

Hydro Power License Stakeholder Meeting

Friday, July 10th
10:00am – 3:00pm
Chelan County PUD
327 N. Wenatchee Ave
Wenatchee, WA. 98801

Objectives for this meeting:

- Review and discuss State agency staff work done on hydropower projects
- Discuss options for fee restructuring

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

10:10 a.m. Discussion topics

1. *Review and discuss agency staff work done on hydropower projects*

There was interest at the first meeting on the time spent by Ecology and WDFW in re-licensing and water quality certification development and implementation activities. The agencies committed to putting together more information for the workgroup in order promote discussions on necessary improvements to accountability and transparency. They will present more information including some estimates of staff time needed for certain types of work.

2. *Fee re-structuring proposals*

- a. *Grant County PUD proposal analysis and additional detail (Ross Hendrick and State):* Ecology has conducted some analysis of this proposal and will review with the workgroup; Ross will also provide some additional input.
- b. *Current fee structure.* The facilitator received several e-mails asking that the value of keeping the current fee structure be discussed as an option. Two specific comments suggested for group discussion:
 - "...how to make the process more accountable and transparent for both sides."
 - "...maintaining the existing water power fee structure with improved language on Ecology/WDFW accountability and transparency and what that looks like."

12:00 p.m. *Working Lunch (brought in)*

12:30 p.m. Continue discussion on topics

2:40 p.m. Identify actions/homework needed in advance of next meeting

3:00 p.m. Adjourn

For More information

Details on the progress of HB 1130 can be viewed at:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1130&year=2015>.

RCW 90.16.050, Use of water for power development-Annual license fee:

<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.16.050>

Focus Sheet: Maintain Water Power License

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/1410046.pdf>

2011-13 Biennial Water Power License Fee Report to the Legislature:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/1410048.pdf>.

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