Snake River Salmon Recovery

Meeting Minutes

January 2010 through December 2010

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MEETING NOTES – January 26, 2010

Place: Walla Walla Community College (Clarkston & Walla Walla WEC)

Format: ITV

Board Members Present Clarkston: Del Groat (GC), Kelly Farnsworth (WC), Bob Johnson (GC), Jay Holzmiller (AC), Doug Mattoon (AC), Billy Bowles (GC), Gary Thorgaard (WC), Michael Largent (WC).

Board Members Present Walla Walla WEC: Roland Schirman (CC), Dick Jones (CC), Perry Dozier (WWC), Yancey Reser (WWC)

On Phone: Stuart Durfee (WWC), Dick Ducharme(CC) .

Others: Steve Martin (SRSRB), Terry Bruegman (CCD), Brad Johnson (WRIA35), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Anne Chapman (SRSRB), Larry Hooker (WWCCD), Cathy Schaeffer (WRIA32), Kay Caromile (RC0)

Vice Chairman Roland Schirman called the meeting to order a quorum was established. (12 Board members were present, 2 were on the phone, total of 14.)

Additions to the Agenda:

PUD / WRIA 35 Fiscal Agent – evaluating the feasibility of them being our funding agent. Steve reported that he and Tim Simpson have been trying to find an appropriate time to meet and have not yet succeeded, but they are working on it. There is nothing to report other than Steve is getting a meeting set up.

Approve November 24, 2009 Meeting Notes

Discussion: No Discussion.

Action 1: Yancey Reser moved to approve the November 26, 2009 meeting notes. Perry Dozier seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve November Monthly Expenses:

LE $3,239.22

RCO $20,665.71

IMW $13,438.86

Action 2: Doug Mattoon made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling $20,665.71 expended in November 2009 in the RCO Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $3239.22 expended in November 2009 in the LE Budget and the invoices/vouchers totaling $13,438.89 expended in November 2009 in the IMW Budget. Kelly Farnsworth seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus. Del Groat Abstained.

Approve December Monthly Expenses:

LE $3,462.87

RCO $21,239.09

IMW $46,972.64

Action 2: Dick Jones made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling $21239.09 expended in December 2009 in the RCO Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $3462.87 expended in December 2009 in the LE Budget and the invoices/vouchers totaling $46972.64 expended in December 2009 in the IMW Budget. Yancey Reser seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus. Del Groat Abstained.

Approve new budget report format:

Discussion: Anne has found that Quick books is more error free and easier to generate reports and manage our budget and wants to know if the Board is OK with the budget report format that Quickbooks produces. Anne and Steve explained that Quickbooks is more correct at all times. Spreadsheets developed in excel are subject to formulas and changes with each table. Entries made more than twice sometimes create errors not found until later.

Action 3: Kelly Farnsworth moved to approve the Quickbooks format and approve the purchase of the Quickbooks software for use in tracking the budget. Doug Mattoon seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Kay Caromile (Salmon Recovery Funding Board)

Steve then introduced Kay Caromile (SRFB), thanked her for coming and visiting our projects and making sure they are meeting their milestones. She plans on visiting Perry Doziers place tomorrow and visited several today.

Status of contractor selection to update/revise SRSR plan; authorize review committee to select contractor on behalf of the Board:

Discussion: Steve briefed the board on the $80,000 awarded to the SRSRB for the purpose of updating our current recovery plan. He stated that a RFP had been run in December for plan revisions. No proposals had been received so the RFP is being re-run and closes the end of this month (January). This has put us behind schedule. Steve then suggested we authorize the review committee (Brad, Cathy, Kelly and Roland) to select a contractor on our behalf and approve the Chair to sign a contract to avoid further time delays.

Del asked if Asotin PUD/WRIA35 could be contracted with to update the plan. Steve stated that if a proposal is submitted and they meet the qualifications of the contract, then he thought they could be selected. He restated that the closing date for proposals is at the end of the month. Dick Jones stated that if nobody submits a proposal, then you could ask Asotin PUD/WRIA35 to update the plan, but until then that could not happen. It was asked that the review committee keep this in mind in case of no submitted proposals.

Action 4: Dick Jones moved to authorize the review committee to approve a contractor to update the SRSR Plan on behalf of the SRSRB and to also authorize the chairman to sign the contract. Perry Dozier seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

DICK DUCHARME joined the meeting at this time via phone.

Major Initiatives (Available at http://www.snakeriverboard.org/resources/srsrbdocs.htm):

Columbia county Levee Roundtable Discussion: Steve stated that he and Commissioner Jones had been involved in this committee since its inception, he stated that this committee emerged in response to the USACOE requirement to remove trees/vegetation from dikes to maintain certification and be compliant with USACOE policy's which then enables federal disaster relief. This is direct contrast with Salmon Recovery efforts and the Clean water act. Steve stated that they have been working with the committee to identify alternatives to clear cutting the dikes as well as ways to reduce flood risks and improve salmon habitat. The committee has emerged due to lots of entities local county governments, WDFW, Ecology, etc… all getting together to try and maintain the integrity of the dikes. LiDAR will be being conducted on the Touchet and Tucannon Rivers. This will help identify areas that need restorative work. Steve also reported that a letter has been sent to all landowners living on the Touchet River starting outside of Waitsburg at the Columbia County line running through Dayton, up the North Touchet, South Touchet, The wolf fork and Robinson fork rivers advising them of an assessment that will be being conducted on these rivers along their properties.

Initiating 2010 (11th grant round) Lead Entity process: Kris reported that he has worked with the conservation districts/Lead entity committee to get materials ready for the next lead entity grant round and advised the board of key milestones identified in the calendar as presented in the meeting booklet on page 25. Due dates for draft outlines and final application dates were explained. Kris does not anticipate that any of these dates will change. Steve stated that if the board wants to participate in any of the projects and the process that they should mark their calendars.

LiDAR coordination: LiDAR surveys of our streams are very helpful in developing habitat restoration plans but these surveys are also expensive. Kris has been coordinating in GIS an inventory of existing, planned and needed LiDAR in an attempt to reduce budgets and to catalog the data so it is readily accessible to everyone. Maps of his work are located in the meeting booklet. Explanations about exactly what LiDAR is and how it works then followed. It was explained that LiDar is Digital Elevation Photography or it is like sonar. The data can be used for planning for flood prone areas, mapping

vegetation that exists (maturity/density), etc… The data at this time is stored in many places, (CTUIR, Conservation Districts, SRSRB /Kris Computer) depending on who have conducted the project in a certain area. Kelly Farnsworth asked where the data was stored. Steve and Kris are planning on asking for the ability to contract with someone to develop a website where all the data will be stored in one place, for reference. Kris stated that the files are usually very large (20-60GB per file) so the place of storage has to be capable of large file storage.

