

# Planning Group Process to Develop a MRRIC Charter (Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee)

## Drafting Team Conference Call December 19, 2007

### Summary v1

**Present:** Cheryl Chapman, John Thorson, Lynn Muench, Elizabeth Hamilton, Skip Meisner, Rose Hargrave (Federal Working Group), Joe Gibbs, Randy Asbury, Jack Majeres, Lanny Meng, Larry Mires, Mark Rath, Stan Schwellenbach, Jason Skold, Mike Wells, Pat Cassidy, Tom Schremp, Larry Cieslik (Federal Working Group), Mary Roth (Federal Working Group), Tim Bryggman, Todd Iverson (State of Missouri), Max Maddux (Review Panel), Paul Lepisto (Review Panel), Bill Beacom, Ruth Siguenza (facilitation team), Steve Miller (facilitation team), Doug Huston (facilitation team)

#### 1) Opening

- a) Based on the lack of a quorum and concerns about conducting substantive business over the telephone, the group decided to recommend a January meeting on the dates originally scheduled for that meeting (January 23 and 24). The Institute team was tasked with finding a location for the meeting taking into account the group's preference for a central, easy to get to location.
- b) The group expressed some concerns for the January meeting being tightly focused to avoid unnecessary back tracking over charter areas for which consensus had already been reached and to ensure that this meeting produced a proposed Charter to be sent to the Secretary of the Army.
- c) Following this discussion, the group decided to review the recommended definitions from Monday's conference call and the proposed transmittal letter.

#### 2) Definitions

##### a) Adaptive Management

Consensus was reached on forwarding this definition to the full Drafting Team for consideration at the January meeting.

##### b) Plan

- i) The group decided to add a caveat to the beginning of this definition to make it clear that it would be updated once the Water Resources Development Act of 2007(WRDA) implementation guidance was issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

- ii) Given this change, the group reached consensus on forwarding this definition to the Drafting Team for consideration at the January meeting.

c) **Mitigation**

- i) The group decided to delete the first sentence of the proposed definition.
- ii) Given this change, the group reached consensus on forwarding this definition to the Drafting Team for consideration at the January meeting.

d) **Recovery**

The group reached consensus on forwarding the Option-1 definition from the Monday conference call to the Drafting Team for consideration at the January meeting. The facilitation team was tasked with updating the source citation.

e) **Restoration**

The group reached consensus on forwarding this definition to the Drafting Team for consideration at the January meeting.

