## Columbia Basin Collaborative Habitat Work Group

August 29th, 2023 3:00-5:00pm PT/4:00-6:00pm MT

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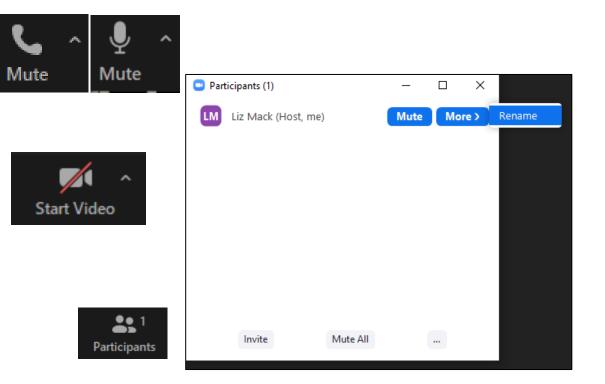
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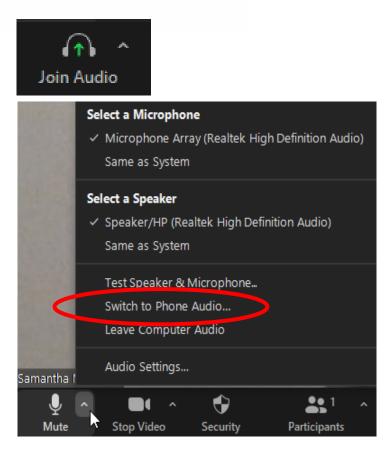
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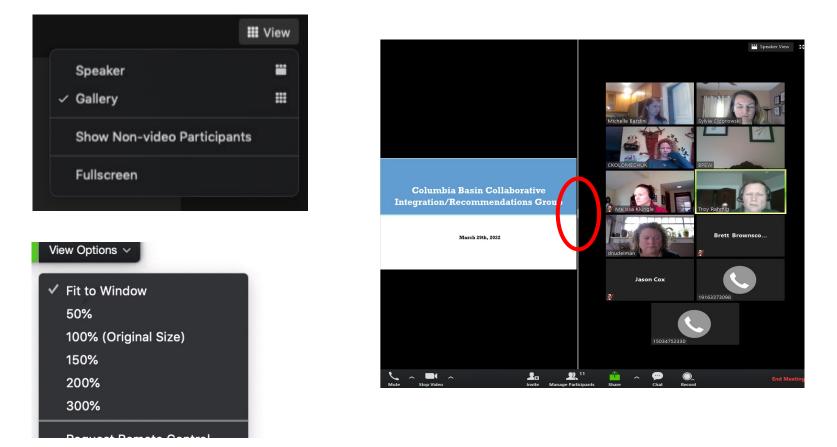
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### Welcome, Agenda Review, and Updates

## **Meeting Guidelines**

- Honor the agenda and be present
- Listen to understand and ask questions to clarify
- Balance speaking time and don't pile on
- Seek alignment and common ground wherever possible
- Focus on your interests, not positions
- Invent options for mutual gain
- Separate the people from the problem





Time (PT)	Торіс
3:00 – 3:10 pm	<ul><li>Welcome, Agenda Review, and Updates</li><li>Review workplan</li></ul>
3:10 – 4:05 pm	Update on the "NOAA 5-Year Review Recommendation"
4:05 – 4:10 pm	Break
4:10 – 4:50 pm	Review of Current Recommendation Concepts and Next Steps
4:50 – 5:00 pm	Confirm Next Steps and Action Items

#### **CBC Workplan Summer – Fall 2023**

n/a	May/June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
I/RG	SCEE	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	In-person Meeting
Habitat	Virtual meeting	n/a	Virtual meeting	Virtual meeting	n/a	<ul> <li>Deliverables:</li> <li>NOAA Five Year Review Recommendation</li> <li>Second rec. concept</li> </ul>
SIWG	Virtual meeting	n/a	n/a	Presentations on Carrying Capacity and SDM Framework	Review recs from TSWG	<ul> <li>Deliverables:</li> <li>2 updated draft concepts</li> <li>Feedback on recs.</li> </ul>