IMW – Phase III Work plan: Steve stated that we are about to start our third year of the IMW work in Asotin Charley Creek and our contractor has provided a Phase III work plan for the next three years as per their current contract. Steve stated that the RTT reviewed and supports the work plan developed by Ecological. Steve stated that he presents this to the board for their awareness because it will form the basis of our next contract with a consultant to carry out the work identified. This is a proposed contract deliverable with a scope of 3 years. It was reported that there is an error on the work plan as far as the WWCC Funding management duties (6% is the rate – not 12%).

The significance of this is that this is the start of implementation of the restoration plan in this area. Outreach to affected landowners, city officials etc, will be crucial. Commissioner Mattoon stated that he would like to see a short presentation to the commissioners and also maybe a local meeting in the evening to conduct outreach to the community and landowners up front so that we don't hit them with data/facts after the restoration starts, thereby alienating them.

Funding for this project will most likely come primarily from other sources, some SRFB funding may happen also.

BULLTROUT – The question was raised about bulltrout and whether there was any documentation of bulltrout being present in Charley Creek. Discussion about bulltrout and how the restoration efforts would be perceived in relation to bulltrout, would it negatively affect critical habitat pertaining to bulltrout then continued. It was expressed that there were very few bull trout in Charley Creek and this should not be a issue.

BPA research, monitoring and evaluation: Steve reported that BPA funds a significant amount of the research and monitoring in our region. This year with the BiOp of the federal power system there is additional funding for monitoring. The BPA has worked with our staff and the co-managers to identify high priority, fast-track monitoring projects for BiOp monitoring needs. A list of the projects in our region is provided for review in the meeting booklet. In addition to the fast track projects, staff also worked with the committee on identifying other monitoring projects that should be considered "on-going and consistent with the needs of the BiOp" including the Asotin and Walla Walla monitoring projects.

Snake River ESU roll up / plan revisions and updates: Steve included the RFP in our booklet that defines what we need to do to update/revise our plan and integrate it with the Idaho and Oregon management unit areas. Steve has received considerable interest this month from contractors and expects to receive several proposals for the committee to review.

Hatchery and Harvest template/outline for use in Snake River roll up ESU/DPS plan:

Discussion: NOAA presented a template, or outline, that could be used to describe current harvest and hatchery programs, and those identified in our recovery plan. That information would then form the basis for identifying alternatives for future consideration. The template or outline really serves to standardize the information across multiple populations and lay out a framework for identifying alternatives and then evaluating the effects of those alternatives. Steve is working with NOAA contractors and the co-managers on getting these templates or outlines filled out. NOAA contractors will be at the next RTT meeting to present draft reports.

NOAA and Steve have negotiated and NOAA has agreed to designate about $45,000 to develop/fill out the template. Working with the comanagers is crucial in developing this outline. Tracey Hillman and Chuck Pevin will be working on this as contractors on behalf of NOAA. Brad Johnson asked if Mark Chilcoat was going to be involved. Reportedly he is totally against hatcheries and he stated that if Chilcoat is involved it would not be a good thing at all. Steve stated that in talking with Lynn Hatcher, it

was his understanding that Tracey Hillman and Chuck Pevin are independent contractors and are the ones who will actually be writing the text.

Apprise Board of Kris Buelow's enrollment in GIS coursework at WWCC:

Discussion: Steve reported that he believes that a staff person with GIS skills will provide us the ability to update and generate GIS maps, work with the LiDAR data and minimize costs of contractors doing this work for us. Kris as a WWCC employee is taking the GIS course free of charge, so there is no cost to the Board. The maps in the meeting booklet were actually put together by Kris using his new knowledge in GIS.

Legislative Update:

Discussion: Steve reported that there are a few pieces of draft legislation but that since the bill cut off is next week he has yet to see final versions. Under consideration are bills to require selective gear for commercial fishermen, and require that carcass and eggs be provided to the regional fish enhancement groups for nutrient enhancement. He also noted that the Governor's proposed budget does not include on-going funding for the approximately 30 watershed planning units but that it included $300,000 that would go to the RCO for competitive proposals from Planning Units.

Dick Ducharme stated that he thought that the SRSRB should write a letter supporting our Planning Units and asking for funding for them.

Brad stated that he thought it would be interesting to know or document what the take on selective fishing is. What is the ability of them to remove hatchery fish in that fishery, for example and what would those affects be upstream.

The affects of this can be spun many different ways:

For example if you do not have enough hatchery fish returning to the hatchery, this affects the hatcheries.

The catching of wild fish upstream vs. hatchery fish also could be affected by what happens with selective fishing farther downstream.

Cathy stated that there are letters being sent in support of planning units throughout the region. Time is of the essence, letters requesting that funding be restored are important. Dick Ducharme stated that the letter should state that the planning units have been doing valuable work and that they should have their funding reinstated in order to be allowed to finish their projects. Private Landowner support has been instrumental because of the planning units and their work with them.

Action 5: Dick Ducharme made a motion to write a letter in support of reinstating funding for the watershed planning units in our area to the appropriations committee legislators, 9th and 16th district, and to the governor. The chairman of the SRSRB (Del Groat) or Steve will be able to sign on behalf of the board. Doug Mattoon seconded the motion.

Discussion – Brad (Dave McClure) Movements have been made by grass roots organizations with support from ecology. Brad asked if the commissioners would be in support of sending a letter from them in support of the planning units. Brad will attend meetings to present this to them.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

Confirm February 23rd, 2010 Board meeting & location:

Discussion: Steve recommends that we hold the next Board meeting at the two college campus.

Action 6: Dick Jones moved to hold the next meeting in the same format as tonight (WWCC – Clarkston & Walla Walla, ITV Format). Yancey Reser seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:32 pm.

Tasks & Actions

Review of Tasks

TASK 1: Asotin PUD/WRIA 35 Funding Agent Scenario

TASK 2: Letter in support of reinstating funding for watershed planning units to appropriate legislators, etc.

TASK 3: Finish RFP Process for contractor to update SRSR Plan, select contractor, contract with and start process of updating plan.

Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Action 1: Approve the November 26th, 2009 meeting notes.	Yancey Reser	Perry Dozier	Yes		
Action 2: Motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling $20,665.71 expended in November 2009 in the RCO Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $3239.22 expended in November 2009 in the LE Budget and the invoices/vouchers totaling $13,438.89 expended in November 2009 in the IMW Budget	Doug Mattoon	Kelly Farnsworth	Yes – Del Groat Abstained		
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Action 4: Motion to authorize the review committee to approve a contractor for updating the SRSR Plan on behalf of the SRSRB and to also authorize the chairman to sign the contract.	Dick Jones	Perry Dozier	Yes		
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Attendance

Name	Attendance for 2009-2010											
	Jun 09	Jul 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Oct 09	Nov 09	Jan 10	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 10	May 10	Jun 10
Doug Mattoon	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes					
Jay Holzmiller	Yes					Yes	Yes					
Dick Ducharme	Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes					
Dick Jones	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					
Roland Schirman	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					
Gary James			Yes	Yes								
Del Groat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					
Perry Dozier					*Yes		Yes					
Yancey Reser		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					
Stuart Durfee	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes					
Michael Largent		Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes					
Gary Thorgaard	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes					
Kelly Farnsworth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					
Bob Johnson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					
Billy Bowles		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes					

*First meeting as a SRSRB Board Member

MEETING NOTES – February 23, 2010

Place: Walla Walla Community College (Clarkston & Walla Walla WEC)

Format: ITV

Board Members Present Clarkston: Del Groat (GC), Bill Bowles (GC), Bob Johnson (GC), Gary Thorgaard (WC), Jay Holzmiller (AC), Doug Mattoon (AC), Michael Largent (WC).

