

APPENDIX E.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SHARING AND “OUTREACH” EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH ENTIAT WATERSHED PLANNING, 1993-2004 Prepared May 2004

Outreach for involvement in the Entiat River Watershed Planning effort began on April 1, 1993 and has continued through all the phases of the planning effort leading up to the completion of this “Final Entiat Watershed Resource Inventory Area (WRIA 46) Management Plan”. This outreach summary is by no means exhaustive. It is meant to provide an overview of the type and extent of activities that have occurred over the past eleven years.

From **1993 through 1998**, the Entiat planning effort was modeled after the Coordinated Resource Management Planning (CRMP) process developed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly Soil Conservation Service). **From 1998 to the present**, the planning effort has followed Washington State’s four-phase Watershed Planning process (See Chapter 1 for more information on Watershed Planning, Chapter 90.82 RCW).

CRMP - ORGANIZATIONAL PHASE

April 1, 1993 - At a pivotal community meeting sponsored by the Entiat Valley Chamber of Commerce, approximately 50 individuals met to discuss the future of the Entiat Valley. The primary “take-home” message from this meeting was that the community should take charge of its own future via a locally-driven resource plan, rather than wait for some other entities to push forward their planning processes. Attending the meeting were area landowners and individuals representing various Local, County, State and Federal agencies with land management and/or regulatory authority over natural resources and land uses in the Entiat.

December 15, 1993 - A core group of individuals met to develop a preliminary mission statement, related goals and stakeholder list, discuss planning processes, and identify tentative time frames and possible funding sources in preparation for the initial series of organizational meetings.

February 1994 through July 1994 - A series of professionally facilitated organizational meetings resulted in a formal Vision statement, Goals and Objectives and a Draft Plan of Work. During the May 18th meeting, the NRCS’s CRMP process was formally adopted as the planning model for the Entiat effort with the establishment of a Landowners Steering Committee (LSC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Watershed Coordinator position. Notes from the initial meeting in February were sent to a list of 35 individuals and by the end of this period the mailing list had expanded to 54 individuals including both participants and interested publics. The CRM group included representatives from the Yakama Nation and NCW Audubon in addition to the landowners and local agencies.

December 22, 1994 - Representatives of the CRM group that included landowner and agency representatives met with the Chelan County Commissioners to brief them on the planning effort beginning in the Entiat Watershed.

CRMP – DATA COLLECTION PHASE

July - August 1994 - The 1994 Chelan County wildfires delayed initiation of the data collection phase of CRMP for two months due to direct or indirect participation of local landowners and agency reps involvement in fire suppression and rehabilitation work. Phil Jones was hired as the watershed planning coordinator and began work as a part time Chelan Conservation District employee in late August.

September 14, 1994 - First “post-fire” meeting between the new watershed coordinator and the Landowners. Discussions were on: Fire rehabilitation, review of past meeting accomplishments and decisions, the Draft Plan of Work, and some key emerging issues.

October 17, 1994 -First “post-fire” meeting between the new watershed coordinator and the Technical Advisory Committee involved review of the Draft Plan of Work, work assignments and adoption of tentative time schedules.

November, 1994 through March 8, 1995 – Monthly meetings involved presentations by technical committee members on: residential housing and sanitation, fish resources inventory, water quality inventory, wildlife and wildlife habitat, fish and fish habitat (IFIM analysis). Presentations on these topics were also made to the LSC at evening meetings.

March 23, 1995 - The Washington State Department of Ecology held a public workshop on their "Entiat River Watershed Initial Assessment" on water use and needs for the Entiat Watershed. This workshop **was not** part of the formal Entiat CRM process. However, follow-up events and actions resulting from this meeting placed even greater emphasis on the Entiat CRM group’s much earlier commitment to fully engage all stakeholders in the watershed planning process.

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April 12, 1995 through August 15, 1995 - Monthly presentations were made on: the Public Utility Districts of Chelan, Grant and Douglas Counties on their proposed Mid-Columbia Conservation Program, the status of the Entiat Community Action Plan, water quality, minimum instream flow recommendations, US Forest Service Watershed Assessment, sedimentation, the Natural Resources Conservation Service’s (formerly Soil Conservation Service) Stream Team’s proposed stream survey for the lower 20 miles of the Entiat River, and the Habitat Conservation Planning efforts by members of the National Marine Fisheries Service and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. LSC members were given presentations on the above topics throughout this period at evening meetings.

