

WI Karner Blue Butterfly HCP
HCP Team/ IOC Annual Winter Meeting
IOC Minutes
February 12, 2008

IOC representatives present: Gary Birch (Chair), Joel Aanensen, Jim Zahasky, Jim Heap, and Dave Lentz

Others present: Matt Krumenauer, Quinn Williams, Bob Radspinner and Todd Watson

1. Permit Renewal and Program Improvements

IOC summarized the breakout session responses to questions related to preparing for permit renewal and HCP program improvements

Permit renewal questions:

(Question #1)

What would your organization need changed for you to agree to re-enlist your participation in this program? How would you change it?

- DATCP can see staying in the program.
- DNR needs to stay in the program, but needs to lessen administrative burden in FR;
- Educate, support partners and fulfill obligations of the ESA;
- Need improvements to database management and systems;
- IA DNR is obligated to employ a data manager.
- FWS (Louise): trends monitoring and population monitoring is very important. Could free up other reporting e.g. acres of take.
- FWS: Pleased with process
- *[Submitted by Ursula Petersen by email after the meeting]* Changes we might benefit from would be more involvement of EPA with this program. We could suggest inviting the Region 5 people to the summer meeting for example and putting them (jones.margaret@epa.gov) on the mailing list.
- *[Submitted by Ursula Petersen by email after the meeting]* We need to continue with the HCP to represent the agricultural community which was our original intent, and to insure the continuance of the Incidental Take Permit for agriculture (Lori Bowman).

(Question #2)

What barriers exist to your organization re-enlisting?

- FWS: Public notice permit. Helpful to get information like Swengel's report. "Population monitoring".

(Question #3)

How many years are you willing to extend the permit? (Previously, the partners have suggested 10 years.)

- FWS: minimum length 10 years.
- DNR: maximum length 10 years.



- *[Submitted by Ursula Petersen by email after the meeting]* We would probably continue another 10 years (subject to agency decision) unless the HCP was dissolved sooner.

Program improvements:

(Question #1)

What areas do you feel still need improvement?

- The areas of improvements are being and have been made - the HCP is now more understandable, easier to follow, more stream-lined, reasonable, etc. We could invite one or more agriculture groups to participate each meeting. Include them on the mailing list.

(Question #2)

Should we continue annual meetings and field trips twice a year? What do you need from these meetings? What could be done instead?

- *[Submitted by Ursula Petersen by email after the meeting]* Yes, we should continue our meetings and field days summer and winter. Include an educational component each time that partners can take home (butterfly identification, nectar plants, community information, management examples, research reports, etc). Maybe a monitoring day at a particular site and have everyone assist with the monitoring so there is a data set at the end of the day.

(Question #3)

Do you feel that the Implementation Oversight Committee should continue to represent the partnership? Do you feel the composition of the IOC is appropriate? Do you have suggestions on how to improve the partnership decision making?

- *[Submitted by Ursula Petersen by email after the meeting]* IOC improvements - we need one or two more members, maybe from ad hoc groups.

IOC Discussion

Lorin Hicks commented that FWS needs to document the recovery progress. HCP is open to litigation because we are a high profile HCP and some parties may not want us or the Kbb to succeed. IOC needs to put FWS on notice that if we (partners) help with Recovery, the partners need to know what the FWS is going to do to assure no litigation if they don't document recovery progress.

Lorin suggested a 3rd party audit of HCP prior to renewal as part of a 10-year review.

Action: Dave will present the idea to the FWS at the next HCP 6-month review meeting.

Joel Aanensen announced his retirement from Plum Creek, which will be affective Mar 14, 2008. Todd Watson will take Joel's place as Plum Creek's HCP representative and will also be IOC representative for industrial forest group. (This has been verbally approved to Joel by Rob Kudick (IOC alternate). Rob will continue as alternate.

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