Board Members Present Walla Walla WEC: Roland Schirman (CC), Stuart Durfee (WWC), Dick Jones (CC), Perry Dozier (WWC), Yancey Reser (WWC).

On Phone: Dick Ducharme (CC), Gary James (CTUIR)

Others Clarkston: Steve Martin (SRSRB), Brad Johnson (WRIA35), Chris McConnell (AC Citizen).

Others Walla Walla: Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Larry Hooker (WWCCD), Cathy Schaeffer (WRIA32), Terry Bruegman (CCD), Mike Bierley (WWCC), Jennifer Avoboda (WWCC Student)

Chairman Del Groat called the meeting to order a quorum was established. (12 Board members were present, 2 were on the phone, total of 14.)

Approve January 26, 2010 Meeting Notes:

Discussion: No Discussion.

Action 1: Roland Schirman moved to approve the January 26, 2010 meeting notes. Perry Dozier seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve January 2010 Monthly Expenses:

LE $2,025.05

RCO $22,685.12

IMW $49,409.44

Plan Revision $1,296.11

Action 2: Doug Mattoon made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling $22,885.12 expended in January 2010 in the RCO Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $2,025.05 expended in January 2010 in the LE Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $49,409.44 expended in January 2010 in the IMW Budget and the invoices/vouchers totaling $1, 296.11 expended in January 2010 in the Plan Revision Budget. Bill Bowles seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus. Del Groat Abstained.

Additions to the Agenda:

RCO/IMW Budget Status (End of Contract) / Ecological Contract Update (IMW)

Funding Strategies - Expenses for an RCO Congressional Tour Discussion/Action

ODOT – Kris

Oregon Department of Transportation Discussion:

Kris stated that as the board recalled the ODOT asked for proposals for projects in the snake or mid Columbia area to mitigate construction impacts of a new Columbia River bridge. We originally submitted 7 proposals from our 3 year work plan. At this time 3 of the submitted projects are being looked at for being added to their biological opinion. What that means is there is a very good chance that these projects could receive funding from ODOT.

Habitat restoration projects from within our region are:

- Tucannon Set Back Dike Project
- Tucannon Ranch Assessment (Starbuck to powers bridge)
- Charley Creek Habitat Complexity project

Doug Mattoon asked that Kris be sure to notify him when ODOT comes to tour the Charley Creek Project as he would like to attend.

Steve pointed out that the RTT recommended reclassifying the lower Tucannon from Pataha down from a Priority Protection Reach to a Priority Restoration/Protection reach at the last meeting. This was

based on increased utilization of this reach by multiple species and that any restoration activities in this reach will benefit all four ESA listed species in the Tucannon River. Del stated that the scorecard issues that he and Roland had committed to fixing are now going to be fixed by this reclassification. Roland agreed and there was no opposition so the change will be made in the recovery plan during the revision process this summer.

RCO/IMW Budget Status (End of Contract) / Ecological Contract Update (IMW):

Steve directed the boards' attention to the IMW Expenses stating that the contract with RCO for the IMW is due to end at the end of this month (February, 2010). He stated that the expenses are going to be real close to zero when all receipts/invoices are turned in and paid. Steve then stated that this also means that Ecologicals contract for their work on the IMW will be expiring. He is now working with NOAA indirectly through the RCO negotiating for a new contract for the next 8 months to align with federal fiscal year. He is also trying to re-contract with Ecological right away so that we would not need to send out a new RFP for bids for continuing work. After this 8 months it is hoped that the IMW will be a 3 year contract.

The first step in the IMW Phase if renewed is to develop the specific restoration plan followed by restoration activities. There is opportunity to align with the WDFW and a project they have going in the Blue Mountains to acquire some large woody debris from their project to put in the IMW.

Funding Strategies (RCO):

Steve explained that one of our deliverables in the RCO contract is to come up with a funding strategy to layout how we are going about funding our salmon recovery initiatives for the next 10-15 years. Up to this point our strategy has been to rely on RCO for funding, approach BPA, and work with the planning units, conservation districts and our other partners to be sure our salmon recovery efforts are aligned. It has been advised from the RCO that each one of the 7 regional organizations offer up $5,000 ($35,000) and the RCO will be offering up $25-$30,000 or will match the funds. ($60,000 total monies) These monies would be used to put together an RFP for a contractor (RCO initiated but with input from regions) to put together a Long Range funding & operations plan for all of the regional organizations. Steve asked for an action to reduce our budget by $5000. The board members then reviewed the handout in the meeting booklet. Steve reminded the board that this would also help us meet one of our deliverables in our current contract. The monies would come out of the (Goods & Services) contingency account in our budget.

Action 3: Dick Jones moved to authorize the reduction of the SRSRB Budget (HCSR) in the amount of $5,000 to allow the RCO to put out a RFP for a contractor to put together a Long Range Funding & operations Plan for all entities state wide. Doug Mattoon Seconded the motion, There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

RFP – Plan Revision Contractor Selection Update and Contract Approval:

Discussion: The selection committee unanimously chose Bioanalysts to do this work for us and instructed Steve to negotiate a contract with them for the Chair to sign. Recall we authorized the committee to make the selection and the Chair to sign the contract. This report is just an update on the status.

Steve stated that Bioanalysts proposal was for approximately $88,000. At the selection committee's recommendations, Steve negotiated to reduce travel expenses and the budget for developing the data base in the Habitat Works schedule (HWS) for which is primarily already done. The contracted amount will be less than $60,000. Further at the recommendation of the selection committee, the other monies in the Plan Revision pot will be held in reserve for any unforeseen deliverables that may arise and are needed to complete the updating of our plan.

Letter of support for Watershed Planning sent to state representatives – Watershed Planning status:

Discussion: Steve stated that staff finished the letter and sent it to our 9th and 16th district representatives as well as Governor Gregoire, about a week after our last Board meeting. He stated that the only responses back were sent to Anne from the 9th and 16th district representatives. Brad stated that the ecology budget did not show the budget cuts. Cathy stated that the budgets that came out show that the Senate budget has funding for the watersheds, but the house budget does not have funding.

Approve expenses for mid-May congressional tour of spring Chinook fishery at Little Goose dam, tour of habitat projects on Asotin Creek and review of IMW for the following items:

- **Charter Boat ~ $1,000**
- **Charter Bus/Vans ~ $1,000**
- **Catered Lunches (2) ~ $1,000**

Combined budget not to exceed $4,000.