September 18 through 29, 1995 - In cooperation with Entiat Valley landowners, the Natural Resources Conservation Service’s Stream Team conducted a habitat survey of the lower twenty miles of the Main Entiat River. The US Forest Service has made similar surveys of the upper river and major tributaries, in the past.

October 25, 1995 through April 1996 - Presentations on: the results of the physical stream survey by the NRCS, available GIS information by various agencies, and the remainder of land uses and resources within the watershed by various TAC members.

May 1996 through November 1996 – Monthly Technical Advisory Committee meetings continued during which individual members made presentations on topics contained in the Plan of Work. This information was then presented to the Landowner Steering Committee at evening meetings. Topics included natural resource conditions and inventories, social economic conditions, and land use practices. During this period, the LSC and TAC also reviewed the second version of the watershed analysis for Federal lands in the Entiat as well as the draft of the NRCS Stream team report. Meeting note mailing numbers had increased to some 60 individuals, organizations and agencies before the end of this phase.

Additional outreach during this period included:

- **June 1995** – The Landowner Steering Committee participated in an approximately 45 member Society for Range Management annual tour in the Entiat Watershed and discussed how the planning effort started and the issues being addressed.
- **September 1995** – Entiat planning information booth at Chelan County Fair.
- **September 14 – 26, 1995** - 158 letters were mailed to residents and over 50 personal contacts were made with Entiat Valley Landowner’s who owned property adjacent to the Entiat River explaining the reason for and timing of the NRCS “Stream Team” survey of the lower 20 miles of the Entiat River.
- **November 1995** - Meeting with Chelan County Planning Department to review available County GIS documents pertaining to the Entiat Watershed.
- **Starting in 1995**, articles have been published 3 to 4 times a year about the Entiat Planning process and data gathering in the Chelan Conservation District’s Newsletter, mailed to approximately 4,200 Chelan County residents.
- **February 28, 1996** - Several long time Entiat Residents met to discuss the history of the Entiat Valley. The meeting was video-taped and is summarized in the Entiat WRIA 46 Plan.
- **Starting in July 1996**, the Entiat Valley Explorer News contained articles about the CRM group’s meeting topics. Several of these articles appeared in the local Explorer news through 1997.
- **November 20, 1996** - An Entiat Watershed planning presentation was made at a State-wide Resource Conservation and Development meeting.
- **December 1996** - A letter was drafted by the Landowners Steering Committee and sent January 21, 1997, to the Department of Ecology recommending that the Department set an interim base flow, and that it must be within the capacity of the watershed to produce the selected base flow level, and accommodate valley resident's historic use of water and water rights.
- **February 8, 1997** - A presentation about the Entiat planning process was made at the Washington Watershed Conference held in Ellensburg.
- **March 11, 1997** – Entiat planning information presented at the Chelan County Commissioners meeting.

CRMP – DATA DOCUMENTATION PHASE

January 1997 through December 1997 - The CRM Group met quarterly on watershed planning issues and progress updates leading toward the preparation of the first review draft of the CRM Plan. Meeting note mailing numbers remained at approximately 60 individuals and organizations.

December 1997 - The Landowner Steering Committee and the Chelan County Conservation District adopted the NRCS Inventory and Analysis as the Entiat interim plan.

December 1997 through June 1998 - Weekly meetings were held with the Landowners that focused on a page by page review of the pre-draft CRM Plan document. The ESHB 2514 Grant application was prepared in May 1998.

Landowner page by page reviews, edits and layout of the final Draft CRM Plan continued through September 1999 when a public review Draft of the “Entiat Valley Watershed Study Coordinated Resource Management Plan” was printed and over 80 copies were mailed to individuals and agencies. In addition copies were made available at local libraries in Wenatchee and Entiat Washington. The Draft CRM Plan contained information on resources, land uses etc. that provided the foundation for this Final WRIA 46 Plan.

August 11, 1998 - Approximately 30 individuals attended a Washington State Watershed Planning Act (ESHB 2514) meeting where information on the Entiat Watershed CRM planning process was displayed. At this meeting Representative Gary Chandler (Moses Lake) and Polly Zehm (WDOE Central Regional Office Director) presented the CRM group with a check representing funding for Phase 1 (organization) and half of Phase 2 (assessment) under the State’s new Watershed Planning Act. The WDOE prepared a press release (08/03/98) about the August 11th meeting and receipt of watershed planning funds by the Entiat.

