Chairwoman Lorna Johnson called the regular February 25, 2015 meeting of the Planning Commission to order. Commissioners Mickey Woolley, Tamra Stevens, Margo Locke, Saundra Richartz, and Ron O’Halloran were also present. Due to an extended injury, Johnna Exner attended by phone conference. Irene Whipple was present from the Planning Department. Commissioner Brad Miller was also in attendance.

Tamra Stevens compared the original draft Inventory, Analysis, and Characterization Report which the PC reviewed and made suggested changes, to the final January 2015 version. Some of the original suggested changes were omitted from the final document. The Planning Commission approved the following to be submitted to Anchor QEA, the Shoreline Master Program Update consultant, to create an errata sheet to accompany the final printed version of the Inventory, Analysis and Characterization Report as well as being posted on the Shoreline Master Program Update website. The pages listed are the ones in the final document. A brief discussion was also held regarding the GIE 2004 reference (Intermountain Province Subbasin Plan prepared for the Northwest Power and Conservation Council) that was mentioned in the IAC report.

- Page 23 – 4.1.6.1 Water-Dependent Uses – 4th line. PC suggested “including irrigation” after “water withdrawal”.
- Page 49 – Ferry Co. Conditions – 6th line. PC suggested removing “Pierre” from list of off-reservation lakes of cultural importance to CC Tribes. (Pierre Lake is in Stevens County). Also, Elbow Lake is located within the reservation.
- Page 63 -5.2.2.3 - Water Quality – 1st line. PC suggested removing “industrial runoff and effluent”. Perhaps it should be noted where the industrial contamination is coming from instead of removing it. If the wording is not removed, it needs to be rewritten to indicate that the industrial runoff is NOT coming from Ferry County.
- Page 66 – 5.2.2.4.2 – Terrestrial Habitat – 3rd paragraph, 5th line. “Dams and diversions”, PC suggested they be identified. Please name the dams, or eliminate phrase.
- Page 68 – 5.2.3.3 – Water Quality – 2nd line. Remove “industrial runoff”.
- Page 97 – 6 Public Access – 2nd paragraph, 4th line. “recreation has become substantially more important to Ferry County’s economy.” PC suggested removing “substantially” from sentence. Using “substantially” implies recreation can and will provide the same level of economic stability as mining.
- Page 98 – Table 28 – Beal Park – PC suggested adding: Fishing & “water use" access and “seasonal" out house, “fire pits and interpretive signage".
- Page 99 – Table 28 – Curlew Creek – Change "Ferry County Rails Trail" to "Ferry County Rail Corridor" and add "ADA motorized" path.
- Page 100 – Table 28 – 10 Mile Creek Campground – PC suggested remove “and free” from campground.
- Page 101 – Table 28 – Bourgeois Lake – PC suggested adding “boat launch and outhouse”.
- Page 102 – Table 28 – Swan Lake – PC suggested adding “dock, boat launch and kitchen area”.
- Page A-12 – Geological Hazards – PC suggested eliminating “No mine sites”.
- Page A-24 – Channel Migration Zone – remove “in” from sentence “The CMZ is wide in along most of the reach extent", for grammatical reasons.
- Page A-32 – Existing Public Access – PC suggested removing “public access is minimal”. The reach is entirely privately owned. Also, change “formal” to “legal".
• Page A-41 – SR 10a – Recreational use – PC suggested adding "illegal" to water access points. They have used "unauthorized".
• Page A-45 – Reach 11 – Recreational use – same issue as Page A-41 – illegal or unauthorized access?
• Page A-51 – SR 12c – Level of Existing Function – PC suggested removing "agricultural development" as there was no mention of any agriculture in the entire description. Also, under Recreational use, same issue as page A-41, illegal or unauthorized use.
• Page A-68 – Habitat Characteristics … - 4th sentence. I’m not sure if the PC made a recommendation here, but I checked my bird book and there is a Little Blue Heron, which we see almost everywhere. The Great Blue Heron is a totally different bird, I have only seen one once, on the other side of Sherman Pass. There is also a Tri-colored Heron, which closely resembles the Little Blue Heron.
• Page C-35 – Water Quality – PC suggested adding "wildlife".
• Page D-15 – Same issue as Page A-68 – Great Blue Heron or Little Blue Heron?
• Page D-19 – San Poil Lake – 4th sentence – Has the north end REALLY been drained for ag use? We should be sure before we included it in our official document.

The Planning Commission held a teleconference with Ferry County’s Growth Management Attorney Mike Golden regarding GMA compliance issues and Habitats and Species of Local Importance. The Planning Commission did make the following changes to the 2/11/15 Draft of the Critical Areas Ordinance:

Section 9.02
• 2nd paragraph
  o 11): Vaux’s Swift: Vaux’s swifts are associated with old-growth forests, nesting primarily in old-growth coniferous forests. Throughout their breeding range they are highly dependent on large hollow trees and snags for nesting and roosting. The above described habitat is designated as Habitat and Species of Local Importance for the Vaux’s Swift. Reference: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Management Recommendations for Washington’s Priority Species: Volume IV, 2002.

Draft wording for the remaining seven candidate species and priority habitats will be added to the draft Critical Areas Ordinance for the Planning Commission’s review at the next meeting on March 11, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.