Discussion: Steve was requested by BPA to organize a celebration of our successes with NOAA, our Federal and State representatives, and policy leaders for state and federal agencies. He worked with the RTT to conclude that the most strategic plan would be to take them to Little Goose dam and observe the spring Chinook fishery and understand the economic impact of our hatchery programs, tour the Asotin Creek habitat projects to demonstrate the complexity of habitat actions our sponsors are implementing and wrap up at the Intensively Monitored Watershed location to discuss how we are monitoring our efforts to validate that the fish are improving. This tour is very important and will cost us some money and fortunately we have budget to cover the costs. Steve concluded that there may be changes to the itinerary based on additional information.

ACTION 4: Doug Mattoon moved to approve expenses for Mid May congressional Tour not to exceed $4000. Bob Johnson seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

Columbia County Levee Roundtable:

Steve reminded that we have contradictory federal policies (Clean Water Act and ESA that are contradictory to the USACOE levee vegetation on dikes) that communities are faced with. Steve is a member of the Columbia County Levee Roundtable which is an ad-hoc committee of local elected officials, public works, state and federal agencies and others trying to identify a path forward to accommodate these federal policies. We have funded a Touchet Assessment in our last grant round that will provide considerable information on how to reduce flood risks and improve salmon habitat. The board received a Touchet Assessment brochure with some handouts (a fact sheet/Open House Invitation). These documents went out to over 200 landowners last week, inviting them to the Open House to educate all on what to expect from the Assessment. The Open House is scheduled for March 9th from 4-6pm at the Senaca Building in Dayton.

Commissioner Dozier then reported on the status of the restoration project being done on his property and others in his area. He stated that just today there was grass planting and other vegetation being planted. He is excited about the project even though it has not gone exactly as planned.

Community Salmon Fund project solicitation, review and approval process:

Discussion: Kris reported on the Community Salmon Fund process. The RFP will go out on May 11th for those who are interested in applying. This year there is approximately $108,000 available (2/3 – 1/3 match).

Consider North of Falcon meeting on March 23rd in Kennewick:

Discussion: Steve stated that the North of Falcon meeting is a real important meeting that the board should make an effort to attend, especially if they want to have a say in the recreational fishing quotas in the snake/Columbia rivers. This is only the 2nd time that the WDFW has had a meeting on our side of the state. Discussion then followed.

Fiscal Agent considerations:

- **Discuss basis/rationale for changing fiscal agent**
- **Discuss pros/cons of changing**

The Board asked Steve to conduct an evaluation of procuring fiscal agent services from a new entity. His evaluation is that we can find a fiscal agent that may save us money, but saving money would come at the risk of uncertainty, anxiety and increased work at a time when he is very busy with significant initiatives underway. Steve believes that there will likely be additional unintended consequences by changing fiscal agents. Steve does not want to change fiscal agents and wants the Board to discuss the reasons for change because if the change is to save money, then we should have this service go out for competitive bid.

Tim Simpson (Asotin County PUD) sent an email to Chairman Del Groat which Del then read.

The letter proposed that they could provide SRSRB a lower cost for Fiscal Services ($35,000 fee for first $400,000 and 6% fee for monies over $400,000).

Dick Jones stated that he had real concerns about the discussion. With no RFP being done, he thinks that the board is setting up for some real issues. Steve stated that if the Board selected another state agency that we may not need to do an RFP. Dick Jones stated that if we are thinking about changing, he really thinks that we have to put out a RFP for fiscal services. Dick Ducharme agreed. He also stated that if the SRSRB is at all thinking of this that an RFP would definitely be the way to go. Competition is good for keeping everyone honest.

Steve asked for direction. Does he need to keep investigating this and spending his time on the fiscal agent issue? A draft RFP could be presented to the board in June by Steve. Steve has other duties that will be compromised by his time on this issue. Michael Largent suggested that Steve not waste his time developing RFP's etc… that he just simply put the numbers together representing WWCC and their current fiscal costs and present to the board for the meeting in April. The board will then evaluate those numbers and whether there is any cause to consider switching fiscal agents.

Confirm March 23rd, 2010 Board meeting & location:

Action 5: Dick Jones made a motion to schedule next month's March 23rd meeting to be held in Pasco between 4-6pm in order to be able to also attend the North of Falcon Meeting after. Billy Bowles Seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 pm.

Tasks & Actions

Review of Tasks

TASK 1: Organize Mid May Congressional Tour
TASK 2: Find Place for Next Months Meeting in Pasco (March 23, 2010)
TASK 3: WWCC and their current fiscal costs and present to the board for the meeting in April

Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Action 1: Approve the January 26th, 2010 meeting notes.	Roland Schirman	Perry Dozier	Yes		
Action 2: Approve January 2010 Monthly Expenses	Doug Mattoon	Bill Bowles	Yes – Del Groat Abstained		
Action 3: Motion to authorize the reduction of the SRSRB Budget (HCSR) in the amount of $5,000 to allow the RCO to put out a RFP for a contractor to put together a Long Range Funding & operations Plan for all entities state wide	Dick Jones	Doug Mattoon	Yes		
Action 4: Motion to approve expenses for Mid May congressional Tour not to exceed $4000.00	Doug Mattoon	Bob Johnson	Yes		
Action 5: Motion to schedule next month's March 23rd meeting to be held in Pasco between 4-6pm in order to be able to also attend the North of Falcon Meeting after.	Dick Jones	Bill Bowles	Yes		

Attendance

Name	Attendance for 2009-2010											
	Jun 09	Jul 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Oct 09	Nov 09	Jan 10	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 10	May 10	Jun 10
Doug Mattoon	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes				
Jay Holzmiller	Yes					Yes	Yes	Yes				
Dick Ducharme	Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes				
Dick Jones	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Roland Schirman	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Gary James			Yes	Yes				Yes				
Del Groat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Perry Dozier					*Yes		Yes	Yes				
Yancey Reser		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Stuart Durfee	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes				
Michael Largent		Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes				
Gary Thorgaard	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes				
Kelly Farnsworth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					
Bob Johnson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Billy Bowles		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes				

*First meeting as a SRSRB Board Member

MEETING NOTES – March 23, 2010

Place: Pasco Red Lion Hotel

Format: Regular

Board Members Present: Del Groat (GC), Bill Bowles (GC), Roland Schirman (CC)

On Phone: Perry Dozier (WWC), Yancey Reser (WWC), Michael Largent (WC), Dick Ducharme (CC), Doug Mattoon (AC),

Others: Steve Martin (SRSRB), Brad Johnson (WRIA35), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Larry Hooker (WWCCD), Phil Anderson (WDFW), Steve Pozzanghera (WDFW), Joe Stohr (WDFW)

Others on Phone: Cathy Schaeffer (WRIA32), Anne Chapman (SRSRB).

Chairman Del Groat called the meeting to order a quorum was established. (3 Board members were present, 5 were on the phone, total of 8.)

Approve February 23, 2010 Meeting Notes:

Discussion: No Discussion.