WASHINGTON STATE WATERSHED PLANNING - PHASE 1 (ORGANIZATION)

December 14, 1998 – The Initiating Governments for the Entiat’s Washington State Watershed planning effort met and a draft mailing list with 110 names was reviewed. Entiat’s Initiating Governments are the City of Entiat, Chelan County and the Entiat Irrigation District.

April 20, 1999 - The Initiating Governments meet to make decisions on the formal membership of the Entiat Watershed Planning Unit (EWPU). Approximately 65 letters were sent to individuals, agencies, Tribes, and local representatives in April 1999 requesting their involvement in the WRIA 46 watershed planning process.

June 22, 1999 - At the first meeting of the EWPU and Technical Support group of WRIA 46, members reviewed copies of the “Make-up of involvement“ [Sarah this last phrase??] list, proposed ground-rules, and a draft plan of work. Meeting notes were mailed to approximately 75 individuals.

September 1, 1999 through May 2000 - At quarterly organizational meetings, EWPU continues to work on ground-rules, draft plans of work, vision and goals and make up of planning participation. Meeting notes were mailed to approximately 75 individuals.

Additional outreach during the organizational period included:

- **September 1997** - Information booths were displayed at the Wenatchee Salmon Fest and the Chelan County fair.
- **September 1998** - Entiat information booth at Salmon Fest.
- **September 23, 1999** - Contacted the Colville Confederated Tribes concerning planning unit membership. The Colville's decline direct participation due to time and resource limitations resulting from their involvement in more local planning efforts.
- **November 2, 1999** - As part of a discussion panel, a presentation was made on the Entiat watershed planning process at a Department of Ecology Watershed Planning Workshop at Moses Lake.
- **November 24, 1999** - A news article providing an up-date of the Entiat Planning process and information gathered was published in the Chelan Conservation Districts' "Conservation News", mailed to approximately 4,200 Chelan County residents.
- **January 26, 2000** - A presentation on Entiat planning to local growers on "Pear Day".
- **March 21 through 23, 2000** - With additional financial assistance from DOE, the EWPU organized and sponsored a 3-day IFIM training and outreach workshop (Instream Flow Incremental Methodology). The presenters were nationally recognized experts in IFIM and the session was open to attendance on a regional scale. Approximately 50 individuals and agency reps from the EWPU and around the State attended the workshop, which included a one-day session focused specifically on Entiat watershed planning needs. This workshop is available on videotape (unedited).
- **November 1999 and March 2000** - News articles providing up-dates of the Entiat Planning process and information gathered were published in the Chelan Conservation Districts' "Conservation News," mailed to approximately 4,200 Chelan County Residents.
- **May 24, 2000** - Planning Unit members participated in a local tour of the State's "Ag Fish and Water" Committee which included stops in the lower Entiat Valley. In preparation for this tour, an information package was developed describing what we have learned and where we are going with the Entiat Planning process. This "Ag Fish Water" handout package relies on graphical display of information for improved comprehension and was reviewed during a meeting of tour members at the Entiat Valley Fire Station. Our "Ag Fish Water" information package has been updated over time and has been heavily used as an information sharing device.

WASHINGTON STATE WATERSHED PLANNING - PHASE 2 (ASSESSMENT)

June 21, 2000 - Decision was made at this Planning Unit meeting to "formally adopt a robust application of the Instream Flow Incremental Methodology (IFIM) as the approach to

address instream flow issues” (IFIM is a multi-step, consensus-based, problem solving process that relies heavily on public involvement).

September 20, 2001 through March 2002 - Planning Unit and Technical Sub-Committee meetings focused on water quality, quantity, fish habitat and instream flow Plan of Work items. In this time period, Entrix, Inc. was formally retained as our contractor to begin IFIM application. Also work with the Bob Rose of the Yakama Tribe continued using the Ecosystem Diagnosis and Treatment (EDT) method for assessment of fish habitat. The Colville Confederated Tribes participated during the early stages of IFIM application and provided additional financial assistance in support of the EDT analysis.

