

Date: October 17, 2017

Place: USFS Building, Pomeroy, WA

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

Board Members Present for Regular Business Meeting: Billy Bowles (GC), Gary Ryan (WC), Michael Largent (WC), Jon Jones (WC), Jerry Hendrickson (AC), Brian Shinn (AC), Jack Peasley (GC), and Larry Hooker (WWC)

Board Members on Phone: Mike Talbott (CC) and Brad Johnson (AC).

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

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

SRSRB Vice-Chair, Billy Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and verified a quorum (8 present, 2 on the phone for a total of 10). Billy welcomed everyone to the board meeting and asked for introductions from those present.

Verify Quorum and approve Agenda

Action 1: A motion was made by Jerry Hendrickson to approve the meeting agenda with two additions, Briefing on Tucannon Programmatic Projects for 2018 and a discussion about what the Board wants to hear from WDFW fish program in December, the Board also moved action items to the top of the agenda so that those on the phone could leave when needed, it was seconded by Brian Shinn and the Board approved the motion by consensus.

Consent Agenda:

September 2017 Expenses as follows:

(HCSR) RCO: \$9,644.84

(HCFW) LE: \$198.53

(HCB9) BPA: \$9,964.33

September 26, 2017 Meeting notes

Action 2: A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the September 26, 2017 meeting notes and financials for September 2017 expenses, it was seconded by Michael Largent and the Board approved the motion.

Action 3: Funding Guidelines Subcommittee Report and Recommendation

John presented the findings of the SRFB Funding Guidelines Subcommittee which met on September 28th. The Committee was convened at the request of the Board given concerns over the large funding requests received in recent years and to improve guidance to project sponsors. Currently the Board offers an open solicitation for projects which are guided by the Snake River Salmon Recovery Plan, the Work Plan, and the SRFB funding booklet. All projects that have been funded in the last three years have been in priority areas as priority projects.

The Committee recognized that the Board has received good project proposals and projects, but that they are getting more complex and expensive. The Committee also believed that they Board shouldn't just fund one or two projects each year and that they wanted to stretch the existing funding as far as possible to maximize impact. To do this, the Committee recommended a funding request cap and an increased match with the recommendation being a \$400,000 SRFB request cap (15% minimum match per SRFB requirements). Above a \$400,000 SRFB request would require a 50% match for each dollar above \$400,000, with a \$750,000 maximum request. The Committee felt that if a funding request cap was imposed that it be applied across all projects. As an example, a \$400,000 SRFB request would require a minimum 15% match, or \$71,000 for a total project cost of \$471,000. A \$500,000 SRFB request would require the \$71,000 plus an additional \$50,000 in match for a total project cost of \$621,000.



In general, the Board agreed with the Committees thoughts and proceeded to discuss and consider their recommendations. The Board felt it important to help find other sources of project funding and also utilize our capacity (staff time) and influence to leverage additional funding. The Board also discussed the need for additional project funding in general. After considerable discussion, the Board deferred to the Committees effort and recommendation and reserved the opportunity to revise any guidelines after the next SRFB grant round.

Michael Largent moved to approve the SRFB funding guideline of a \$400,000 SRFB request cap (15% minimum match per SRFB requirements) with a 50% match required for funding requested above \$400,000 and a \$750,000 maximum request. Larry Hooker seconded the motion which passed by consensus. The guidelines will be added to the SRFB funding guidelines for 2018.

Action 4: 2018 Board Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2018.

Larry Hooker moved to approve the 2018 Board Meeting Schedule, Jon Jones seconded the motion which passed by consensus. The meeting dates will be sent out with the minutes and a public notice will run in the paper.

Action 5: Approve December 12, 2017 for next Board meeting to be held in Dayton at the Best Western at 4:00 PM.

A motion was made by Jerry Hendrickson and seconded by Michael Largent to set the next meeting at 4 p.m. in Dayton at the Best Western Hotel on December 12th. The Board approved by consensus.

Update: Announcements and Items of Interest

Executive Call Actions – John noted that no action was taken during the Executive Committee conference call.

SRFB Project Status (Conditions and POC's) – John provided an update on the 2017 SRFB grant round and projects. Project's have now been reviewed by the State SRFB Review Panel, three have been conditionally approved. A fourth, the North Touchet Reach 2 Implementation Phase 1 project was given a "project of concern" designation due to concerns over the project design restricting lateral river migration too much. The project sponsor, CTUIR, after discussing with the project property owner decided to remove the project from funding consideration this year, see a conservation easement, and then move forward with a more aggressive restoration design in the future.