Action 1: Roland Schirman moved to approve the February 23, 2010 meeting notes. Bill Bowles seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve February expenses
WDFW: $3,956.52
RCO: $23,510.77
IMW: $12,268.93
Plan revision: $206.66

Action 2: Perry Dozier made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling $23,510.77 expended in February 2010 in the RCO Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $3956.52 expended in February 2010 in the LE Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $12,268.93 expended in February 2010 in the IMW Budget and the invoices/vouchers totaling $206.66 expended in February 2010 in the Plan Revision Budget. Doug Mattoon seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus. Del Groat Abstained.

Additions to the Agenda:

None

Presentation by WDFW on commercial and recreational fisheries for the Columbia basin in advance of the North of Falcon meeting later in the evening:

Steve Introduced guest speakers, Phil Anderson, Director, Joe Stohr, Deputy Director and Steve Pozzanghera new regional director all of WDFW. Steve Martin then gave a short overview of what the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board is, how it is operated and when it was created for the guests benefit.

Phil commended our region for being a leader in salmon recovery activities and the importance of collaboration – something he perceives as a strong priority for the SRSRB. He mentioned the hatchery reform process and noted that WDFW values the input and perspectives from the SRSRB as they work to improve hatchery management. He also talked briefly about the salmon and steelhead endorsement program and learned that Steve Martin and Del Groat are members on the advisory board.

Phil addressed the letter sent to him by our organization last June concerning recreational fisheries in the lower Columbia River vs. our areas. He stated that he appreciated the letter and that it brought up several issues. We were not the only organization who wrote letters, Oregon and others further east also sent letters. He noted that in the US vs Oregon discussions considerations were provided to guard against over-harvest by recreational fishers in the lower river and that recreational fishery levels were adjusted due to these letters. As a result of some of these meetings, Phil stated that management of

take will not only be driven by ESA but also on actual recreational fish harvest levels in the lower river in the future, i.e., not only will lower river fisheries be constrained by ESA take levels but also by escapement needs for upriver fisheries. He also stated that whatever is done has to be done in conjunction with Oregon and the Tribes. Challenges are that there are differences in opinion as to how the fisheries should be managed between Oregon and Washington organizations. The Board noted appreciation for WDFW to embrace our letter and advocate for our interests in recreational fisheries.

Del asked about low water flows and if there were big concerns about this compared to last year. Snow packs are approximately 20% of what they were last year. This is something that will be watched this year carefully.

Phil then talked about the North of Falcon meeting and what the board members could expect this evening at the meeting. Hatchery Reform, walleye fisheries and other questions were addressed by Phil from the board.

Conflicts on Stream flows in Watersheds are coming up in the WRIA 35 area and Doug Mattoon wanted to make sure that the WDFW representatives were aware of this. Doug stated that the State Caucus is not agreeing with WSU (different scientists/different opinions). The State does not want to accept the numbers coming from WSU and this will be a very bad situation in the WRIA 35 areas. Phil stated that he is aware of it and it really gets down to fish, agriculture, etc…issues. It usually comes down to some kind of a commitment from different entities, coming together and vowing to work together to solve these issues. Phil stated that a good example of collaborative solutions is WRIA 32. They are to be commended in their efforts on this issue. Phil stated that WDFW is willing to work with the entities to keep conversations going.

Tours of previously funded projects set for Tuesday and Wednesday April 20 & 21:

Discussion: Kris announced the tour dates for previously funded projects. Steve mentioned the projects scheduled to be toured - IMW, George Creek, Headgate Park and Koch Meander are scheduled for WRIA 35 and projects such as the Dozier Restoration, McKinley Habitat Restoration, Easements, Doan and Gose Creek are planned for WRIA 32. Larry Hooker suggested we also look at the Garrison Creek screen to see a large screen and the partnership with the USACOE to allow it to be installed.

Confirm April 27th Board meeting and location:

Discussion: Roland suggested we go back to the ITV format at the two College Campuses. All were in agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30pm.

Some board members (Del, Billy and Roland) and staff then traveled to Kennewick for the North of Falcon public open house.

Tasks & Actions

Review of Tasks

TASK 1:
TASK 2:
TASK 3:

Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Action 1: Approve the February 23, 2010 meeting notes.	Roland Schirman	Billy Bowles	Yes		
Action 2: Approve February 2010 Monthly Expenses	Perry Dozier	Doug Mattoon	Yes – Del Groat Abstained		

Attendance

Name	Attendance for 2009-2010											
	Jun 09	Jul 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Oct 09	Nov 09	Jan 10	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 10	May 10	Jun 10
Doug Mattoon	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes			
Jay Holzmiller	Yes					Yes	Yes	Yes				
Dick Ducharme	Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Dick Jones	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Roland Schirman	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Gary James			Yes	Yes				Yes				
Del Groat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Perry Dozier					Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes			
Yancey Reser		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Stuart Durfee	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes				
Michael Largent		Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes			
Gary Thorgaard	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes				
Kelly Farnsworth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					
Bob Johnson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Billy Bowles		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes			

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MEETING NOTES – April 27, 2010

Place: WWCC Campus – Clarkston & WW Water Environmental Center

Format: ITV

Board Members Present Clarkston: Bill Bowles (GC), Doug Mattoon (AC), Bob Johnson (GC), Del Groat (GC), Jay Holzmiller (AC), Michael Largent (WC),.Gary Thorgaard (WC), Kelly Farnsworth (WC),

Board Members Present Walla Walla: Stuart Durfee (WWC), Roland Schirman (CC), Dick Jones (CC)

Board Members on Phone: Dick Ducharme (CC)

Others Clarkston: Anne Chapman (SRSRB), Brad Johnson (WRIA35), Chuck Peven (BioAnalysts),

Others Walla Walla: Steve Martin (SRSRB), Lynn Hatcher (NMFS), Dave Karl (WDFW), Terry Bruegman (CCD), Cathy Schaeffer (WRIA32),.Larry Hooker (WWCCD), Pat Connolly (USGS), Kate Terrell (USFWS), David Byrnes (BPA), Scott Woltering (FS)

Others on Phone: None

Vice Chairman Roland Schirman called the meeting to order a quorum was established. (11 Board members were present, 1 present on the phone, total of 12.)

Approve March 23, 3010 Meeting Notes:

Discussion: Roland suggested that we identify each Steve by his last name in second section (Presentation by WDFW).

Action 1: Doug Mattoon moved to approve the March 23, 2010 meeting notes with the last names identified. Dick Jones seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve March expenses

WDFW: $6,402.43

RCO: $24,552.56

IMW: $18,965.78

Plan revision: $7.85

Action 2: Dick Jones made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling $24,552.56 expended in March 2010 in the RCO Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $6,402.43 expended in March 2010 in the WDFW Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $18,965.78 expended in March 2010 in the IMW Budget and the invoices/vouchers totaling $7.85 expended in March 2010 in the Plan Revision Budget. Del Groat seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus. Del Groat Abstained.