Additional outreach during this phase included:

- **August 3, 2000** - Participation in an interagency meeting on permitting processes for fish habitat improvements within river floodplains. The objective was to see if the various State and Federal agency processes could be streamlined and coordinated to avoid long delays in implementing habitat improvements.
- **October 26, 2000** - Attendance at the annual State Watershed Planning Workshop held in Moses Lake.
- **March 2001** - Letter to State representatives updating them on the status of the Entiat planning process and encouraging them to support the state-wide effort.
- **June 5, 2001** - Mailing to approximately 900 individuals, including 880 Entiat area resident box holders, announcing the up-coming “Entiat Resource Round-up”.
- **June 20, 2001** - Live interview on KPQ radio with Landowner and agency representatives discussing the Entiat River planning process and inviting the public to attend the Resource Round-up open house.
- **June 23, 2001** - “Resource Round-Up” open house held at the Entiat Fire station where watershed planning and other community information was displayed. A follow-up mailing was made to the “Round-up” attendees requesting individuals to become involved in the planning process.
- **June 27, 2001** - An article about the resource roundup meeting and the EWPU’s efforts was published in the Chelan Mirror.
- **July 3, 2001** - Entiat Landowners letter to National Marine Fisheries Service and Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (with copies to: Tribal Councils, State and Federal Representatives, Governor Locke and Chelan County Commissioners) expressing concerns about depressed Spring Chinook runs with respect to Chinook habitat history in the Entiat River. EWPU members suggest that Entiat Hatchery spring Chinook should be allowed to spawn naturally in the river.
- **July 26, 2001** - Mailing to the 880 Entiat residents to continue informing landowners about watershed planning activities including: proposed rock weir demonstration project and a helicopter flight taking infrared photography of the river to gather information on water temperatures.
- **September 2001** - Information booths were displayed at the Wenatchee Salmon Fest and the Chelan County fair.
- **September 12, 2001** - News article in the Chelan Mirror about the Entiat Rock Weir Demonstration Project.

- **September 23, 2001** - Planning Unit members including Landowners and Agency representatives hosted the Washington Coordinated Resource Management Tour on the Entiat River. The Capital Press published an article about the Entiat being showcased during the 2001 CRM tour.
- **January 31, 2002** - Met with Washington State Audubon representative on the Audubon outreach program. The representative attended and April 2002 Planning Unit Meeting.
- **March 7, 2002** - Mailing to the 880 resident box holders with information on the Entiat River Instream Flow work-plan and inviting interested individuals to be included on the Watershed Planning mailing list.
- **March 28, 2002** - Press Release/Article for Chelan Mirror about the Entiat Instream Flow effort.

WASHINGTON STATE WATERSHED PLANNING - TRANSITION TO PLAN DEVELOPMENT (PHASE 3)

During this period, data collection and assessment continued alongside continued work on development of the Final Draft WRIA 46 Plan. Mailings of meeting notes had increased to approximately 120 individuals, agencies and organizations by 2002.

July 2002 - A Final CRM Plan/“First Draft” WRIA 46 Management Plan was printed and approximately 40 hard copies distributed to Planning Unit members, local Federal, State and county representatives, and local libraries. Compact discs were mailed to individuals, agencies, and organizations, and a copy of the Plan was posted on the Chelan County web site. The Chelan Mirror published an article about this milestone on July 31, 2002; the WDOE prepared a press release associated with this event (09/10/02); and information about the Entiat’s efforts was published in the Columbia Basin weekly fish and wildlife news bulletin (09/13/02). This Final CRM Plan and “First Draft WRIA 46 Plan was available for public review and comment through December 31, 2002.

April 2002 through November 2003 - Planning Unit and Technical Sub-committee meetings focused on completing Plan of Work issues for water quality, quantity, instream flows and habitat.

February 2003 through August 2003 - A series of key Planning Unit meetings (and sub-committee meetings) focused on developing water quantity, water budget data, instream flow recommendations and improvement projects based on the results of EWPU data collection and analyses.

Note: Assessment findings were made available in draft form as time permitted in 2002 and 2003, leading up to the release of an Internal Review/EWPU Draft Entiat Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA46) Management Plan.

October 2, 2003 - Planning Unit meeting initiates internal review of draft plan chapters. This process continued at the November 20, 2003 meeting, and concluded prior to the January 2004 EWPU meeting.

