



Future of the Lower White Salmon River

Public Meeting Summary

Appendix

The following materials were printed on posters for review at the Future of the Lower White Salmon River Public Meeting on Nov. 15, 2014. Materials begin on the next page.

Concepts we've heard:

These concepts will be passed along to the appropriate public and private entities.

- Condit Dam was removed to improve fish habitat – not to create more recreation opportunities.
- PacifiCorp needs to follow through on their commitments to mitigate the effects on private property owners and recreationists from the removal of Condit Dam.
- The uncertainty of future land ownership of PacifiCorp-owned property in the project area concerns many people.
- There are many opportunities and ideas for how to enhance public recreational access within the project area.
- Northwestern Park should remain a public park.
- Property-owners are concerned about the impacts to their property and their solitude due to increased river recreation.
- There is a need to improve and enhance emergency access and response time to the river and shoreline residences (e.g. search and rescue, fire suppression).

Vision:

Fish habitat conservation

- Effects on aquatic habitats are a key consideration when development decisions are made, particularly on steep slopes.
- The river and banks in a natural state, including healthy riparian areas and functioning instream habitat.
- Undeveloped lands held in public or land trust ownership, or a mix of that ownership and private ownership, that leads to protection of lands ill-suited to development due to steep slopes and proximity to the river.
- Defined public access points that balance ecosystem function, landowner privacy, safety, recreational opportunities and economic benefits.
- Continued river restoration.
- Fish habitat that supports all salmon life history stages and produces healthy fish runs for fishing.
- Support for economically-beneficial uses such as rafting, fishing, hiking while protecting key fish habitat.

Goals:

Fish habitat conservation

- Re-vegetate riparian and upland areas to promote healthy streambanks, reduce sediment transport to the river, and enhance salmon habitat.
- Protect existing native riparian trees and shrubs from land clearing as required by existing shoreline regulations.
- Educate river users about spawning gravel identification, large woody debris and its benefits to salmon, value of the prevention of invasive species transport and spread, public access locations, and fish management goals.
- Increase public or trust ownership of currently undeveloped parcels in the project area to reduce potential impacts to fish habitat from future property development adjacent to the river.
- Manage public access so that it doesn't adversely impact in-river fish habitat or adjacent riparian areas.
- Increase retention of naturally-occurring large woody debris to enhance development of pools and cover for salmon and re-locate large wood if necessary to reduce hazards to boaters.

Geographic focus areas

Entire corridor from mouth to Buck Creek

In-stream and riparian restoration in tributaries, including Buck Creek and Mill Creek.

Restore fish passage by addressing blockages in Buck and Mill Creeks

In-stream protection within and adjacent to the lowest two miles of the river, due to redd densities.

Highly developable areas which are most vulnerable

Retention of large wood in the short term and consideration of adding large wood in appropriate areas in the future

Define and manage access and use from Northwestern Park to the former Condit Dam site

Newly revealed (i.e. formerly submerged) lands downstream of Northwestern Park

Fish spawning areas

County enforcement of existing shoreline protection regulations