Introduction of Guests and Comments from NOAA (Lynn Hatcher):

Steve Martin introduced the guests and wanted to recognize the federal agency representatives who were in attendance - he is pleased with the fact that the federal caucus people came here today to understand the highest priority actions that have been identified in the Walla Walla region for the recovery of salmon. They heard today that the federal agencies should focus their efforts on improving passage on Mill Creek including Bennington Dam and in stream flows because these are the two biggest limiting factors in delisting ESU listed fish in our areas. Steve thanked all of the guests for being here tonight.

Lynn Hatcher (NOAA) then introduced all the members of the caucus present. (Pat Connolly (USGS), Kate Terrell (USFWS), David Byrnes (BPA) and Scott Woltering (FS)). He reported that more were present at the meeting earlier today and that it was a really positive and productive meeting.

A new administrator for NOAA fisheries will be hired in the next week. Some of the activities currently going on were reported by Lynn Hatcher. He stated that they are currently evaluating stock status and whether any of the stocks in the Columbia basin (Snake, Upper Columbia and Lower, Middle)

should be delisted. This will take approximately 1 year to evaluate. Preliminary reports look like the middle Columbia will not change in status. Stock status reviews occur every 5 years. Lynn stated that he appreciated the team that was present at the meeting today. (Del Groat, Dave Karl, etc…)

Dick Jones then stated that in the cities of Dayton and Waitsburg there is currently real issues with how the cities, engineers and the CORP want to handle the dikes. Each entity has a view on how the dikes should be managed. Issues range from the protection of the community to what is good for the fish and not all remedies are good for both. There needs to be a common ground where all entities can come together and agree to what is good for all. Lynn Hatcher stated that this is not a local or even state issue. This is federal and these problems exist all over the country. It is a very real problem that everyone is aware of. Lynn stated that the Columbia County Levee Roundtable group that has been formed in our area may be setting a trend for others to follow. This is a political issue that is receiving federal attention but it is very encouraging that the local community is working together with state and federal agencies to resolve the contradictory policies.

Snake River Salmon Recovery Board – history, accomplishments, future:

Steve gave a brief summary on the structure and history of the board for the benefit of our guests. He then briefly described the accomplishments of the board, along with the amount of monies that are guided by the board for the benefit of salmon. Steve highlighted the following activities that staff are engaged in:

Major Initiatives:

- **Columbia County Levee Roundtable** – This is a group formed to address dike management along with salmon habitat. There are contradicting federal policies that need to be addressed in order to accomplish these goals. The goal is to receive a variance for the vegetation control issue. Since this group has been formed many others have joined, DOT, CORP, the city of Waitsburg, CTUIR and many others are all working together. This is a very aggressive approach to minimize flood risk and improve salmon habitat. The recommendations will be informed by the LiDAR work approved by the Board.
- **LiDar coordination** – Kris has been working with many different entities to coordinate all the LiDar that has been flown over the rivers in our area. This is a great tool to identify projects for salmon recovery. Currently the Tucannon and Touchet Rivers have approximately 50 miles of river that are being flown with a combination of funds from many entities (CTUIR, BPA and SRFB) to help us assess and evaluate areas needing recovery, dike setbacks, easements, etc … for salmon recovery.
- **Initiating 2010 (11th grant round) Lead Entity process** – Located in back of meeting booklet.
- **IMW – Phase III work plan and contracting** – Steve reported that we are in the third year of the IMW, he then gave a brief description on all the activities going on in the Asotin area (Charley Creek) IMW. There currently are issues with the landowner who initially had agreed to IMW activities in the Charley Creek. He reported that ground LiDar had been conducted on the property which entailed survey steaks being put in the ground around the creek. The landowner got concerned that someone was surveying her property and has asked that all activities to be stopped. Steve is currently trying to work through these issues with her. Steve and Del are currently making arrangements to meet with the landowner (Betty Koch) to try and resolve the issues. If these issues cannot be resolved, then the treatment part of the IMW will be relocated to the South Fork. Creating a 1 year delay. Currently Dave WDFW is working on an application to acquire the entire Charley Creek watershed (WWRP application) which if successful, would eliminate the landowner issues.
- **Recreational fisheries – salmon and steelhead endorsement stamp** - NOAA fisheries issues the state of WA permits for recreational harvest of salmon/steelhead and the operation of hatcheries in the Columbia Basin. Due to ESA, the permits are restrictive but if the fisheries could be monitored more aggressively so that managers know how many fish are being harvested in real-time, then the opportunity to expand harvest may be likely. The legislature approved WDFW to charge $8 for

salmon/steelhead licenses to generate revenue to hire more enforcement agents and biologists to monitor these fisheries. Steve and Del are members of a Sport Fishing committee that has been formed to oversee the expenditures of the program. These monies will not be active until July but the account already has more than $500,000. WDFW has agreed to use existing employees for monitoring of the fisheries that are currently ongoing until then. Jay Holzmiller asked if the monies were designated strictly for the enforcement and monitoring of these fisheries. Del Groat stated that if he remembered right it was written in to the legislation that these monies were to be used strictly for the enforcement and monitoring of the fisheries. Billy Bowles stated in the North of Falcon meeting he heard Steve Pozzanghera (DFW) to say that there is a grey area that they still have not figured out. Steve stated that they will check next week when they go the next meeting.

Plan Revision Update – Chuck Peven (Bio Analysts):

Discussion: Steve reminded the board that we contracted with Bio Analysts to update the RM & E, data management and to integrate the NOAA funded hatchery and harvest chapters of our recovery plan. He then introduced Chuck Peven, of Bio Analysts, who was present to provide an update on their work.

Chuck then presented a power point presentation that was located in the meeting booklet for the board members review. He stated that the RTT has not yet had a chance to review this draft.

Land Acquisition Discussion (Charley Creek - IMW):

Doug Mattoon wanted to talk about WDFW's desire to acquire the land in Charley Creek and he strongly suggested that the board take an active role in supporting this. He usually does not support the acquisition of land by fish and wildlife, but in this case this land is surrounded already by public lands. It is also crucial to this board for the continuation of the IMW and its work there. It is critical to our mission – monitoring the impacts of our work. Dick Jones stated that he opposed the acquisition of these lands. He thinks it will set a precedence that the board does not want to set. He stated that it affects property taxes.

Kelly Farnsworth later in the meeting asked to revisit this topic. He stated that he did not believe that a discussion should just be dropped if board members were not in agreement on a certain issue. He would like to hear more about the acquisition of these lands.

Doug Mattoon then requested that this topic be put on next month's agenda with possibly an action item.

Legislative Update and Update of Watershed Planning:

Discussion: Steve reported that there was no legislative action taken this session that would directly affect our efforts. Further, funding for continued watershed planning and implementation was retained by the legislature and Governor. Cathy and Brad were asked to provide a brief update on the status of their efforts.

