

To: Flood Authority Members
cc: Scott Boettcher, Greg Hueckel
From: Lara Fowler, GTH
Re: October 7, 2011 Legislative Tour
Date: September 20, 2011

During last week's Flood Authority meeting, we discussed the upcoming legislative tour of the Chehalis River Basin. This memorandum outlines what we know so far, and includes a few requests for information or feedback (see items marked with "→" and in bold below). I will keep updating this memorandum as we learn more information, or update the schedule.

Goals for the Tour:

1. Provide an update on the work of the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
2. Visit any sites/projects that would be helpful to see

Attendees:

1. The Washington State Legislature House Capital Budget Committee
2. Other interested Legislators/staff
3. Flood Authority members
4. Others as interested (tour open to the general public)

As of this week, the following legislators confirmed their attendance:

	Name	Position	Link to Biographical Information
1	Hans Dunshee	Chair, Capital Budget	http://www.leg.wa.gov/House/Representatives/Pages/dunshee.aspx
2	Judy Warnick	Ranking minority member	http://www.leg.wa.gov/House/Representatives/Pages/warnick.aspx
3	Jim Moeller	Speaker Pro Tem, Capital Budget Committee	http://www.leg.wa.gov/house/representatives/Pages/moeller
4	Steve Tharinger	Capital Budget Committee	http://www.leg.wa.gov/House/Representatives/Pages/tharinger.aspx
5	Richard DeBolt	Minority Leader	http://www.leg.wa.gov/house/representatives/Pages/debolt.aspx
6	Brian Blake	Ag & Natural Resources Committee	http://www.leg.wa.gov/house/representatives/Pages/blake.aspx
7	Gary Alexander	House Ways & Means (ranking); State Gov't & Tribal Affairs	http://www.leg.wa.gov/house/representatives/Pages/alexander.aspx

With OFM and legislative staff, 14 total have confirmed so far, and further invites are pending.

→ Please let me know if you are interested in attending, and if you know of others. An accurate count (as much as possible) will help in planning the logistics for this tour.

Tentative schedule for Friday, Oct. 7th:

Susan Howson, staff to the House Capital Budget Committee, indicated that the legislators are planning on a morning tour with the Flood Authority, and then are planning to meet with the Chehalis Tribes in the afternoon. The schedule below is very tentative; feedback is welcome.

8 AM	Legislators convene in Olympia
8:45	Arrive at meeting place (Chehalis?)
9:00	Overview/briefing
9:15-9:30	Board tour bus/vans (start time depends length of overview/briefing)
9:30-12:30	Tour of Chehalis Basin (potential locations below) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upriver (Pe Ell, Adna)• Twin Cities area/I-5/existing levee system/ Mellen St. Bridge• Oakville/ Black River/ Grand Mound → Porter• Montesano area
12:30	End (at reservation (?) in time for legislators to join Chehalis Tribes for lunch)

→ Please let me know if you have thoughts/feedback on the potential tour locations, and if there is a good place to stop with a large group of people.

Key topics to cover during tour (plus potential visual items listed below):

- Overview of flooding impacts, especially recently
 - Pictures/images of floods (1996, 2007, 2009), high water events (2010-11)
 - Graph showing frequency/intensity of floods increasing
 - Graph showing potential impact of climate change
- Quick recap of why the Flood Authority was formed
- Accomplishments of Flood Authority & its members to date
 - Projects & deliverables
 - Leverage of other resources
- Work requirements from ESHB 2020 + OFM contract
 - Work plan for 2011-2012
 - Work accomplished to date (H&H modeling)
 - Other work underway
 - Stakeholder consultation plan, outreach, tribal consultation
 - Coordination with others:
 - OFM re: alternative measures report
 - Corps re: H&H modeling
 - Wash. Conservation Commission/NRCS
- Goals/vision for the Basin

→ If you have pictures or information to share, please let me know.