




STATE OF OREGON

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Governor

DATE: October 27, 1983

FROM: Gerry Thompson 

SUBJECT: Crown Zellerbach Project at Tongue Point

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Governor Atiyah

By telephone I briefed you about a potential snag occurring with the above project. The snag: eagles, an "endangered species."

At that point Ed Zajonc was requested by me to enlist the help of Jack Donaldson to resolve the issue. All permits must be settled by Dec. 1, 1983.

Donaldson set a meeting with US Fish and Wildlife. Following the meeting, Donaldson reported to me he believed that the issue could be resolved and the deadline of Dec. 1 could be met. The problem, as you know, is that eagles are on the "list" as an endangered species in Oregon; the property at Tongue Point does become involved because of nesting eagles; the Clatsop County land use plan mentions eagles, etc., etc. By federal law, the Corps of Engineers and HUD must address this issue before signing off on the project.

Please see the attached letter. This is a result of that meeting. I immediately talked with Ed Zajonc, Jack Donaldson and, on your behalf, Dick Myshak.

It all boils down to two things: attitude and communication. Myshak believes Zajonc was arrogant and rude and should not have attacked his staff. Zajonc believes US Fish and Wildlife are trying to throw a "monkey wrench" into the project. Donaldson agrees somewhat with both but indicates communication did not occur as it should have.

We started working on the project in June at which time all federal entities were informed. Late in August US Fish & Wildlife eluded to a possible problem with eagles. This came to a head mid-October. Although, perhaps, US Fish & Wildlife are to blame here, if proper staff work had been done at the state level, we could have addressed the problem far earlier.

Personalities have gotten in the way. Pat has asked Donaldson to work with US Fish & Wildlife to make sure we get a fair shake on the eagle issue.

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Donaldson is confident everything will be handled properly and the Dec. 1 deadline will be met.

Myshak appreciated my call; will not let personalities get in the way of the project. He maintains they will assist in every way.

Zajonc will pull back, but still believes he is right -- US Fish and Wildlife is trying to throw a monkey wrench into the project and are not communicating.

However, once again we are confronted with Zajonc's arrogant and rude ways. In this instance, I believe it comes because we have Ed under the gun to make this project succeed; he is trying to satisfy the total Land Board, not to mention the thousands of dollars committed by the state.

I have been assured Ed's actions at the meeting with US Fish & Wildlife will not be held against us.

I don't know how we are going to convince Ed that arrogance and rudeness are not our way nor does it achieve anything. In fact, I give up. Reports continue to come in about Ed's heavyhandedness and arrogant ways.

I have told Ed I will visit with him again following all my other conversations. I will once again tell him his tactics are wrong and nonproductive and must stop.

GT:ds