Cathy reported that Watershed planning was in jeopardy due to the Governors report initially. But due to support the funding was retained fully. Questions still remain for the next budget cycle 2011-13, these budgets will be starting to be drafted in May of this year. Extra attention will be paid to this due to the uncertainty in budgets this last cycle. WRIA 32 is in Phase 4. Brad reported agreement with Cathy. He also stated that there was appreciation for the boards support in writing letters to our representatives/senators. WRIA 35 is in Phase 4 also year 3. Brad reported that the WRIA 35 Planning Unit has been working with WSU Habitat Assessments that have been completed and also with DOE and their synthesized hydrographs and have moved forward with putting out recommendations for stream flows. Generally the 10% excedance obtained from WSU were used. Recommendations should be approved by next month. Tucannon and Asotin stream flows have already been approved. And Draft recommendations have been made on some of the smaller tributaries. The Next steps will be

developing the rule and then implementation. Proposed projects for Phase 4 funding were stated by Brad. (Zumwalt, Water Survey – West end of Pomeroy; Storm Water Information/car wash "effluent" filter , Tucannon Dike Set Back, 3 staff gadges to upgrade for telemetry readings Tenmile, Couse & George Creek, Headgate Pond Purchase of Screen and 50' Pipe purchase)

Project Cost Increase Request – Mill Creek Transitions:

Discussion: Steve reminded the board that they approved $500,000 for installation of passage facilities at both ends of the concrete channel on Mill Creek. These two ends are referred to as the transitions because the channel transitions from the channel spanning weirs into the concrete channel through town and then back out of the concrete channel again. The Board also approved funding designs for passage within the concrete channel. The designs we funded for the concrete channel are very uncertain because they are dependent on how the "transitions" are constructed. This means that we need to know the final designs for the concrete channel before we install the transition passage projects. The computer model identified a couple of alternative designs for the channel but there are so many complicating factors that the Mill Creek work group strongly suggests building a physical model of the channel to evaluate the alternatives and identify the one that will work the best at passing fish while meeting the needs of the channel maintenance crew. The model will cost around $200,000 and can be built this summer so that we have no delays in construction but there is currently no budget for the model. Therefore, the project sponsor, Tri States Steelheaders has a request to the Board for approving $88,000 that would be partnered with the Umatilla Tribes money and some unspent community salmon fund to pay for the model. It is imperative that we construct the transitions in a manner compatible with the design for the concrete channel or risk spending a half-million dollars on a project that is not compatible.

A Memo requesting a project cost increase for the mill creek transitions was reviewed by the board – located in the meeting booklet.

ACTION 3: Doug Mattoon moved to approve the project cost increase request for the Mill Creek Transitions. Dick Jones Seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus.

An explanation of what the approval by the board means is that the project increase request can now be brought before the RCO who will review the request and possibly approve.

Wicher Conservation Easement Scope Reduction request:

Discussion: Steve stated that this is a frustrating request. The landowner has been advised to back out of the full conservation easement and to ask for just an easement on the Riparian foot print (delete the farm land of approximately 25 acres). The appraisal has not been done for the full or partial footprint but they generally cost about $10,000. If the Board does not agree to the reduction in project scope (roughly 30 acres down to about 5 acres) then the money spent on the appraisal will be lost.

ACTION 4: Doug Mattoon moved to deny the Wicher Conservation Easement Scope reduction request. Michael Largent seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

Consideration of partially funding an Ecosystem Services seminar:

Discussion: Steve received a request from Mike Bireley to co-sponsor an ecosystem services seminar but recently learned that the Water Center has enough budget to cover the base costs of the seminar. Steve stated that it would be a good gesture to enhance their base budget to allow for additional advertising, signing, and ancillary items. He also stated that he thinks that it would be of value for the board to have some knowledge of the economic benefit of our ecosystem.

This Ecosystem Services seminar is to be held at the WWCC Water Environmental Center. Cathy asked if there is value in having the SRSRB name attached to this seminar. Steve stated that yes there is.

ACTION 5: Dick Jones made a motion to authorize Steve to meet with Mike Bireley and discuss whether or not it would be reasonable to commit up to $1000 for refreshments, signage and advertising

for the event and suggest that Mike Bireley present the needs at the May Board meeting to the SRSRB. Stuart Durfee seconded the motion. Cathy suggested that the seminar might be held that last week of May so that may not be enough time for Mike to have an answer. Steve stated that he is sure that Mike could go ahead and pay for / organize things and then the expenses could be redirected if approved. The motion did not carry by consensus. The motion was then recounted. Upon recount the motion failed with 8 Yes, 3 No and 1 abstaining. (80% Yes vote required)

Review Fiscal Agent Services report:

Discussion: Steve then reviewed the financial services report located in the meeting booklet as requested in February by the board. There were no comments or discussion from the board.

Letter to NOAA:

Discussion: Brad Johnson stated that currently the Asotin trap has a permit allowing handling of only up to 1500 steelhead. They are soon to meet that quota and will probably have to pull/remove the trap as early as this Friday. This is bad news due to compromising the monitoring of the fish counts and could also compromise the Integrity of the IMW work on the Asotin. This is bad policy by NOAA. A letter should be written immediately. Brad stated that the Nez Perce tribe will also be writing a letter on this subject.

ACTION 6: Doug Mattoon moved to authorize Steve Martin to write a letter ASAP to NOAA stating our position and letting them know that pulling the trap in the Asotin could compromise the IMW work on the Asotin.

Bill Bowles seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

Confirm May 25th Board meeting and location:

ACTION 7: Doug Mattoon moved to have the next regularly scheduled meeting (May 25th, 2010 – 6pm) at the WWCC Campus (Clarkston and Walla Walla WEC) in the ITV format. Stuart Durfee seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Tasks & Actions					
Review of Tasks					
TASK 1: **TASK 2:** **TASK 3:**					
Review of Actions					
Action Title	**Motion**	**Second**	**Consensus**	**Vote**	**Pass**
Action 1: Approve the March 23, 2010 meeting notes.	Doug Mattoon	Dick Jones	Yes		
Action 2: Approve March Monthly Expenses (WDFW, RCO, IMW and Plan Revision Budgets)	Dick Jones	Del Groat	Yes – Del Groat Abstained		
Action 3: Motion to approve the project cost increase request for the Mill Creek Transitions	Doug Mattoon	Dick Jones	Yes		
Action 4: Motion to deny the Wicher Conservation Easement Scope reduction request.	Doug Mattoon	Michael Largent	Yes		
Action 5: Motion to authorize Steve to meet with Mike Bireley and discuss whether or not it would be reasonable to commit up to $1000 for refreshments, signage and advertising for the event and suggest that Mike Bireley present the needs at the May Board meeting to the SRSRB.	Dick Jones	Stuart Durfee	No	8 Yes 3 No 1 Abstd	No
Action 6: Motion to authorize Steve Martin to write a letter ASAP to NOAA stating our position and letting them know that pulling the trap in the Asotin could compromise the IMW work on the Asotin.	Doug Mattoon	Billy Bowles	Yes		
Action 7: Motion to have the next regularly scheduled meeting (May 25th, 2010 – 6pm) at the WWCC Campus (Clarkston and Walla Walla WEC) in the ITV format.	Doug Mattoon	Stuart Durfee	Yes		

