



Cascades to Coast Landscape Collaborative

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Leadership Team Meeting **Draft** Meeting Summary
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Welcome and Introductions

John opened the meeting with introductions and an agenda review. We welcomed Adam Pereira and Jen Watkins to our call. Adam is working with CCLC as a graduate student intern and will help with public engagement and user tool development for the spatial design work over the summer. Jen is sitting in for Lenny Young at WA Dept of Natural Resources.

John provided an overview of his role as facilitator and highlighted some specific tasks he will be working on with the Leadership Team. They include facilitating the leadership team, communications and outreach (hosting core team meeting, webinars, and seeking communications staff support), organizational health (charter, partnership engagement, durable governance model, and funding), supporting conservation impact projects (landowner incentive access, spatial design, conservation action alignment).

The meeting summary from our April meeting was accepted and will be posted on the CCLC web site.

2-Year Action Plan

Tom provided an overview of the final draft 2-year work plan. This 3-step process is being led by Lisa DeBruyckere and involved many participants from the leadership team. Tom presented our updated mission, three goals, strategies, tasks, and performance metrics. Ann spoke to the details of the strategy involving the creation of a Collaborative Web. This draft (attached) concludes the first step. The next step is to share this workplan with regional stakeholders within and surrounding the CCLC footprint. The objectives of this stakeholder review are to find ways partners can align their work to support shared landscape values, receive comments on vision and goals of CCLC, and build a strategic list of products, information, and capabilities of CCLC that regional stakeholders would find useful to meet their organizational priorities. The group brainstormed several specific questions they would like the stakeholders to answer. Those questions will be provided to Lisa as she organizes the stakeholder review process. Members of the Leadership Team are welcome to join the stakeholder review process and Lisa will provide information on how to connect.

The 3rd and final step of the process is to have Lisa bring back to the leadership team the comments that were received from the stakeholder engagement process. The leadership team will then have a final discussion and approve this two-year work plan.

Spatial Design

Tom presented a set of slides on mapping products from three working teams (ecosystem services, working lands, conservation). Each group used a hierarchy for mapping based on landscape attribute, measurable indicator, data sets available now, and criteria. Numerous map examples were presented that showed the spatial depiction of these values and landscape-scale expected impacts. Some maps included results of overlaying multiple values to support intelligent decision-making, such as showing important connectivity areas and where they overlap with threatened working forest lands.

The discussion moved to how to use these spatial data sets to move from “spatial design” to “strategy design” -- how we make this information accessible, acceptable, and useful for informing management actions on the ground. How can we develop an interface to facilitate use of this information? We reviewed the South Atlantic Conservation Blueprint for an example of a functional interface. A priority for us should be to show connectivity “pinch points” to keep focus on some practical uses of this suite of spatial data sets.

Adam, a graduate student at UW – Madison, is a designer and researcher. He will be working with us full time over the summer to help flesh out some case studies, map creation, and possible web interface. Designing – evaluating – designing, based on stakeholder interaction. He is working on approaches to engage stakeholders including surveys, webinars, breakout discussions, and key interviews. We’re looking forward to working with Adam as he helps us and uses this project to complete requirements for his graduate degree.

CCLC Charter

The group discussed the value and need for a CCLC charter as the partnership matures and evolves. A charter would help add appropriate structure to our organization and assist in describing the partnership to new members, the public, funders, etc. The goal would be to:

- provide clarity on who CCLC is

- what we do (mission, goals, guiding principles)
- how we're organized (committees, subcommittees, working groups, etc.)
- how we make decisions
- how we function+

There was consensus on the value of the Leadership Team adopting a charter that would include content on CCLC's:

1. Purpose/background
2. Mission, goals, guiding principles
3. Geographic scope
4. Organizational structure (committees, roles/responsibilities, and membership)
5. Operations (decision making, leadership appointment, meeting frequency, funding)
6. Staffing

It was agreed that John would write up a first draft, based on past CCLC documents (strategic plan, 2-year action strategy), and decisions -- and present it during a future CCLC meeting. The goal is to have the Leadership Team improve the draft and adopt a final charter before the end of the Summer.

Round table updates

The meeting concluded with brief updates for LT members:

- WDFW is briefing some of their leadership on what CCLC is, what it has done so far, and plans for the future. An emphasis on how CCLC's work dovetails with work in two WDFW regions.
- Defenders is meeting with other WA conservation organizations on ways CCLC can be aligned with other conservation priorities in the region. Also, early discussions on a possible legislative action on connectivity and a 30 by 30 goal.
- OR State Parks working on climate adaptation planning effort at state level. Also working on Oregon coast-wide native plant project designed to access native plant supplies for restoration projects – connecting demand for native plants to nurseries and growers. Building on success in the Willamette Valley.
- Greenwood Resources – looking for supplies of native plants, conducting rare plant surveys, completed large-scale planting for elk forage, and conducting murrelet and stream surveys. Also working with Chinook Tribe to provide them with large western red cedar trees for building traditional dugout canoes.
- NW CASC is working with EcoAdapt and FWS on expanding work on invasive species and climate change.
- WA DNR is finalizing a comprehensive forest action plan – sets 5-year priority areas for stewardship, forest retention, and resiliency. Also, Cascadia Partner forum is developing spatial tool to set priorities and monitor progress, including connectivity, to cover all of WA. Wants to see how this tool can benefit CCLC work and vice-versa.

Next Steps and Action Items

- ✓ Provide comments to John on these draft notes if you have edits/corrections.
- ✓ These notes will be posted on CCLC's web site so we can track our work and share it with the public.

- ✓ Watch for an announcement from Lisa on the Action Plan Stakeholder meeting.
- ✓ Our next Leadership Team meeting is on June 9th, from 9:00 – 10:30.
- ✓ Be in touch with us if you have questions, topics you would like to see on next month's agenda, or ideas on how CCLC can become a more relevant partner to you and your organization.

Attendees - Leadership Team members, guests, and alternates

Betsy Glenn	Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center
Jeff Azerrad	Washington Dept of Fish and Wildlife
Chad Washington	GreenWood Resources, Inc.
Robb Krehbiel	Defenders of Wildlife
Ann Edwards	Resilient Earth Consulting
Tom Miewald	USFWS, Region 1
John Mankowski	Mankowski Environmental, LLC
Jen Watkins	WA DNR
Adam Pereira	Univ of Wisconsin - Maddison