

Date: January 24, 2017

Place: USFS Building, 71 W Main St, Pomeroy, WA

Format: Regular Meeting started at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present for Regular Business Meeting: Jerry Hendrickson (AC), Brian Shinn (AC), Mike Talbott (CC), Bill Bowles (GC), Del Groat (GC), Justin Dixon (GC), Jon Jones (WC), Gary Ryan (WC), Larry Hooker (WWC) and Todd Kimball (WWC).

Board Members on Phone: Brad Johnson (AC) and Mike Largent (WC).

Others Present: Kris Fischer (CTUIR), Steve Martin (SRSRB), Kris Buelow (SRSRB) and John Foltz (SRSRB).

Others on Phone: Joanna Cowles (WWCCD) and Chris Hyland (WWWMP).

SRSRB Chair, Del Groat called the meeting to order and verified a quorum (10 present, 2 on the phone for a total of 12). Del welcomed everyone to the board meeting.

Verify Quorum and approve Consent Agenda, Expenditures and Meeting Notes:

ACTION 1: A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the Update on the Lead Entity Scorecard, meeting notes and financials for November and December 2016, it was seconded by Bill Bowles and the Board approved the motion by consensus.

CONSENT AGENDA:

November 2016 Expenses

RCO (HCSR)	\$25,445.07	LE	(HCFW)	\$3,669.23
BPA8 (HCB8)	\$10,079.08			

December 2016 Expenses:

RCO (HCSR)	\$19,933.48	LE	(HCFW)	\$2,850.69
BPA8 (HCB8)	\$16,291.48			

Approve: December 13, 2016 Meeting Notes

DISCUSSION: New, emerging or otherwise items to be aware of: Steve updated the Board on several items. First was the North Touchet Habitat Restoration Reach 2 design in the works, more detail to come later as conceptual plans advance to preliminary designs for review, but the project has a good partnership component. Secondly were various meetings with legislators, specifically a follow-up meeting with Representative Nealy on December 19th and with Senator Schoessler and Representative Dye with WDFW on December 20th focusing on the Tucannon steelhead program, predation issues, and tributary bypass (overshoot). Steve relayed the Senator’s concern regarding the Columbia River endorsement fee and also Representative Nealy’s willingness to draft some sideboards on how the funds can be used – the endorsement legislation will go away this year without a new sponsor. WDFW has put together some predation workshops with us for the future; predation and overshoot will also be topics for the Columbia River NOAA taskforce. Steve also presented to the Senate Natural Resources committee on the State of Salmon Report and emphasized the impacts of predation. Lastly, Kris B. updated the Board on Tucannon project implementation scheduled for 2017. This included PA6-9, PA-18, and PA-28. He discussed the cost sharing and savings between CTUIR and WDFW on PA6-9 and PA-18 for using a helicopter and the relative costs as compared to conventional construction.

DISCUSSION: State of Salmon report presentation – Steve shared the State of Salmon report with the Board via the web. Specifically, he highlighted the data on habitat conditions and fish abundance, the story and messaging from the Snake Region and that the key messages are that collaboration is key, most barriers are gone, and predation is an increasing concern. The full report can be accessed online and a link will be available on the Board’s website.

DISCUSSION: Statewide RCO habitat funding and capacity allocation considerations – Steve updated the Board on the SRFB funding allocation discussion. A committee has been convened to review the funding allocation formula – our regional allocation from SRFB for projects and capacity could potentially change as the state evaluates “need” relative to funding provided by the SRFB.



DISCUSSION: Update and Input on LE Scorecard (this item was added to the agenda) – John shared information regarding projects applications received and projects funded as they relate to regional priorities and the scorecard. The Board believes that the LE process is good and correct and that consensus is key – the scorecard isn’t perfect and won’t ever be perfect, but it is a basis. The end result, the ranked project list has been good – the Board sees great projects now which is different than in the distant past. The Board also gave kudos to sponsors for proposing and implementing great projects. The Board asked that biology and species be considered in the scorecard if possible and that a range might also be considered for project location. The Board also requested that monitoring and assessment proposals first seek funding through the endorsement board if eligible before seeking SRFB funding – this guidance would be incorporated in the application booklet and application rather than the scorecard.

ACTION 2: Review and approve letter to Director Unsworth regarding his calculations of proposed fishing fee costs – Steve shared the letter he wrote to Director Unsworth considering the update fee proposal from the Department. The Board agreed with the letter. Justin Dixon moved to approve and send the letter, Jerry Hendrickson seconded, and the Board approved the motion by consensus.