## Looking Ahead

Group	August	September-October	November
Habitat (resumed 6 week meeting cadence)	Meet to provide update on NOAA 5-Year Review recommendations and identify next steps for additional recommendations	Move forward on the NOAA 5-Year Review Build out tier- 1 recommendations Submit final recommendations to SIWG for review	I/RG Meeting

# **Update on the "NOAA 5-Year Review Recommendation"**

#### **Timeline of the NOAA 5-Year Review Recommendation**

Timing	Activity
September 2022	WG identified the NOAA 5-year Review as a starting point for developing recommendations
December 2022	WG suggested developing NOAA 5-Year Review concept
January 2023	WG identified implementation strategies in the NOAA 5-Year Review that relate to the Habitat goals
February 2023	<ul> <li>WG prioritized the NOAA 5-year Review for developing a full recommendation</li> <li>A sub-group drafted the recommendation</li> </ul>
March 2023	WG built consensus on this recommendation to share with the I/RG
April 2023	<ul> <li>I/RG feedback that the rec needed more prioritization</li> <li>I/RG emphasis on where the CBC could add value</li> <li>Sub-group met with I/RG reps who shared feedback and came up with the spreadsheet to add more detail.</li> </ul>
May 2023	WG supported this approach and volunteered to add information to the spreadsheet
June 2023	Sub-group of the WG met to review the status and did not see the spreadsheet as providing the needed information to clarify I/RG role or to add prioritization

## **Options for Work Group to Discuss**

#### 1: Continue to fill out the spreadsheet

- Develop priorities based on the complete information
- Put forward the top 10 projects
- Engage with the Recovery Boards/similar to help determine priorities

## 2: Determine priorities

- Develop criteria for prioritization
- Engage with the Recovery Boards/similar entities to help determine priorities
- Put forward the top projects per region

#### 3: Look at addressing highlevel obstacles

Zoom out and look at the obstacles to implementing the 5year review and focus the recommendation on those policy-level issues

#### 4: Revisit in Fall 2023 or Spring 2024

Focus instead on no-net loss concept or other top priority recommendations

#### Policy buckets:

- Funding
  - Dual purpose funding (ex: education programs and transportation projects with restoration work)
- Capacity building (for implementation and programming)
  - Administrative costs for capacity building from the grantor; more flexibility
    - Resources to develop proposals monitoring and assessment studies
    - Technical assistance on grant proposals
- Policy support
- Permitting
- Coordination between entities
- Landowner engagement/support
- Awareness building
- Adaptive management and monitoring







## Break



## Habitat Discussion of Current Recommendations and Next Steps

## **Current Habitat Recommendations**

#### **Increase Funding**

Increase funding for existing habitat restoration and protection programs and monitoring, increase funding flexibility for
projects that are beneficial to salmon recovery overall and find future funding sources / resources, particularly for highly
impacted stocks.

#### **Coordination and Increased Efficiencies**

- Increase capacity for landowner engagement and provide incentives for private landowners to increase participation in salmon recovery, including work on water acquisition and exchanges and projects that establish and maintain screens of water diversions.
- Build capacity and cross-coordination with agencies, Tribes, and non-government organizations, and build better opportunities for technical and financial assistance with the creation, writing, and management of grants by encouraging efficiencies in funding and grant programs and streamline reporting processes.
- Streamline processes for regulatory compliance with federal agencies.

#### **Implementation Strategies**

- Improve water management, including maximizing water that is currently managed (ex: develop opportunities to buy water for fish from landowners).
- Encourage nutrient enhancement in Basin waterways.
- Seek to achieve consistent policies from all entities having management/restoration authorities in order to adequately support necessary restoration actions (No Net Loss/Net-Ecological Gain)

## **Next Steps and Action Items**

## **Next Steps**

**KW:** Send out agenda for September meeting and meeting summary from today.

**All:** Continue identifying details of policy buckets.

No Net Loss Recommendation Drafting Subgroup: Meet and work on recommendation.



## Thank you ~