Update: Strategic Planning – Staff Perspective

Following up on the last several Board meetings and a request from the Board to provide some framework to build upon for a strategic planning discussion, John provided a presentation from a staff perspective on where the Board has been and where we are headed. From the presentation:

The Snake River Salmon Recovery Board (SRSRB) was self-created pursuant to RCW 77.85.030 for the purpose of developing and implementing a salmon recovery plan. The Board is structured as a committee that recommends policies, programs, and funding consistent with the regional recovery plan (2011) to those with the authority to implement the recommendations.

The Board is also the Lead Entity for the Snake River Region. The Lead Entity program was authorized by HB2496 for the purpose of developing a strong, locally based effort to deliver habitat projects for salmon recovery supported by science and local communities.



The Board also serves as the Tucannon Habitat Programmatic (FCRPS 2008 BiOp project) implementation lead.

The purpose of the Board is:

- Section 1. To oversee the development of a Snake River Salmon Recovery Plan endorsed by local, state, federal and tribal governments and coordinate its implementation.
- Section 2. Integrate the salmon planning and recovery activities of all recovery participants for habitat, hatcheries, hydropower and harvest.
- Section 3. The SRSRB shall provide leadership to integrate across WRIA boundaries, efforts and actions needed to implement the recovery plan.
- Section 4. The SRSRB will work with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Technical Review Team to develop an understanding of recovery goals.
- Section 5. The SRSRB will apprise and recommend to the State of Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) and other funding sources priority salmon recovery activities based on Snake River Salmon Recovery Plan for those populations within the Washington portion of the Snake River Region.
- Section 6. The SRSRB shall serve as a catalyst for the community to try to do good things for salmon.

To do this, we have Board Members, established subcommittees (LE and RTT), others committees as need arises, 2.2 FTE staff (hopefully 3.2 in the future), and partner contracts.

Where have we been?

- 1990's – Snake River salmon and steelhead listed under ESA. Community and landowner anxiety and uncertainty is high.
- 1990's – Stakeholders convene with agencies to develop model watershed plans and guide early actions.
- 1998 – WA State Leg. Authorizes creation of Lead Entities and Regional Salmon Recovery Boards.
- 1999 – Congress approves Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) to assist restoration of salmon and steelhead populations. Lead Entities guide those investments based upon prior plans and local strategies (~\$1.5-1.6 million/yr.).
- 2002 – SRSRB self-initiates to develop recovery plan
- 2005 – After 4 years of monthly meetings, tours, technical input, stakeholder perspectives and consideration, SRSRB completes its recovery plan and received approval from the Governor and NOAA fisheries. As a result, PCSRF funds are invested consistently with priorities in the approved plan.
- 2005 – SRSRB receives certificate from the White House recognizing outstanding leadership and stewardship in achieving results through cooperative conservation.
- 2008 – Asotin Watershed selected to implement the Asotin IMW. This is based upon watershed characteristics, ongoing WDFW data collection, and SRSRB recommendation; initial funding from Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC).
- 2011 – Snake River Salmon Recovery Plan updated to reflect new information and lessons learned.
- 2011 – Bonneville Power Administration provides funding for the Tucannon Habitat Programmatic based upon SRSRB's track record and the Tucannon Restoration Plan.
- 2017 – Tucannon Habitat Programmatic recognized as one of the best, if not the best, BPA umbrella project during NWPC and ISRP Review of the project
- 2017 – Asotin IMW project recognized by SRFB and PSMFC as one of the two most promising IMW's in the northwest.



Where are we now?

Building upon past work and successes, responding to needs and what we've learned in an adaptive manner.

Current contracts and funding:

- Regional Contract (RCO)
- Lead Entity Contract (RCO)
- Tucannon Habitat Programmatic (BPA)

Based upon these and our non-regulatory, non-co-manager status, we have focused on habitat restoration.

Actions completed as of 2016:

- 64 fish passage barriers removed/improved
- 396+ miles of habitat opened/improved accessibility
- 525 fish screens installed
- 800+ flow meters installed
- 72 CFS water conserved
- 8,242 ac/287 miles of riparian buffer, 3,000,000+ trees planted
- 600,000+ feet of livestock fencing
- 94,000 acres of direct seeding
- 23+ miles of structure placement and reconfiguration
- 1,650+ habitat structures installed

These actions were and are outlined in the Recovery Plan. We have been recognized as a group for sticking to the plan.

The Board oversees plan implementation, monitors progress, and adaptively manages and reports.

- SRFB funding for habitat projects
- Tucannon Habitat Programmatic
- Asotin IMW
- Tucannon CHaMP
- Effectiveness Monitoring and Change Detection
- Life Cycle Model/Assessment
- Tributary By-Pass
- Predation

The Board maintains Regional 3-year work plan in concert with partners' results in coordination and leveraging, synergy and no surprises

Where are we headed?

