

WRIA 19 conservation planning meeting
July 28, 2011
Veterans Center, Port Angeles

Focus: Summary of the draft results, and prioritization

Attendance: Eric Carlsen, Karl Spees, JC and Karolyn Burdick and Don Hamerquist

Discussion:

Mike presented the PowerPoint, available on his website, http://mhaggertyconsulting.com/WRIA_19-NOLT_Project.php.

- Eric asked about the east geographical boundary. CHART drew the line.
- Coho scalar -Mike reduced the scalar down from 2.6 to 1.6 at the request of stakeholders to ensure more streams were assessed.
- Eric suggested that the 16-6 coho scalar be renamed >6 to avoid the question of why there is such a large space between those numbers. Karolyn had asked that question, and Mike replied that there were few streams, ~7 streams, that scored 6-16, so it made sense to lump them.
- Mike showed an example of the Sekiu habitat values, then the Hoko and Clallam
- Karl about where the waterfall at the fish hatchery is on the Hoko. Mike pointed it out.
- Eric asked about Ellis Creek, Bear and Cub Creek. JC wondered who owned the land and if protection is possible.
- Don asked about Lamb and Coke Creek.
- Mike showed the Clallam. Karl asked about how the fish deal with sanding in of the mouth of the Clallam. JC and Don noted that it's currently closed due to building up of the sand bar.
- The Pysht scored very high.
- Karl was interested in seeing the gradient of the streams. Mike noted that the gradient is incorporated into the score.
- Don noted that there is a lot of over-wintering habitat on Pearson Creek. Mike's data does not reflect this because he did not gain access.
- Mike showed which streams have not been fully analyzed.
- Eric and Mike noted that culvert and road interface barriers are inventoried by DOT and the County, but the current data is not up-to-date.

Potential strategies for prioritization and they will somehow be melded

- Parcels Prioritized by greatest amount of high-quality in-stream habitat (area intersected with parcel, which one has the most). 580 parcels
 1. Hoko, gooseneck by Johnson Creek
 2. Lost Creek
 3. Hoko Ozette Rd and Hwy 112
 4. Carpenters Creek and the Sekiu
 5. Pysht River bridge

- 6. Herman Creek and the Hoko mainstem
- 7. Hatchery Creek on the Clallam River
- Parcels prioritized by greatest percent of parcel area in high-quality in-stream and riparian habitat types
 1. Hoko River
 2. Hoko Ozette Rd and Hwy 112 – same parcel that came up as #3 with first filter
 3. VanCalcar – already conserved
 4. Lower Hoko gooseneck, Spider Wrights.
 5. Hoko hatchery, 49%
 6. Johnson Creek and Hoko Ozette Rd
 7. another one on the Hoko
- Parcels prioritized by proximity to protected areas
 1. Lower Hoko wetland complex
 2. Spider Wrights
 3. Sadilek
- Could also try looking at a certain kind of habitat

Already conserved

- Out of the top 10, about 5 are conserved, and maybe one of those 5 is state park land.
- The 3rd priority using the filter “Parcels prioritized by greatest percent of parcel area in high-quality in-stream and riparian habitat types” is VanCalcar.
- The Pysht River is the best river in WRIA 19 from a habitat value per unit perspective

Prioritization approach suggestions:

- Increase acreage filter to 39.5 acres+ and use the filter “Parcels prioritized by greatest percent of parcel area in high-quality in-stream and riparian habitat types”
- Lower river and estuarine protected areas
- Limitations to the approach could be addressed by taking multiple approaches to different watersheds.
- Karolyn felt that looking at a riparian corridor could be problematic politically and could have logistical issues if not conserving the whole parcel.
- Michele suggested Mike show the top 100 priorities because landowner willingness will be the limiting factor. Eric agreed that the more parcels we have on the list would be advisable because then the list will be usable for a longer time period.

Changes suggested:

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Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:45