f) **Stakeholder**

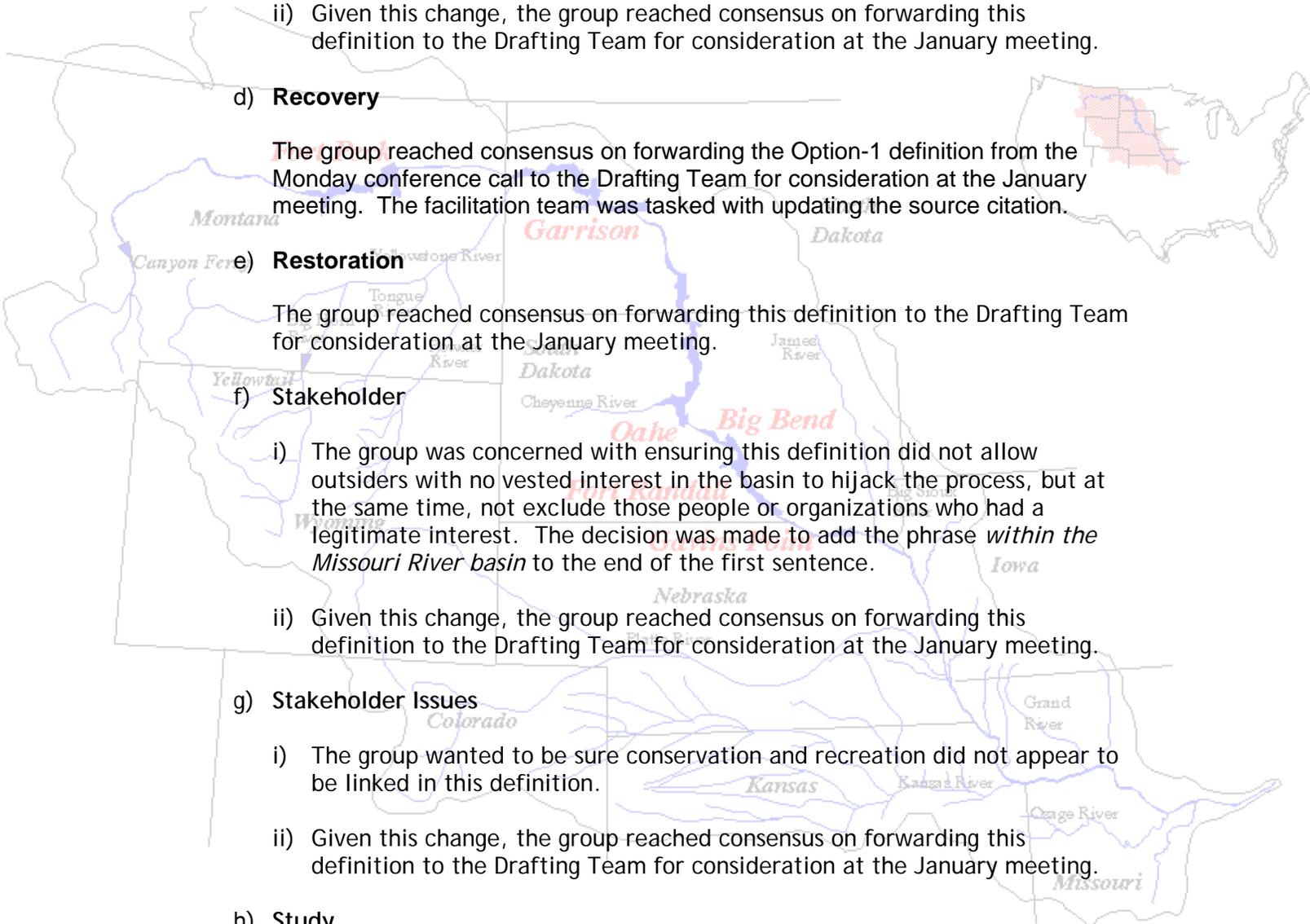
- i) The group was concerned with ensuring this definition did not allow outsiders with no vested interest in the basin to hijack the process, but at the same time, not exclude those people or organizations who had a legitimate interest. The decision was made to add the phrase *within the Missouri River basin* to the end of the first sentence.
- ii) Given this change, the group reached consensus on forwarding this definition to the Drafting Team for consideration at the January meeting.

g) **Stakeholder Issues**

- i) The group wanted to be sure conservation and recreation did not appear to be linked in this definition.
- ii) Given this change, the group reached consensus on forwarding this definition to the Drafting Team for consideration at the January meeting.

h) **Study**

- i) The group decided to add the same caveat to this definition that was added to the *Plan* definition.
- ii) Given this change, the group reached consensus on forwarding this definition to the Drafting Team for consideration at the January meeting.



i) **Substantive Issue**

The group reached consensus on forwarding this definition to the Drafting Team for consideration at the January meeting.

3) **Transmittal Letter**

The group tasked the facilitation team with taking Bill Beacom's version of the transmittal letter and putting it in a format to be considered by the Drafting Team at the January meeting.

4) **Next Steps**

- a) The facilitation team will update the definitions and the transmittal letter per the group's instructions.
- b) The Institute team will determine a location and plan for a meeting January 23 and 24, 2008 as soon as possible.
- c) The facilitation team will develop and distribute an agenda for the January meeting on January 9, 2008.

