

**Minutes of Karner Blue HCP  
Implementation Oversight Committee (IOC) Meeting  
September 17th, 2009 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Jackson County Forestry and Parks  
W9790 Airport Road, Black River Falls**

**MINUTES**

**Present: Gary Birch (Chair), Dave Lentz, Jim Zahasky, Pat Kandziora, Hannah Spaul, Todd Watson, Jim Zahasky, Brian Lloyd, Dave Ziarnik, Bernie Williams (recorder)**

Absent: Quinn Williams

**The meeting started at 9:00 a.m.**

1. Anti-Trust Statement was inadvertently missed.
2. Introductions were made due to new members attending.
3. **Select and approve new IOC Chair (effective 9/27/09)**
  - Midnight of September 27<sup>th</sup> will be the end of this term; the IOC needs to decide on a new chair or ask Gary Birch to remain as the IOC chair.
  - No volunteers came forward. Call to Motion that Gary Birch remains as chair – IOC committee agrees.
4. **Introduce new IOC members (officially taking over 9/27/09)**
  - Pat Kandziora is the new DACTP representative replacing Ursula Petersen and Matt Sunseri will act as an alternate. (Pat Kandziora will provide Dave Lentz with additional contact information for Matt Sunseri).
  - Darrell Zastrow will remain as alternate for Dave Lentz.
  - Todd Watson's term is extended and will expire in 2010. Rob Kudick is the current alternate. Todd will speak to Rob to see if he is willing to continue for another year as the alternate.
  - Hannah Spaul anticipates that the Nature Conservancy will let their SHCA lapse when it expires at the end of the year, and will no longer be a full partner. TNC sees that their role has changed, but would still remain involved as a "participant" member. Hannah will notify the committee with TNC's final decision within 6 to 8 weeks.
5. Land Transfer Reporting procedure change (45 day rule): IOC concurrence requested. The FWS agrees with the DNR that the 45 day rule for reporting land transfers in a BRZ can be eliminated; citing that in ten years the DNR has not followed up with a buyer of land in a BRZ. In all cases of land sold by a partner within a BRZ, the DNR never had a good reason to pursue conservation from the new landowner. The transfer form has been revised and is posted on the web. In the future, partners need only report a transfer with their annual report unless an activity that would take Kbb would occur sooner; noting that the partner would not have coverage until reporting the transfer.

**6. Permit Revision (5):** The ITP was recently updated due to the Service stepping down issuance of Certificate of Inclusion to the DNR. Also, the partners' names were updated in revision #5. Dave commented that there will be a revision #6 when the ITP is renewed. There will be several additional conditions that will be updated at that time. Some conditions were one-time activities that are completed; others are being discussed by the DNR and the FWS. Dave gave an overview of the conditions that may change or be deleted in revision #6 when the permit is renewed.

**7. Update on ITP renewal process & schedule**

Partner SHCA updates appear to be moving along. Even though good progress is being made by Partners on their SHCAs, there are many details the DNR will need to work out with the FWS, and steps in the application process. In order to have uninterrupted permit coverage and not lapse the permit, the DNR must submit a complete permit application with all SHCAs and get everything date stamped at the FWS Region 3 in Ft. Snelling, MN by November 30<sup>th</sup>. There are no exceptions. Therefore, we need to get everything ready in advance of the deadline.

**Action Item:** Quinn Williams and Dave Lentz will send a letter to the delinquent partners. The deadlines have been moved out twice already. There is no time left for delays. Now is the time for ultimatums for submission of SHCA's/App. A's and BRZ data.

Due to a shortage of time, Dave asked the IOC to consider a minimal review and approval process for the updated HCP that Dave is drafting. The updated HCP does not have anything new added; it is just being redrafted to reflect the way HCP the Partners are currently implementing.

**Decision:** The IOC agrees that Dave Lentz can update the HCP without extensive formal approval by all partners and that the IOC will review parts that individual members may have special knowledge to add clarifications and improvements.

**8. HPR with broken pixels/gaps: is this the best/easiest way to go? Pros/cons.**

A question in regards to broken pixels; do we view the white areas as no high potential range? If so, in the future do we want to fill in the gaps; with white and blue boxes? Is there a better way to solidify the information with a boundary? Dave asked if members thought it was difficult to work with these fragmented maps. No one voiced a difficulty with the current HPR.

**Decision:** The consensus of the committee is not to tinker with the high potential range at this time.

**9. 2008 Annual Report and Survey results/problems (problem solve).**

There were a number of problems with the 2008 annual reports; none were major problems; or pose permit compliance problems. They created more work for the DNR because of tardiness and incomplete reports. Similarly, it has become difficult to get data in on time for the permit renewal. The IOC can provide a strong message to encourage improvement in partners' performance.

**Action Item:** Gary Birch and Dave Lentz will address an email to all members about getting current data in on time as well as address it during the winter meeting. Additionally, if the report format is a problem it can be redesigned. This will be an agenda item for the winter meeting.

Survey forms have been due on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Many of these have been late. The DNR no longer uses this data for analysis in the fall of the year. In fact, the DNR does nothing with survey forms until compiling the annual report.

**Decisions:** The IOC agreed that survey forms can be submitted along with annual reports. Since many annual reports in 2008 were not submitted by the March 1 deadline, the IOC also decided to move the deadline of January 31<sup>st</sup> beginning with the 2010 report year. This will be offered to the Partners at the winter meeting as a possible solution to the late report problem and to allow DNR additional time to complete the annual report summary.

#### **10. Begin to plan 2010 Winter HCP Team meeting.**

In past years, there were numerous major changes to the program; adaptive management was very active. The HCP has been streamlined; major changes are not anticipated. Training will be important component of future HCP Team meetings. For newer partners and newer staff of other partners, the winter meetings have acted as a refresher in preparation for the field season. Some suggestions would be to possibly divide time into classes, refresher courses, discussions. Additionally we can work up some tutorials and ask the partners prior to the meeting what they want as refresher courses. One topic will be training on how to do an annual report. There will be some changes in the form. Included in the annual report topic will be the moving the report date from March 1 to January 31. One aspect of doing this will be to that partner' SHCAs will need to be amended. Another topic is to update partners and answer questions regarding the updated pesticide guidelines.

**Action Item:** Provide Dave Lentz with ideas and suggestions on what you would like to see addressed during the winter meeting.

- Schedule next IOC meeting:
- Next IOC meeting will be prior to the winter meeting – Wednesday January the 13<sup>th</sup> (tentative)

**Action Item:** Dave Lentz will reserve a room in a central location.

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