

Overview of 7/21/06 meetings:

- 1) The focus of the wildlife research will continue to include basic fisher ecology as well as the effects of SPLAT treatments.
- 2) The research will focus on testing models based the gradient of habitat conditions.
- 3) It was agreed that an average of 20 hours/week would provide both dispersal and mortality information.
- 4) The UCST and MOUP are committed to a cost effective expansion of the wildlife monitoring via shared aerial support and cost efficiencies with in kind contributions of vehicles, housing, staff, etc.
- 5) There will be a parallel development of conservation strategy with CBI regarding the fisher
- 6) Commitment by MOUP to detail the real cost of the study plan with agreed cost efficiencies.
- 7) Original cost of the fisher monitoring (not reintroduction) was \$6M/study site/ 7 years or \$850,000/year for one site. It was proposed that this figure could be raised to \$1.3 to 1.5M to include a second, adjunct study area at Kings River.

Shared understandings and key agreements from MORNING session:

- 1) Shared understandings
 - a. There was NEVER an alternative fisher study proposals ONLY the development of MOUP internal cost estimates from different understandings of methods.
 - b. Reconfirmation that the proposed 20/hrs/week averaged throughout the year air time for one study are will provide dispersal and mortality information on fishers
 - c. Exploring shared costs and efficiencies for nearby 2nd southern site to expand fisher information (30-40). Reasons in the morning notes must include air costs.
 - d. Reg has authority to approve team leaders and members.
 - e. Current CASPO (\$150k) working with Rock G is acceptable to Reg Areas proposed for northern site is close if not overlapping with Rocky G site. Propose to supplement current project with \$150k.
 - f. Ideal fisher study would be broader. UCST and MOUP will promote integration with other on going related research projects
 - g. Key Agreement: Current proposed costs for wildlife is within reach of current funding. Updated cost estimates reflect changes from original proposal (This is the definition of what current proposed project). \$900k for one site. A second site you be less (approx \$400-600). 1.3-1.5 total annual costs. Details will need to be refined.
- 2) Next steps:
 - a. Reg, Peter, Darren to determine who will be the team leaders and staff for the fisher study (define the role of PSW)
 - b. Development of true cost of study plan plus adjacent acres.
 - c. Develop multi-agency, redundant strategy for plane use (Crawford)

- d. Feedback and commitment from UCST (annual timelines and budget details)
- e. Determine Forest District timelines. Implement 2009. 2 years pretreatment.

Shared understanding from Afternoon Session.

1) Shared Understandings

- a. It will be important to discuss any concerns regarding third party neutrality if we create joint MOUP UCST teams to create more detailed activities (district will do same thing for district implementation)
- b. Want to make sure that the development of research methods should continue to be aware of scaling up and treatment intensities in the next conversations. Make sure data is at a scale and in a form that can close the learning loop.
- c. Want to reconfirm that there are areas of flexibility as well as inflexibility in the existing ROD. Need to understand where those are (boundaries and constraints discussion is needed)
- d. Need to confirm that PI remain committed to cost efficiencies with the MOUP
- e. Budget numbers will be developed quickly, but draft will be ready for Sept Oct numbers and final draft in the fall. Expectation is that dollars for 07 will be finalized by Feb.
- f. Crawford will lead in the development of in kind aerial support for the project.
- g. UCST spatial research needs will need to be provided to MOUP after field meeting to determine what can be provided and what needs to be purchased.