

Date: May 23, 2017

Place: WWCC Campus, Room 121, 500 Tausick Way, Walla Walla, WA

Format: Regular Meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present for Regular Business Meeting: Brad Johnson (AC), Don Jackson (CC), Mike Talbot (CC), Bill Bowles (GC), Justin Dixon (GC), Del Groat (GC), Jon Jones (WC) and Larry Hooker (WWC).

Board Members on Phone: Michael Largent (WC).

Others Present: Nora Berwick (NMFS PDX), Justin Pearson (CCD), Duane Bartels (PCD), Jim Peterson (Landowner), Joanna Cowles (WWCD), Chris Hyland (WWWMP), Dave Karl (WDFW), Steve Martin (SRSRB) Kris Buelow (SRSRB) and John Foltz (SRSRB).

Others on Phone: Jennifer Boie (PaCD).

SRSRB Chair, Del Groat called the meeting to order and verified a quorum (8 present, 1 on the phone for a total of 9). Del welcomed everyone to the board meeting.

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

ACTION 1: A motion was made by Bill Bowles to approve the consent agenda; it was seconded by Justin Dixon and the Board approved the motion by consensus.

CONSENT AGENDA:

April 2017 Expenses:

RCO (HCSR)	\$20,055.28	LE (HCFW)	\$3,832.45
BPA9 (HCB9)	\$12,168.98		

April 2017 Budgets

Approve: April 25, 2017 Meeting Notes

ACTION 2: A motion was made by Bill Bowles to approve the consent agenda, April 25, 2017 meeting notes and financials for April 2017, it was seconded by Mike Talbot, and the Board approved the motion.

DISCUSSION: New, emerging or otherwise items to be aware of:

Steve updated the Board on both federal and state potential funding. First was the status of PCSRF – similar status from the update last month. Funding is very uncertain at this point in time with the current federal administration, the President would like to cut all PCSRF funding. The SRFB plans to meet tomorrow to formulate a plan for FY2018.

State funding is promising. While the Governor, Senate, and House all have budgeted salmon state capital funding lower than the RCO request, it is greater than it has been in the past. Still lots can happen before the budget is approved. Nothing will likely be finalized until late June.

DISCUSSION: Salmon Day in Washington DC – Steve shared the final SRSRB brochure and inserts (see handouts). The trip last week and meetings went very well. Joining the Washington contingent with Steve was Jacques White (LLTK), Dave Price (WDFW), Wendy Brown (RCO), Phil Rockefeller (SRFB), David Trout (SRFB/Nisqually Tribe), Rich Ennis, and Paul Ward (UCSRB/YBFWRB/Yakima Nation). Also, joining the Washington contingent were the Oregon and Idaho counterparts who met with their respective delegations. The general response was very positive – Steve was asked by Congresswoman McMorris-Rodgers if he would be willing and able to return to testify in front of a committee at some point.

The Washington contingent met with Congresswomen Cantwell’s staff, Jamie Herrera-Butler, Patty Murray, and Cathy McMorris-Rodgers, Congressmen Derek Kilmer, Denny Heck, Rick Casa and Dave Reichert, and Congressman Dan



Newhouse's staff. The Board asked if the message that our fish abundance data is out of date from NOAA is getting back to congress. Steve believed that it is but noted adult abundance data lags behind by a year or two due to the time needed to accurately report.

They also met with NOAA undersecretary Ben Friedman – their message was that the funding need is greater than available resources and to please keep the PCSRF request to congress at \$65 million. The group also met with the Office of Budget Management for the Department of the Army.

Steve also shared Congresswomen Cantwell, Murry and McMorris-Rodger's letter to the Army Corp of Engineers requesting that the Corp put the Mill Creek GI study into their budget. The Board's question was if the request was just for the study or for project implementation? At this point it is just the study, the ACOE must have the study completed before they can recommend a path forward, including a potential budgetary request. The Board asked if they can be updated on the Lower Mill Creek Assessment being completed by CTUIR.

Discussion: Meeting with USACOE Commander: Steve met with the USACOE Commander DeLarossa last week in regards to Mill Creek along with Gary James (CTUIR), Representative Terry Nealey, and Joe Bumgarner (WDFW). They discussed the efforts of the ACOE putting in PIT tag arrays to look at overshoot for identification of potential downstream volitional adult passage routes. This is in response from Chris Pinney's work, who is a member of the SRSRB RTT and the SRSRB and RTT's request to evaluate overshoot.

