

Date: January 23, 2018

Place: USFS Building, Pomeroy, WA

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

Board Members Present for Regular Business Meeting: Roland Schirman (CC), Don Jackson (CC), Billy Bowles (GC), Justin Dixon (GC), Jerry Hendrickson (AC), Brian Shinn (AC), Jack Peasley (GC), Michael Largent (WC), Gary Ryan (WC), Jon Jones (WC), Todd Kimball (WWC), and Larry Hooker (WWC)

Board Members on Phone: Brad Johnson (AC).

Others Present: Terry Bruegman (CCD), Megan Stewart (ACCD), Kris Fischer (CTUIR), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), and John Foltz (SRSRB).

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

SRSRB Chair, Roland Schirman called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and verified a quorum (12 present, 1 on the phone for a total of 13). Roland 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 Brian Shinn to approve the meeting agenda it was seconded by Michael Largent and the Board approved the motion by consensus.

Consent Agenda:

November 2017 Expenses as follows:

(HCSR) RCO: \$12,351.01

(HCFW) LE: \$2,588.11

(HCB9) BPA: \$12,104.00

December 2017 Expenses as follows:

(HCSR) RCO: \$9,502.26

(HCFW) LE: \$2,529.58

(HCB9) BPA: \$10,939.32

Correction of previously approved expenses:

(HCFW) LE for September 2017: \$2,639.54 (\$198.53 approved)

(HCSR) RCO for July 2017: \$18,303.38 (\$18,103.38 approved)

(HCSR) RCO for September 2017 \$10,630.95 (\$9,644.84 approved)

December 12, 2017 Meeting notes

Action 2: A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the December 12, 2017 meeting notes, approve the financials for November and December 2017 expenses along with a correction of the identified previously approved expenses, it was seconded by Bill Bowles and the Board approved the motion.

Update: Announcements and Items of Interest

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

RTT Updates – John reiterated from the last meeting that the full Snake River Salmon Recovery Plan, for the entire Snake Basin including Idaho and Oregon, was just recently published in the federal registry. The Snake River Salmon Recovery Plan for SE Washington, originally approved by NOAA in 2005 with an update via the federal registry in 2011, is a component of the now complete Snake River Salmon Recovery Plan. Of additional note is that NOAA will



be updating their 5-year recovery action plans in the coming months – we will be engaged with this process through the RTT.

John also shared with the Board that a subgroup of the RTT, the Tucannon Monitoring Coordination group is working to finalize a brief summary of the coordinated monitoring efforts in the Tucannon with the request that BPA continue funding monitoring efforts in the basin. John will share this document with the Board when it is finalized.

John also reminded the Board know that the draft Asotin Basin Assessment and Conceptual Restoration plan is currently out for comment. This plan will be the basis for project implementation for the next 5-10 years and beyond in the Asotin Basin.

Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Recreational Anglers Board (CRSSRAB) – Billy Bowles was nominated by the Board to serve on the CRSSRABA. Board selection will occur later this month.

Update: budget update following December SRFB Decisions.

John informed the Board that we received a budget amendment cost increase of \$83,000 for the regional contract and \$15,000 for the Lead Entity contract from the SRFB funding meeting in December. In addition, with the State Capital budget being passed, we anticipate another budget amendment cost increase in the coming weeks of a similar amount to make our FY17 funding whole.

John noted several needs for the Board's consideration, including the staff position vacancy, partner contracts, database update needs for the Habitat Work Schedule, a Board website update, Tucannon monitoring data analysis and summarization, and potential recovery plan updates – three of which will be discussed in the next three agenda items.

Action 3: Partner Contracts

The Board had approved partner contract work elements and scopes of work in June and July 2017 anticipating a state capital budget and contract starting July 1, 2017. The Board held off on approving funding for these contracts until a State Capital budget was passed. Based upon current available funds, the time remaining in FY17, and discussions with partners, John made several recommendations to the Board with regard to partner contract funding levels. John presented the five Conservation Co-Lead contracts at the same funding level of \$3,000 just for the first two tasks (not including education and outreach at this time) based on the fact that those two work elements were critical to the Lead Entity and that funding would be utilized as the 2018 SRFB grant round gets underway. He also presented the two Tribal contracts at \$3,000 each which had been supported by those partners with the same scope of work, just a shortened time period. He also presented the two WRIA partner contracts at \$11,000 based upon available budget and a shortened contract timeline.

Per staff recommendation, a motion was made by Justin Dixon and seconded by Billy Bowles to amend the contract scopes of work as presented and extend \$3,000 to each of the Conservation District Co-Leads including Palouse CD, Pomeroy CD, Walla Walla County CD, Columbia CD, and Asotin CD; \$3,000 to both Tribal partners, CTUIR and the NPT; and \$11,000 to both of the WRIA 32 and 35 partners. The Board approved by consensus; Brad Johnson abstained.

Discussion: Coordinated contract with the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board

With regard to the Board need of updating the Habitat Work Schedule database, which is used to track habitat actions in the region per RCO's grant requirement, John provided the option of coordinating with the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board (YBFWRB). The YBFWRB has a similar need as the SRSRB and might have the opportunity to align Mid-Columbia steelhead recovery tracking through NOAA's new database. The idea being that we could cost share



on a coordinated contract or staff position to accomplish a mutual need. John wanted to see if the Board supported pursuing this idea with the YBFWRB – the Board was supportive of pursuing this idea and to bring back additional details.

