Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable Special Meeting July 6, 2011

Host: Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 1063 South Capital Way, Suite 106 Olympia, WA 98501 Phone: (360) 586-3065

Directions: http://www.dahp.wa.gov/about-us%20locator

Attendees:

Jeffrey Thomas, Co-Chair	Puyallup Tribe
Stephenie Kramer	Dept. of Archaeology and Historic
	Preservation (DAHP)
Gretchen Kaehler	DAHP
Lee Stilson	Dept. of Natural Resources - Lands
Sherri Felix	Dept. of Natural Resources - Regulatory
Dennis Lewarch	Suquamish Tribe
Andrea George	Puyallup Tribe
Jesse Narog	Hancock Forest Management
David Powell	Yakama Nation

NOTES

1. Introductions

Everyone introduced their selves.

2. Agenda

Jeff Thomas provided an agenda prior to the meeting: 1) Comments on WAC 222-20-120, 2) Annual Report to the Forest Practices Board and 3) Next regular meeting's agenda.

3. Review of Comments on the Draft Rule Revision for WAC 222-20-120

The Yakama Nation, the City of Seattle, and the Puyallup Tribe commented during the 30day comment period on the proposed changes to WAC 222-20-120. The Yakama Nation and the City of Seattle supported the proposed revisions to the WAC. The Puyallup Tribe offered new language and did not mention the language sent out for comment by the Forest Practices Board. The Yakama Nation Chairman wrote the Puyallup Tribal Chairman expressing concerns over their proposed language especially about tribal sovereignty and stated that the Yakamas must oppose the language. The Yakamas feel the state has no business telling any tribe what to do. Lee offered language for a letter to the Puyallup Tribe explaining that their proposed language does not address the issues brought to the Roundtable concerning the WAC. He proposes that the Puyallup proposal be added to the Action Item list and that the process for rule amendments go forward. Jesse asked how the Puyallup proposal affects the rule making process. Sherri said the next step in rule making is CR-102, the actual start of the rule making process, and a cost benefit analysis. She said the Roundtable could make any of a number of recommendations including: no further action until the Puyallup proposals are addressed, proceed with rule making or proceed and add the Puyallup proposals to the action item list. Andrea stated that the Puvallup Tribe never approved the language agreed to by the Roundtable even though Jeff concurred and is a co-chair of the Roundtable. He was just stating an opinion of a Puvallup staff person. Gretchen suggested we go forward

Timber/Fish/Wildlife Cultural Resources Roundtable Special Meeting July 6, 2011

with the rule making because we will always have additional issues to address. Jeff expressed surprise that the Roundtable would take up all of the issues that the Puyallups proposed since many of them address natural resources instead of cultural resources. He said he had brought them to the Roundtable's attention in the past and they were dismissed as not appropriate for the Roundtable. Andrea said the comments on the rules were compiled by a number of Puyallup staff and reflected the worse case scenario that they had experienced over the past couple years on forest practices applications where the process did not work. The Puyallups are not necessarily opposed to the language presented by the Forest Practices Board but felt this was their opportunity to fix problems in the rules. The title of the section addresses notification to tribes of all forest practices applications, not just those involving cultural resources. Jeff said there were no sideboards on what to comment on. Dennis wondered if the timelines proposed by the Puyallups were comparable to other sections in the WACs concerning forest practices applications. Sherri said she'd need to review the WACs to answer. Jeff said the principle is to get your ideas out there. David said the Yakamas support the Puyallup's right to comment on anything and make any proposal they feel is appropriate even if the Yakamas disagree with the proposal. The Puyallup Tribe has sovereign rights. It was proposed that the title of WAC 222-20-120 be amended to, "Notice of forest practices that may contain cultural resources to affected Indian tribes." A new section can be drafted that would address forest practices that involve natural resources. After conferring, Jeff and Andrea recommended as Puyallup staff members that the process keeps moving on. They think the suggestion of a new section for natural resources is an interesting and novel idea. They agree that the CR-102 process should start. Everyone should understand that the Puyallup Tribe will submit additional comments during the CR-102 process. Everyone agreed to recommend to the Forest Practices Board that the rule making process continue with no change to the 30-day language except the revision to the title of the section.

4. Annual Report to Forest Practices Board.

Jeff and Pete can include in their cover memo to the annual report to the Forest Practices Board that another section should be considered concerning forest practices applications involving natural resources. Jeff will include in the annual report the major accomplishments of the Charter, WAC 222-20-120, work on the guidance documents, and the web page as well as other items from the monthly notes. He will get the draft out to everyone by Friday the 8th and any comments need to be back to him by July 13th. The quarterly report will follow the same format with a cover memo on the current action item list.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be: July 19, 2011 at DAHP in Olympia from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The agenda will include 1) Introductions 2) Approve agenda, 3) Approve meeting notes for June, 4) Co-chair remarks, 5) Action Item list, 6) Report to the Board and 7) Guidance Documents.

Note: The T/F/W Cultural Resources Roundtable meets on the third Tuesday of every month. Scheduled meetings through 2011 are 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, and 12/20.