The group also talked about the Mill Creek concrete channel and Bennington diversion dam fish passage. The vast majority of the Mill Creek channel is not owned/operated by the USACO. The Commander appreciated the update and request for assistance, which has been the same for more than 10 years. The feedback was that in the past, the request for funding a Mill Creek investigation was too comprehensive/multiple benefits (passage, habitat, flood risk reduction, etc.) and that is problematic so this year's request was modified to focus on flood risk reduction/human safety. Congress must consider projects in specific funding bins – the Mill Creek GI study request is going in for flood risk reduction funding, although things like passage and other multiple benefits must be considered. This gives the project the best chance of funding. The request is being sponsored by the Walla Walla downtown coalition. Bennington diversion is owned/operated by the USACOE.

Discussion: Middle Columbia Steelhead stock status review: Nora Berwick (NOAA) provided a presentation on the Mid-Columbia steelhead stock status review and update. The Board has understood that in order to delist Mid-C steelhead that Mill Creek passage must be fixed, however there are several other "requirements" across the distinct population segment (DPS) that also are needed for delisting be considered by NOAA. The message was that each major population group must be viable and there is work across the entire DPS that is needed. Nora presented an updated handout with a map of the current status (viability) of the 17 populations in the DPS. Mill Creek is critical for the Walla Walla population to provide population abundance increase and spatial structure "certainty" but even if the Walla Walla population is viable, the Touchet needs improvement and even if the Walla Walla/Umatilla MPG is viable, the other 3 MPG's must be viable for the entire DPS to be reconsidered. It appears preliminarily that the Klickitat and Naches populations are at viability thanks to updated data. We expect to have more data on the Touchet with the new PIT tag arrays (partially funded by the SRSRB). With additional data, the Touchet abundance could be higher than currently known. The Board stated that NOAA's presence in the Snake Region has been refreshing and positive and the Board thanked Nora for her presentation. They would like to see a similar presentation on the Lower Snake steelhead DPS and spring chinook ESU. Staff will work with Nora to set this up.



ACTION 3: Action: Approve June 27th for next Board meeting to be held in Dayton at the Best Western Hotel at 6:00 PM. – Billy Bowles moved to approve the June meeting time, date and location, Larry Hooker seconded, and the Board approved the motion by consensus.

Announcements: Steve shared the draft “Cheap and Cheerful” workshop flier. The workshop is being planned by our partners at the Fluvial Habitats Lab at Utah State and SRSRB staff with the goal of providing support to our local project sponsors on utilizing cost effective restoration techniques. The workshop is scheduled for September 18-19 and will be limited to 30 participants. The Board is supportive of hosting and sponsoring as long as budget is available.

Brad shared that the Fisheries Commission is taking public testimony next week in Clarkston. Justin Dixon has the meeting information and will send the details to Steve to share with the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 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.	Bill Bowles	Justin Dixon	Yes		Yes
Action 2: Approve letter to Congressional Leaders for funding for PCSRF.	Bill Bowles	Mike Talbot	Yes		Yes
Action 3: Approve Next Board Meeting in Dayton	Bill Bowles	Larry Hooker	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									
SRSR EXEC BOARD	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
*Brian Shinn	Yes	Yes	Yes	-Yes	-Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Brad Johnson	Yes	Yes	Yes	-Yes	-Yes	-Yes	Yes	Yes	-Yes	Yes
Jerry Hendrickson	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	-Yes	Yes	No	No
Don Jackson	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Roland Schirman	Yes	Yes	-Yes	-Yes	Yes	No	Yes	-Yes	Yes	No
*Mike Talbott	Yes	Yes	Yes	-Yes	Yes	No	Yes	-Yes	No	Yes
*Justin Dixon	No	Yes	Yes	No	-Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Del Groat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	-Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Bowles	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	-Yes	Yes	No	-Yes	Yes	Yes
*Perry Dozier/ Todd Kimball	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	-Yes	Yes	No
Larry Hooker	Yes	Yes	Yes	-Yes	-Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yancey Reser	No	No	No	-Yes	No	No	No	-Yes	No	No
Gary Ryan	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
*Michael Largent/ Art Swannack	No	No	Yes	No	-Yes	-Yes	Yes	-Yes	Yes	-Yes
Jon Jones	Yes	No	Yes	-Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gary James	-Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
CONSERVATION MGRS										
Duane Bartels	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	-Yes	-Yes	Yes
Jennifer Boie	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	-Yes	-Yes
Terry Bruegman	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	-Yes	Yes	Yes
Megan Stewart	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	-Yes	Yes	No	No
J Cowles/ R Hadley	-Yes	Yes	-Yes	-Yes	-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