

**GETTING CLARITY ON THE MISSION/PURPOSE:** *After a long, carefully considered discussion, this rough draft statement was agreed upon:*

The Mission of the Upper Columbia Working Group for Stewardship is to determine the health status of the Upper Columbia River by conducting a credible, defensible, independent and verifiable scientific study showing it's impact on economic, social, health and welfare... and considering actions if needed.

Note: Three questions we specifically want answered are:

1. Is the water safe to drink?
2. Are the fish safe to eat?
3. Are the beaches safe to play on?

(Merrill & Ron will work to craft a grammatically correct version of the above and bring it back to the group for approval.)

**DECIDING ON AN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:** Peter Scott presented two options for a legal organizational structure: 1). A "County Association/Conference" and a "Interlocal Agreement". After some discussion, it was decided that each commissioner would take back the proposed options to their respective counties for input prior to a final decision.

**DISCUSS & DECIDE ON POLICIES** – it was reaffirmed that the entire process would be an open one.

**NEXT STEPS** – Who needs to do what by when prior to the next meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 1:00 (same location)?

1. Merrill and Ron will craft a recommended Mission Statement and bring it to the group for approval on July 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. Peter Scott will e-mail out the follow-up information, requested by the commissioners, on the legal organizational options.
3. At the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting the members will decide which organizational structure to adopt.
4. At the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting the members will begin consideration of how to obtain public input to the process. *(The July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be an organizational meeting only – not a public hearing.)*
5. Also, at the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the commissioners asked for informational presentations from the EPA and from Teckcominco America.
6. The commissioners asked that the Stevens County Commissioners be sure to invite all the Tribes to the next meeting.
7. Also, it was decided to invite Preston Slicer to the next meeting.