discussion:
 - a. Policy – Kendra reported on the progress being made on the water typing F/N break. Policy is trying to break down the rule(s) (030 and (031) as well as look at the HCP, and the FFR to move forward with physical, 'habitat likely to be used by fish' and recovery.
 - b. TDR update: The Commissioners did not approve the proposal with a 2-1 vote (Janicki approved).
 - c. RFI- No reports
 - d. Shoreline- No reports
- IV. Adjourn. 9:03 a.m.