Habitat Subcommittee Meeting
2/25/2020 at 10:00am
Via WebEx

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Attendees: Jeff Dreier, Katie Buckley, Erin Morse, Tim Hiatt, Richard Sakuma, Taylor Cotten, Dave Hunter, Alex Harwell, Colleen Miko

We started off with where we left off last time.

1.9 This was and still is tabled until we can get a DNR representative, who will need to rewrite it for Washington. Katie has tried to get someone from DNR to join us, to no avail.

1.10 Taylor will rewrite this for Fish and Wildlife. We changed it to apply to solar and wind installments, and it should be open ended for any other energy installments that could be considered multi-use. Bats are not pollinators in Washington, so are not a consideration.

1.11 Katie will email this one to Tara Donohoe (NRCS) to see what she thinks. We need more information.

1.12 Eric and Allison were supposed to edit this. Neither are on the phone call, so it’s tabled for the next meeting.

We went back to the top. The rationale was again discussed, specifically the definition of ‘habitat’. We are happy that that includes floral resources, nesting, larval hosts, and overwintering habitat.

1.1 This was supposed to be combined with 1.2 by Eric and Allison. Tabled until next meeting.

1.3 Tim is responsible for editing this still. We changed some of the wording to be more towards projects that already require reseeding or landscaping to limit the scope of this a little more (some projects wouldn’t be suitable for creating pollinator habitat.)

1.4 Eric was supposed to combine this with 1.12. Tabled for next meeting.

1.5 Changed to rural and urban. Taylor will find a source or sources detailing importance of wildlife corridors through urban areas. Katie will get Department of Ecology to review it as it may involve them. We also want to know if irrigation canals count as riparian areas (we suspect they do not.)

1.6 Katie has tried to get a hold of a rangeland expert. She will continue working on editing this one.

1.7 WSDOT has been rewritten and it needs review.

1.8 Katie will add the link to the native vs. non-native forage paper she previously sent out.

Edits that can be made should be finished by the 5th. Please review them and comment starting on the 6th before our meeting on the 9th. Remember, they don’t need to be perfect, but should be as complete as you can make them. Meeting ended at 11:00 am.