Great Northern LCC SC Conference Call Meeting Notes
June 21, 2010 2/3 p.m. – 3:30/4:30 p.m. PT/MST

1. Brief welcome and introduction by Greg Watson and then turned meeting over to RD Thorson.


3. OR/MT/WA and BC and Alberta not represented on call.

RD Thorson briefly went over the agenda and asked if there were any comments. Hearing none she turned the meeting over to Yvette C.

1. Yvette briefly went over the funded project list and what was being funded following SC direction. With additional funds the AT was able to fund down to the next natural scoring break and then go back to fully fund top scoring projects. She let the SC know the AT was working to get the PI’s/Coordinators this funding by July. The new list of funded projects is posted on the GNLCC website.

RD Thorson then asked if there were any questions/comments for Yvette. Hearing none she let the SC know that R1 was looking for project funds (not LCC or Climate Change funds) of approximately $100K to put toward the projects. She then introduced Rick S. to lead the next agenda item on integrating SWAPS into LCC’s.

2. Rick S. gave a brief presentation on possibly using the draft AFWA Teaming With Wildlife Sub-Committee white paper and hosting a summer workshop with SWAP coordinators and possibly others as a starting point to help develop a structured process for integration for the SC. The SC was asked if they would like the AT to pursue this option?

Steve Ferrell (WG&F) thought it was a good idea.

RD Thorson mentioned that was the reason SA ARD Schuler was not on this call today as the NPLCC was meeting with CA/OR/WA to discuss this as well and getting good positive feedback from those states.

Michael Whitfield (HORI) thought it was a good idea and thought it should have other groups involved other than just state SWAP coordinators.

Yvette C mentioned that the Whitepaper was now posted on web for folks that have not seen it and reminded all it was a draft. She stated the first couple of action items identified in the paper were well aligned for helping the AT/SC help set goal and objectives for deliberation at the October SC meeting in Boise.

Rick M. (CBFC) wanted clarification if those plans were just terrestrial or included things like salmon and birds. He was assured by others that birds, aquatic, and other terrestrial species were vibrantly looked at, at least in Montana but if not there are more detailed plans to draw from like salmon recovery and
3. Tom lead the discussion about the GNLCC governance and operational charter. He briefly walked the group through the four sections (A-D) of the Charter and then focused the group on the organizational model figure (Sec C.) to walk the SC through the rationale and options. See attached figure.

A good discussion occurred on this with many pro’s and con’s voiced by the SC members as to how this would work between EC/SC roles, function and decisions. In the end most agreed that the AT should continue to “flesh out” these options to provide more detail on respective roles, form and function and nature of respective decision making.

Tom then steered the discussion to staffing and capacity needs for the GNLCC. While we will have some dedicated staff does the SC want to keep the AT going and staffing options for doing that. SC wants to keep AT going and would like it to keep being flexible in how we get inclusion, expertise and share the workload. Others will be invited to assist as able and needed. Keep it small so nimble and not a mini SC.

Next he brought up the Eco-geographic forums and explained how they cut several ways to be inclusive and honor what we have been hearing from partners. Overall group felt concept was good but needed more guidelines. Also need to keep focus on large landscape level issues to see the largest outcomes or what LCC’s are about. Need to maintain that balance between smaller more workable areas versus the larger landscape we are trying to affect including an interface with adjacent LCC’s.

Conceptual comments from SC members need to get to Yvette by July 9, 2010. The AT will incorporate and get another draft back to SC with a more formal draft and a request for written comments after that.