Discussion: Tucannon Monitoring

John provided a very brief overview of the existing monitoring efforts ongoing in the Tucannon River basin, including project effectiveness monitoring funded by BPA and SRFB, Columbia Habitat and Monitoring Program (CHaMP) basin wide habitat monitoring funded by BPA, fish-in fish-out monitoring and PIT tag monitoring conducted by WDFW and funded by BPA, and project implementation monitoring done by SRSRB staff, among others.

John noted that BPA will be decreasing their CHaMP monitoring program in the Columbia Basin. The Board relies heavily on that monitoring data to show habitat improvement value and direct future efforts, not to mention that other monitoring programs occurring in the Tucannon rely on CHaMP sites and data as well. John noted that staff are engaged with BPA on how things move forward and are advocating for maintaining some level of monitoring in the Tucannon funded by BPA. A decreased monitoring effort by BPA might create a future monitoring need from the Board. Additionally, analysis and summarization of the existing monitoring data is a key need moving forward. The Board was supportive of staff's engagement and pursuance of monitoring efforts in the Tucannon. John and Kris will keep the Board informed on the issue.

Action 4: Tucannon Programmatic Project Approval

Kris and John refreshed everyone's memory of the Tucannon Programmatic Projects planned for implementation in 2018, which Kris had presented in depth back in October for questions and comments. These projects included Project Area's 13, 17, and 32 as presented in October. Kris noted that Project Area 3 was also being evaluated by CTUIR for additional wood loading. That particular project was worked on in 2014 and has had several years to integrate into the system as part of the adaptive management approach, could be added to. Kris also noted that Project Area 28, phase 3 was also slated for implementation in 2018, but already had funding approved and in place.

Jerry asked how we know where we are and how we are doing. The group discussed and noted that we can see changes in habitat and environmental conditions, but ultimately the results are in a fish response. This response takes time, but we are seeing progress in the number of parr and smolts. There have been poor fish returns across the Columbia basin, but results are generally positive. It was also noted that we can only directly control habitat, and although we'd like to do more, our abilities and influence is limited. However, the Board has supported initiatives to decrease predation, the hatchery program, have met with state and federal elected officials, sent letters to NOAA and hosted them at our meetings, and also attend meetings and provide feedback on harvest.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Billy Bowles to approve FY18 funding for Project Areas 3, 13, 17, 32, and if needed, 28, Brian Shinn seconded the motion and the Board approved by consensus.

Update: Lead Entity Scorecard update

Following up on the December Meeting's conversation about the Lead Entity Scorecard and per request of the Board, John shared the Lead Entity Committee approved 2018 SRFB Grant Round scorecard. He walked through how the scorecard is used and identified the changes and modifications that were made between 2017 and 2018 based upon feedback from the Lead Entity Committee, Lead Entity Co-Leads, and the Board which included providing a greater range to some scoring categories, a clearer scoring for imminent threat projects, and additional points for cost benefit and project match.



The Board discussed, and begrudgingly noted that the scorecard does a good job at getting the best projects to the top even though it isn't perfect. It was also noted that the scorecard helps eliminate non-priority projects that the LE Committee and Board don't have to evaluate or spend time on.

Action 5: MCWG request to support integration of Strategic Action Plan into County and City Comprehensive Plan Updates

John briefed the Board on the Mill Creek Working Group's request for participants to seek letters of support for utilizing the Mill Creek Assessment and Strategic Action Plan, completed by CTUIR last year, as a resource when updating both the Walla Walla City and County Comprehensive Plans. The Assessment was presented to the Board by CTUIR staff last year and aligns with the Recovery Plan. During discussion, it was noted that both the County and City are now aware of the assessment as a resource. The Board decided to hold off on taking any action at this point in time.

Discussion: Regional Project Implementation Update for 2017

This item was put on hold for a future meeting.

Action 6: Approve February 27, 2018 for next Board meeting to be held in Dayton at the Best Western at 4:00 PM.

A motion was made by Bill Bowles and seconded by Michael Largent to set the next meeting at 4 p.m. in Dayton at the Best Western on February 27th. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m. by SRSRB Chair, Roland Schirman.

Review of Tasks					
Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Action 1: Approve the meeting agenda	Brian Shinn	Michael Largent	Yes		Yes
Action 2: Approve December meeting notes & Expenses	Brian Shinn	Bill Bowles	Yes		Yes
Action 3: Partner Contracts	Justin Dixon	Bill Bowles	Yes		Yes
Action 4: Tucannon Programmatic Project Approval	Bill Bowles	Brian Shinn	Yes		Yes
Action 5: MCWG request to support integratin of strategic action plan in to county and city comprehensive plan	Board decided to	Hold off on taking	Any action at this	time	
Action 6: approve February 27, 2018 for next meeting	Bill Bowles	Michael Largent	Yes		Yes

Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Date: _____

Signed By: _____

Roland Schirman, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board



BOARD ATTENDANCE FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT MANAGERS

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