Additional outreach during this period included:

- **April 27 - May 1, 2002** - EWPU members attended the “Toward Ecosystem-Based Management: Breaking down the barriers in the Columbia River and Beyond” conference in Spokane, WA, and participated as poster presenters.
- **August 13, 2002** - A field day review of the of the EDT assessment results was made by members of the technical sub-committee and other interested agency participants on a section of the Entiat River referred to as the “Bridge to Bridge Reach”.
- **September 2002** - An information booth was displayed at the Salmon Fest.
- **November 1, 2002** - Entiat landowners and others met with employees of the Chelan County Public Utility District to discuss elements of the Rocky Reach Dam re-licensing HCP agreement.
- **November 12, 2002** - Planning Unit members spoke during a joint work session of the Washington State Senate Environment, Energy and Water Committee and the Natural Resources, Parks, and Shorelines Committee (re: watershed planning and salmon recovery) in Olympia, WA.
- **November 19, 2002** - Planning Unit member participated on a panel at the Washington’s Water Future conference, sponsored by the Governor and WDOE Watershed Planning Implementation Committee.
- **November 20, 2002** - An update of the Entiat Planning Process was presented in Chelan, Washington at the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board “Salmon Summit”.
- **February 20, 2003** - EWPU sponsors a community Water Budget meeting.
- **May 7, 2003** - Employees of the Chelan County Public Utility District attended a Planning Unit meeting to answer questions about the Rocky Reach Dam re-licensing HCP agreement.
- **May 16, 2003** - Conservation District staff gave a presentation on the Entiat watershed planning process to the Planning Association of Washington at the Red Lion Hotel in Wenatchee, WA.
- **September 2003** - Information booths were displayed at the Salmon Fest and the Chelan County fair.
- **November 13, 2003** - CCCD staff shared information about the Entiat during the 2002 Peer-to-Peer Watershed Planning and Implementation conference in Moses Lake, WA.

WASHINGTON STATE WATERSHED PLANNING - PLAN DEVELOPMENT (PHASE 3)

January 8, 2004 - Planning Unit meeting, review of/proposed edits to the Internal Review Draft WRIA 46 Plan were completed. EWPU approved release of “Final Review Draft” WRIA 46 Plan.

January 23, 2004 - Electronic copies of all Final Review Draft WRIA 46 Plan chapters and supporting technical documents were posted on the new Chelan County Conservation District website. Email notification of its release for public review and comment was provided to individuals, Federal, State and county representatives, and Planning Unit members. Hard copies were provided to local technical representatives and local libraries.

Compact Discs were mailed to interested individuals, agencies, and organizations. A formal notice of the Plan's availability was published in the Wenatchee World. A press release (02/02/04) was sent to the Wenatchee World, Chelan Mirror, KOHO Radio, and KPQ Radio. A radio interview was aired on KOHO.

April 2, 2004 - The 70-day public comment period of the Final Review Draft Plan ended.

April 13, 2004 - Planning Unit approved final edits and additions to the WRIA 46 Management Plan.

May 17, 2004 - During this meeting, the EWPU voted unanimously to make Plan content changes recommended by State Caucus related to Reserve water, and make the priority date of instream flows the date of rule adoption. The Planning Unit unanimously approved submitting the Entiat WRIA 46 Management Plan to the Chelan County Commissioners for their consideration.

May 21, 2004 - Copies of this document "**ENTIAT WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA (WRIA 46) MANAGEMENT PLAN**" were formally submitted to the Chelan County Commissioners for their consideration, meeting the timeline stipulated in Chapter 90.82 RCW.

Additional outreach during this period included:

- **March 5, 2004** - Mailing to 880 Entiat Area property owners inviting them to attend a community meeting about the results of the Entiat watershed planning effort to date, and what is being proposed in the WRIA 46 Management Plan.
- **March 18, 2004** - EWPU hosted community meeting about WRIA 46 Plan.
- **March 22, 2004** - EWPU members and Conservation District Board member updated Chelan County Commissioners on WRIA 46 Plan progress to date.
- **March 24-26, 2004** - EWPU technical subcommittee members made several presentations about the Entiat process and findings at the Northwest Scientific Association 2004 annual meeting in Ellensburg, WA.
- **April 21, 2004** - EWPU members shared information with local landowners at the Entiat Fire Station about the proposed Bridge to Bridge reach restoration project.
- **April 22, 2004** - EWPU members met with Chelan PUD relicensing and HCP staff regarding WRIA 46 Plan and potential for coordination with PUD tributary activities.