ACTION 3: Review and approve letter to eastside Legislators regarding Columbia River recreational salmon harvest concerns and recommendations – The Board reviewed the letter that Steve and Chris Hyland put together. Brian stated that the opportunity for travel and stay to the economy is important and that it is of greater importance to the eastside because it takes longer to travel here and produces longer stays. Mike T. asked why should commercial gill-netters get such a large proportion of the allocation – it is likely a result of their political lobby. The Board supported the content of the letter. Mike Talbot moved to approve with minor editing and wordsmithing, Jerry Hendrickson seconded, and the Board approved the motion by consensus. Steve noted the intent is for the letter to be sent out by our legislators, i.e., we ghost wrote the letter for them to consider.

ACTION 4: Approve February 28th for next Board meeting to be held at Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, Dayton WA 99328 at 4:00 PM – Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve the February meeting time and date, Bill Bowles seconded, and the Board approved the motion by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m. by SRSRB Chair, Del Groat.

Review of Tasks					
Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Action 1: Approval of Consent Agenda, Notes and Exps.	Brian Shinn	Bill Bowles	Yes		Yes
Action 2: Approval of Letter to Director Unsworth	Justin Dixon	Jerry Hendrickson	Yes		Yes
Action 3: Approval of letter to eastside Legislators	Mike Talbott	Jerry Hendrickson	Yes		Yes
Action 4: Approve Next Board Meeting in Pomeroy	Jerry Hendrickson	Bill Bowles	Yes		Yes

Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Date: _____

Signed By: _____

Del Groat, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board

BOARD ATTENDANCE FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT MANAGERS

Name	Attendance for July 2016 – June 2017								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
SRSR EXEC BOARD									
*Brian Shinn	Yes	Yes	Yes	-Yes	-Yes	Yes			
Brad Johnson	Yes	Yes	Yes	-Yes	-Yes	-Yes			
Jerry Hendrickson	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes			
Don Jackson	No	Yes	No	No	No	No			
Roland Schirman	Yes	Yes	-Yes	-Yes	Yes	No			
*Mike Talbott	Yes	Yes	Yes	-Yes	Yes	Yes			
*Justin Dixon	No	Yes	Yes	No	-Yes	Yes			
Del Groat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes			
Bill Bowles	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	-Yes	Yes			
*Perry Dozier/ Todd Kimball	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes			
Larry Hooker	Yes	Yes	Yes	-Yes	-Yes	Yes			
Yancey Reser	No	No	No	-Yes	No	No			
Gary Ryan	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
*Michael Largent	No	No	Yes	No	-Yes	-Yes			
Jon Jones	Yes	No	Yes	-Yes	Yes	Yes			
Gary James	-Yes	No	No	No	No	No			
CONSERVATION MGRS									
Duane Bartels	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No			
Jennifer Boie	No	Yes	No	No	No	No			
Terry Bruegman	Yes	No	No	No	No	No			
Megan Stewart	No	No	Yes	No	No	No			
J Cowles/ R Hadley	-Yes	Yes	-Yes	-Yes	-Yes	-Yes			

* County Commissioner

! First Meeting as a Board Member

Last Meeting as a SRSRB Member

- Call In by Phone

ACRONYMS

AC: Asotin County
ACCD: Asotin County Conservation District
APUD: Asotin Public Utility District
BFW: Bank Full Width
BMP: Best Management Practices
BPA: Bonneville Power Administration
CC: Columbia County
CCD: Columbia County Conservation
CHaMP: Columbia Habitat Monitoring Program
CTUIR: Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
DEM: Digital Elevation Model
EDT: Ecological Diagnosis and Treatment
ESA: Endangered Species Act
GC : Garfield County
IMW: Intensively Monitored Watershed
LWD: Large Woody Debris
MSA: Major Spawning Area
mSA: Minor Spawning Area
NREI: Net Rate Energy Intake
NPT: Nez Perce Tribe
PA: Project Area
PaCD: Palouse Conservation District
PCD: Pomeroy Conservation District
RCO: Recreation Conservation Office
RCPP: Regional Conservation Partnership Program
RTT: Regional Technical Team
SRFB: Snake River Funding Board
SRSRB: Snake River Salmon Recovery Board
Tuc Geo: Tucannon Geomorphic Assessment & Design
USFS: United States Forest Service
USFWS: United States Fish and Wildlife Service
VSP: Voluntary Stewardship Program
WC: Whitman County
WDFW: Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
WWC: Walla Walla County
WWCCD: Walla Walla County Conservation District
WWWMP: Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership