

**Pelton Round Butte  
Shoreline Management Working Group  
2014 Annual Meeting Notes  
September 3, 2014**

**Attendees:**

Wayne Purcell	Shoreline Property Owner
Michael Olin	Shoreline Property Owner
Dave Bulkley	Shoreline Property Owner
Brett Davies	Cove Palisades State Park
Gary Popp	Cove Palisades State Park
Clay Penhollow	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs – Bureau of Natural Resources
Dave Slaght	Oregon State Parks
Rod Bonacker	U.S. Forest Service
Scot Lawrence	Portland General Electric
Tony Dentel	Portland General Electric
Jessica Graeber	Portland General Electric
Nuria Claudio-M.	Portland General Electric

Following introductions, Scot Lawrence (PGE) opened the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Shoreline Management Working Group (SMWG). Scot reviewed the agenda and goals of the meeting.

**UPDATE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY REPRESENTATIVES TO SMWG**

After a brief discussion the group determined that there may be changes to the list of primary and alternate property owners. An action item was created for Scot to send out the current list and ask property owners for revisions. Note: In an email dated September 4, 2014, Scot Lawrence provided the list of primary and alternate representatives. On September 4, alternate Jenny Pugh proposed to be made the alternate to Dave Bulkley, representing Montgomery Shores. No other proposed revisions have been received.

**UPDATE OF 2014 ACTIVITIES**

Scot provided a brief update on the shoreline activities. A boat-based inventory will be conducted September 3, 2014. An aerial inventory will not be conducted in 2014.

**2013 RESERVOIR DRAWDOWN**

Scot commented that the annual winter drawdown of Lake Billy Chinook (LBC) is tentatively scheduled to begin October 1, 2014. Attendees were informed that the reservoir is estimated to be drawn down three to five feet (under normal conditions), but could be drawn down further. The 2013 drawdown was supposed to be larger in order for PGE to conduct shoreline erosion maintenance at Chinook Island, but island construction was able to be

completed without further drawdown. Dave Slaght (OSP) replied that if LBC is drawn down any more than normal that he needed 30-40 days' notice in order to remove some docks. A property owner added that it would be a good idea to notify the entire working group of a larger drawdown so they could conduct maintenance on their docks as well. Cove Palisades also mentioned their docks are not designed to be dropped to 20 feet, should the drawdown be more significant.

The property owners mentioned their interest in using the drawdown as an effective means of eliminating the Elodea in the lake (perhaps through freezing in the winter). Scot explained that PGE's terrestrial resources biologists claim that Elodea is native to the area. As a follow up Scot will investigate whether a 10-foot drawdown for a very short time period in the winter of 2015-16 would be sufficient enough to kill back the elodea.

#### **UPDATE ON PERMIT STATUS**

Scot mentioned that the permits were mailed out to the property owners prior the SMWG meeting. Michael Olin mentioned his permit number had advanced by 1 digit, even though permit numbers should not change. Wayne mentioned that his mother's permit arrived at the wrong address. Dave mentioned he did not receive his permit at all. Oregon State Parks also mentioned they did not receive permits for their buoys. PGE will investigate the discrepancy and likely re-issue new permit tags.

#### **2014 SHORELINE INVENTORY**

Scot provided a brief overview of the 2014 boat-based inventory, which would be conducted after the SMWG meeting. Property owners discussed the "phantom boat" floating on LBC and asked how it could be removed. It was concluded that the "phantom boat" owner is likely not breaking any laws, and it is unclear within whose jurisdiction it is to have the boat removed from the lake. Also, there is a funding issue with respect to who would bear the cost of removing the boat. Property owners are concerned about trespassing and safety issues. Scot mentioned that the review period for the SMP will begin in 2015-2016 (five year review period) and there may be some verbiage available in other plans as to a "stay limit" on boats in the lake. Property owners mentioned it is currently anchored in the North Cove area.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

PGE continues to work on the development of the Shoreline Management online services website. It was suggested that the website include information such as: (1) information on the drawdown dates and levels, (2) a pdf of the Shoreline Management Plan document, (3) permit information for property owners, (4) permitting process flow charts, (5) aerial view of the Project, (6) lake levels linking to the USGS page, (7) fuel options and hours on the lake, (8) weather information, (9) history of the Project/Dam history, and (10) date of shoreline inventory.

Wayne Purcell remarked that some boats are creating excessive wakes and asked if the current marker could be changed from “10mph” to “No Wake Zone”. Any changes to the existing regulations would need to be made the Oregon State Marine Board. Scot distributed a petition form. Dave (OSP) opposed speed limits in general and mentioned he would take a stand against any speed limits on lakes.

The attendees discussed that PGE may be hosting the 2015 FERC Shoreline meeting, which would be held at Pelton/Round Butte. Property owners express interest in presenting “from a property owners perspective” at the conference.

Wayne Purcell suggested that the property owners were concerned about institutional knowledge that Scot possesses should he retire soon. They asked who would take over Scot’s position. The property owners would like to meet more often with PGE as the retirement date comes closer. Scot said he has not announced a retirement date.

OSP also mentioned they have submitted an application for five additional buoys. Three would be for public use and two would be for Cove Palisades. Property owners expressed concern about too many buoys and too many boats on LBC and the overall lake capacity.

The meeting concluded at 11:25am.

Notes respectfully submitted by Nuria Claudio-Mariages.