- Good communication between all of us.
- Existing and future funding support, policy and stance letters, etc.
- Focusing efforts (lots to do, lots we can do, focus on what needs to be done).
- Board politically supporting our partners.
- Build on outreach and education (partners, project sponsors, others including funders and the community).
 - Carry a common message
 - Consider how backfilling LE Coordinator position fits into this.



- Monitoring and reporting (HWS, Asotin IMW, Tucannon Habitat Monitoring, Life Cycle Assessment).
- Coordination and partnership (be involved and facilitate where needed).
- Patience, habitat work takes time.

Develop/identify key priorities

- Satisfy RCO contract needs
- Satisfy BPA contract needs
- Support Asotin IMW Monitoring
- Support monitoring and reporting needs (SRFB/HWS, NOAA/Stock Status, and BPA)
- In general support outreach, coordination, and partnership needs

The Board agreed with and supported the presentation and Board direction shared. The Board requested that if staff have questions or needs to seek support. Staff will return with specific needs that fit into the framework presented in the future. Board members asked for the powerpoint presentation – John will share with the meeting minutes.

The Board asked for a summary document (1 page or so) of bullet points of work done, progress, successes that includes a succinct statement of our mission and goals and how we are achieving them so that Board members can know where to advocate.

Update: Tucannon Landowner Outreach Event

Kris provided details on the Tucannon Landowner Outreach Tour scheduled for November 8th. This tour follows up on the landowner barbeque held last summer with the intent of providing a venue for Tucannon landowners to see some of the project work completed and discuss potential projects on their property. We have limited capacity and are requesting fewer agency folks so that more landowners can attend. Several Board members are interested in doing something similar in the future. The Board briefly discussed inviting our district legislators, but decided this wasn't the best opportunity for legislative outreach.

Discussion: What does the Board want to hear from WDFW fish program in December?

Our local WDFW fish program staff will be attending the December meeting to share some updates, they asked if there were any particular topics the Board was interested in. Of interest are tributary overshoot, adult returns, and the broodstock program. John will pass these along.

Update: Briefing on Tucannon Programmatic Projects for 2018.

Kris provided a detailed briefing to the Board on project work that is planned through the Tucannon Habitat Programmatic for 2018. Questions and concerns are sought now and through the end of the calendar year with funding approval being sought in January or February. Additional details regarding budget and cost estimates will be provided as they are developed. Projects slated to move forward in 2018 are PA-28 phase III, PA-17, PA-4/5/7, PA-13, the parent contract through the WWCC, and the update of the Conceptual Restoration Plan. Questions and comments should be directed to Kris.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. by SRSRB Vice-Chair, Billy Bowles.



Review of Tasks

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Action 1: Verify Quorum and Approve Agenda.	Jerry Hendrickson	Brian Shinn	Yes		Yes
Action 2: Approve Sept. Meeting Notes and Financials	Brian Shinn	Michael Largent	Yes		Yes
Action 3: Funding Guidelines subcommittee Report and Recommendation	Michael Largent	Larry Hooker	Yes		Yes
Action 4: 2018 Board Meeting Schedule	Larry Hooker	Jon Jones	Yes		Yes
Action 5: Approver Dec. 12 for next board meeting to be held at the Best Western in Dayton	Jerry Hendrickson	Michael Largent	Yes		Yes

Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Date: _____

Signed By: _____
 Bill Bowles, Vice-Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board



BOARD ATTENDANCE FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT MANAGERS

Name	Attendance for July 2017 – June 2018										
SRSR EXEC BOARD	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
*Brian Shinn	yes	yes	N	yes							
Brad Johnson	yes	yes	yes -	yes-							
Jerry Hendrickson	yes -	N	N	yes							
Don Jackson	N	N	N	N							
Roland Schirman	yes	yes	yes	N							
*Mike Talbott	yes	N	yes	yes-							
*Justin Dixon	yes	N	N	N							
Del Groat	yes	N	N	N							
Bill Bowles	yes	yes	yes	yes							
*Perry Dozier/ Todd Kimball	yes	yes	yes	N							
Larry Hooker	N	yes	yes	yes							
Yancey Reser	yes -	yes -		N							
Gary Ryan	N	N	yes	yes							
*Michael Largent/ Art Swannack	yes	yes -	yes	yes							
Jon Jones	yes	N	yes	yes							
Gary James	yes -	yes	N	N							
CONSERVATION MGRS											
Duane Bartels	N	N	yes -	N							
Jennifer Boie	N	N	yes	N							
Terry Bruegman	yes	yes	yes	N							
Megan Stewart	yes	yes	yes -	N							
J Cowles/ R Hadley	yes -	N	yes -	yes-							
* County Commissioner ! First Meeting as a Board Member # Last Meeting as a SRSRB Member - Call In by Phone											