

**Date:** March 27, 2018

**Place:** Walla Walla Community College Clarkston Campus Room 107, Clarkston, WA

**Format:** Executive Session from 3:31pm to 3:51pm; Regular Meeting started at 4:02 p.m.

**Board Members Present for Regular Business Meeting:** Roland Schirman (CC), Don Jackson (CC), Justin Dixon (GC), Billy Bowles (GC), Brian Shinn (AC), Jerry Hendrickson (AC), Brad Johnson (AC), Gary Ryan (WC), Jon Jones (WC), and Larry Hooker (WWC).

**Board Members on Phone:** Todd Kimball (WWC), Gary James (CTUIR), and Michael Largent (WC).

**Others Present:** Chris Hyland (WWWMP), Jeremy Trump (WDFW), Terry Bruegman (CCD), Megan Stewart (ACCD), Kris Fischer (CTUIR), Andre L'Heureux (BPA), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), and John Foltz (SRSRB).

**Others on Phone:** None.

SRSRB Chair, Roland Schirman called the meeting to order at 3:31pm and verified a quorum (10 present, 3 on the phone for a total of 13). Roland declared that the Board would go into Executive Session to review the performance of an employee and that the session was to end at 3:55pm. The Executive Session ended at 3:51pm with no action taken. Roland called the regular meeting to order @ 4:02pm, 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 and the consent agenda, including the February 27, 2018 meeting notes and February 2018 expenses, it was seconded by Brad Johnson. John asked to include discussion and the potential approval to add the Board's signature on a Salmon Recovery Network letter to the Governor regarding the Orca Task Force on the agenda. The Board approved the amended agenda by consensus.

#### Consent Agenda: (included in Action 1)

1. February 2018 Expenses as follows:
  - (HCSR) RCO: \$6,239.16
  - (HCFW) LE: \$2,385.79
  - (HCB9) BPA: \$12,294.62
2. February 27, 2018 Meeting notes

#### Update: Announcements and Items of Interest

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

**RTT Updates** – Kris Fischer (CTUIR), as the RTT Board liaison provided a brief update to the Board. Kris noted that there were questions as to what the RTT is at the last meeting and in response to those questions he prepared a short powerpoint presentation. In his presentation he outlined what the Regional Technical Team (RTT), who the formal participants are, and how they fit into the Board structure and process. He also noted that the regular March RTT meeting would be occurring tomorrow (March 28<sup>th</sup>) so there was no update available from the March meeting.

From Kris's presentation:

- Was created 2011 to review and provide input to the salmon recovery effort from a technical and scientific standpoint.
- RTT reviewed information leading to the creation of the Snake River Salmon Recovery Plan, including the methods and strategies that lead to the formation of the salmon restoration actions.



- RTT worked with SRSRB to ensure that policies and recovery plan's implementation strategies are based on the best available science.
- It was intended that the RTT would be involved in implementation of the salmon recovery plan as well as monitoring and evaluation of the success of the plan.

Membership for the RTT consists of the following organizations:

- Washington's Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO)
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
- Washington's Department of Ecology (WDOE)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
- Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)
- National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS)
- The Nez Perce Tribe (TPT)
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR)

John noted that the RTT is a place for information sharing and collaboration, and as such there are many other informal participants and local partners.

**2018 SRFB Grant Round – Notice of Pre-Applications** – John noted that 16 SRFB pre-applications have been received and provided a brief overview of the total SRFB request and matching funds being proposed. He noted that there will be opportunities for Board members to participate in the Lead Entity process if they are interested once the full draft applications are received in April. The LE Committee meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> will be a full review of the draft applications, the project tour will occur on June 5-7, and the final ranking meeting will occur in July. The Board asked that the summary of the pre-application requests be sent out along with a link to the pre-applications.

**Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Recreational Anglers Board (CRSSRAB)** – Bill updated the Board on the last CRSSRAB meeting that he attended. Approximately \$1.5 million was approved for project that are linked to tour ability to fish. He thought the projects and that the meeting overall were a good thing.

#### **Presentation: BPA Habitat Program – Andre L'Heureux**

Andre L. Heureux, Program Analyst and Project Manager from BPA, along with the Tucannon Habitat Programmatic COTR share a history of the BPA Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Program with the Board. His presentation's purpose was to:

- Promote a mutual understanding of BPA
- Discuss how and why BPA is in your lives
- Convey pride and excitement from a uniquely State of Washington perspective
- Share a common basis of information
- Provoke questions and interest
- Suggest a broad context for future conversations

Questions and comments from the Board are welcome to follow up on in future discussions with Andre.

#### **Update: Perspective from a Board Member – Don Jackson**



Don shared some thoughts from his perspective on what the Board has focused on, specifically in the Tucannon, which has mostly been habitat work. He believes that that hatchery and barging are important to bringing our fish back in the Tucannon and that the Board should be involved in those things.

**Action 2: Letter of Support for Mill Creek Fish Barrier Removal Board Request**

John shared the draft letter of support that was sent out with the agenda last week. He noted that he had been working with the Tri-State Steelheaders on the FBRB proposal for Mill Creek Passage and that he didn't see any reason that the Board wouldn't support the letter of recommendation as seeking and leveraging additional funding for the project was what the Board was interested in doing. The Board was supportive of the project and the letter and asked if the amount of SRFB funding spent on the project could be included in the letter, along with the fact that the Board has asked the sponsor to leverage additional funds.

Brian Shinn moved to approve the letter with the suggested additions, but that it be kept to one page, Bill Bowles seconded the motion which passed by consensus.

**Action 3: Signing onto the Salmon Recovery Network's Orca Task Force letter**

John shared the SRNet letter to the Governor regarding recommendations to the Orca Task Force and noted that this letter was received last Friday after the agenda had been sent out. The Board discussed and noted that they support increased hatchery production, not just to support orca, but for fishermen. It was also noted that this is the sort of thing that the Board can do above and beyond supporting habitat. The Board discussed editing the letter, but John noted that the letter was as is and had asked partners to sign on. To this end, the Board discussed sending their own letter with additional details and considerations.

Bill Bowles moved to sign onto the SRNet letter and to also send our own letter, Brian Shinn seconded the motion which passed by consensus. Brad will start a draft letter and work with John to finalize.

**Action 4: Approve April 24, 2018 for next Board meeting to be held in Dayton at the Best Western Hotel at 6:00 PM.**

A motion was made by Bill Bowles and seconded by Jon Jones to hold the next Board meeting at 6 p.m. in Dayton at the Best Western Hotel on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Board approved by consensus.

**Noted was the WDFW North of Falcon meeting held in the same building starting at 6:00pm. Also, if there were any comments or questions for Andre, send to John for future follow up.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m. by SRSRB Chair, Roland Schirman.

Signed By:  Date: 6/26/2018  
Roland Schirman, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board