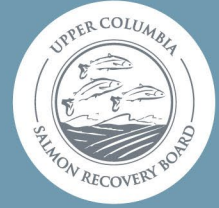


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PRESENTATIONS TO THE OKANOGAN COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Upper Columbia Lead Entity

TwispWorks, Twisp, WA
June 17, 2026 ; 4:30 – 8:00 PM

Attendance:

UCSRB: Ariel Edwards, Leslie Selgestad, Ryan Niemeyer

CAC: Will Keller, Larry Hill, Bob Monetta, Louis Sukovaty, Sam Israel

Sponsors: Kristen Kirkby (CF), Ben Woodworth (YN), Grace Watson (MSRF), Brian Fisher (MSRF), Jessica Goldberg (MSRF), Chris Johnson (MSRF)

RTT: Tracy Hillman (RTT Chair; remote)

General CAC Business:

- Business moved to end of meeting to allow extra time to discuss projects and ask Tracy Hillman questions.

Q&A with RTT member:

- Tracy Hillman was the RTT representative available for answering questions on project scoring. He overviewed the RTT summaries and scoring, how the RTT uses the score and standard deviation, and other details.
- Ariel Edwards noted that the current allocation is \$1.75 million. With the current RTT ranked list that will fund 3 or 4 projects.
- CAC members noted that it was interesting to see Acquisitions at the top of the list. One member noted that it does protect the land forever which is a positive. There was some discussion on the requirements associated with an acquisition project and how we ensure the land remains protected as intended. UCSRB staff reviewed some requirements from RCO Manual 3 about land management requirements, and Tracy Hillman shared the requirements from TRIB committees for a stewardship plan.

Salmon Creek Fish Passage Barriers Preliminary Design – Kristen Kirkby, CF

- Q: What crossing types are you looking at here?

- A: They would look at multiple crossing types. They will also explore reducing the road crossing to one rather than two.
- Q: What habitat work, if any, is needed upstream?
 - A: There is some CTCR work occurring upstream, but that is all currently.

2 Channels Acquisition – Ben Woodworth, YN

- Q: If the existing groundwater outflow is on WDFW land, why isn't WDFW doing the project?
 - A: WDFW typically has other organizations do the restoration work on their land, and they are open to YN working here. The sponsor also noted that access to this spring is through the proposed parcel.
- Q: What kind of parcel segregation would be done here?
 - A: The parcels are zoned R5, so they could be subdivided into 5 acres.

Beaver Creek Confluence Acquisitions – Brian Fisher, MSRF

- Q: Who owns to common area adjacent to the cemetery property?
 - A: That is a common area jointly owned by the three neighbors. The landowners have indicated interest in enhancing/working in this area.
- Q: What is the risk of not acquiring these properties now?
 - A: The land is deemed as surplus, so if it is not acquired now it will likely be acquired by a neighbor and used for recreation.
- Q: How is the budget estimate split between the two properties?
 - A: The cemetery property is likely two-thirds or three-quarters of the total amount. The Benson property is likely worth less.
- Q: Does MSRF pay taxes on acquired properties?
 - A: Yes, property is taxed as open space public access.

MacPherson Flats Acquisition – Chris Johnson, MSRF

- Q: Does the acquisition cost include building removal?
 - A: Yes, that is correct.

Little Siberia Floodplain Connectivity Preliminary Design – Grace Watson, MSRF

- Q: What is the access to the trails here?
 - A: It is all foot access to these trails.

CAC Business and Reminders:

- CAC scoring deadlines – email to Ariel by Monday 6/22
- Joint CAC Meeting – 6/23 Chelan, WA (5-8pm)
- Will Keller noted that he is willing to be the Chair for another year, unless someone else has interest.
 - Sam Israel motioned to re-elect Will Keller as the Chair.
 - Louis Sukovaty seconded the motion.
 - All voted in favor.

- Sam Israel commented that he is also willing to continue as the Vice-Chair, unless someone else has interest.
 - Will Keller motioned to re-elect Sam Israel as the Vice-Chair.
 - Larry Hill seconded the motion.
 - All voted in favor.
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Public Comment:

- No public comments