Attendance

Name	Attendance for 2009-2010											
	Jun 09	Jul 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Oct 09	Nov 09	Jan 10	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 10	May 10	Jun 10
Doug Mattoon	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Jay Holzmiller	Yes					Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		
Dick Ducharme	Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Dick Jones	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		
Roland Schirman	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Gary James			Yes	Yes				Yes				
Del Groat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Perry Dozier					*Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes			
Yancey Reser		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Stuart Durfee	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes		
Michael Largent		Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Gary Thorgaard	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes		
Kelly Farnsworth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Ye		
Bob Johnson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		
Billy Bowles		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		

*First meeting as a SRSRB Board Member

MEETING NOTES – May 25, 2010

Place: WWCC Campus – Clarkston & WW Water Environmental Center

Format: ITV

Board Members Present Clarkston: Doug Mattoon (AC), Bob Johnson (GC), Gary Thorgaard (WC), Kelly Farnsworth (WC), Michael Largent (WC)

Board Members Present Walla Walla: Roland Schirman (CC), Dick Jones (CC), Yancey Reser (WWC), Perry Dozier (WWC),

Board Members on Phone: Dick Ducharme (CC)

Others Clarkston: Steve Martin (SRSRB), Brad Johnson (WRIA35), Terry Bruegman (CCD), Duane Bartels (PCD), Sarah Branum (BPA), Kathy Fisher (BPA), Mike Miraglio (ACCD)

Others Walla Walla: Anne Chapman (SRSRB), Larry Hooker (WWCCD), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Dave Karl (WDFW),

Others on Phone: Chuck Peven (BioAnalysts), Cathy Schaeffer (WRIA32)

Vice Chairman Roland Schirman called the meeting to order; a quorum was not present at start of meeting. A quorum was established at approximately 6:15 pm. (9 Board members were present, 1 present on the phone, total of 10 with no action taken until after 6:15)

Introduction of Guests and Public Comment:

Discussion: Steve introduced Kathy Fisher and Sarah Branum of Bonneville Power Administration. He stated that they were there to talk to us about some project opportunities in the Tucannon. All others in Clarkston then introduced themselves. The people present in Walla Walla then introduced themselves and the people on the phone.

Agenda Review and Revisions:

-Note that election of officers occurs every two years, the next one in May/June 2011

Doug Mattoon asked about the timeline of the Charley Creek acquisition. He asked that we table the action item due to him not having information ready for the meeting. Dave Karl stated that on June 17th, 2010, he is presenting a preliminary report to the review panel, and then the final presentation will be in August. Dave also stated that the application due date has already passed and that he had already submitted it but that a letter of support from the SRSRB would be helpful as he proceeds through the process. All were in agreement to table this discussion until the June Meeting.

Task 1: Anne - Remind Doug Mattoon to get information for Charley Creek Acquisition and submit to SRSRB office for posting on website for board member review before next meeting.

Tucannon River BiOp Implementation Programmatic Contract with BPA – Sarah Branum/Kathy Fisher:

Discussion: Steve stated that he and Terry Bruegman had been contacted this winter by BPA to explore an approach for assisting BPA in implementing its obligations under the federal power system Biological Opinion. Steve then again introduced Kathy Fisher and Sarah Branum who were present to share their perspectives about this opportunity.

Kathy Fisher stated that BPA's commitment is a 17% improvement in habitat function (theoretical, estimated improvement, baseline is since 2006) in the Tucannon by 2018 for Spring Chinook. To keep the current Biological Opinion in place, they need to show a real effort in meeting the 17% improvement goals. To meet these goals, they will address the limiting factors and go about habitat improvement to fix these issues. (Programmatic Habitat Improvement project)

Kathy stated that BPA would like to partner with the SRSRB to manage the projects to be done/selected in the Tucannon. She stated that she and Sarah had been talking with Steve Martin and Terry Bruegman about a possible partnership. A similar approach is already happening in the Upper Columbia. There are currently 14 projects across 4 different sub basins being done in the Upper Columbia.

Questions were then answered from board members and others.

Dick Jones asked if these monies were new monies, he also questioned if Terry's Tucannon ranch project could be funded through these monies. It was explained that this project was in the assessment stages and is not eligible yet, as they need on the ground projects.

At this time Chuck Peven and Dick Ducharme then joined the meeting via Phone.

10 board members were then present in person or on the phone.

It was stated by Sarah that these BPA monies would hopefully be in addition to projects funded by SRFB. Allowing for more projects on the Tucannon.

Brad Johnson asked why some of the monies could not be used on the Asotin Creek. Kathy stated that the short answer was that the Chinook populations are said to be extirpated in Asotin Creek. She realized that some disagree with this, but at this time that is why Asotin Creek is not eligible for habitat restoration. Gary Thorgaard and Doug Mattoon both spoke in favor of this partnership/funding between BPA and the SRSRB. Terry Bruegman spoke as to the advantages of having monies available all in one pool this allowed for better coordination of projects restoring habitat in the Tucannon.

Questions about Duane Bartels (PCD) project monies and what this does to him were then asked. Pataha Creek was discussed as an option for habitat restoration through BPA but is currently not included in the proposed approach.

Steve asked if the board wanted to move forward with this programmatic. Does the board support this negotiation? The board was all in agreement that Steve should spend time on developing a proposal to bring forward to the ISRP. Steve will move forward and bring back information for the June meeting for the boards review and possible approval.

Task 2: Steve – proposal for ISRP / Information to present to board for review/approval next board meeting.

Plan Revision Update – Chuck Peven (BioAnalysts):

Discussion: Roland then introduced Chuck Peven who was on the phone. He stated that Chuck had called in to bring us up to speed on his work to update and revise the recovery plan.

Chuck stated that the Hatchery/Harvest sections are out for review. Comments from Glen Mendel have been received. Verbal comments from Tribal partners have been received. There are negotiations that need to be done due to issues brought up by the tribe. These need to be resolved between them and NOAA through external, existing legal processes that could take months or longer.

Chuck wanted to make it clear to the board that all the documents presented are stand alone documents. These docs will be reviewed and then decided by the RTT / SRSRB board on which ones will go into the SRSRB plan. Chuck is only repeating views from different organizations. The end of July is the deadline right now for comments.

The Research Monitoring and Evaluation chapter is also being worked on by Chuck. Chuck reported that he believed Steve had sent it out today for RTT review/comments.

Chuck asked for comments – there were none.

Approve April 27, 2010 Meeting Notes:

Discussion: Roland asked about corrections to minutes. Chuck Peven's name should be spelled correctly.

Action 1: Yancey Reser moved to approve the April 27, 2010 meeting notes with the correction to Chuck Peven's name. Dick Jones seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve April expenses
WDFW: $3,795.70
RCO: $27,499.75
IMW: $0.00 (Still not closed out ~ $12563.03 unspent)
Plan revision: $0.00 (Active but no invoice received)

Discussion: The expenses were then reviewed by the board members.

Action 2: Dick Jones made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling $27,499.75 expended in April 2010 in the RCO Budget and the invoices/vouchers totaling $3,795.70 expended in April 2010 in the WDFW Budget. Yancey Reser seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

SRSRB - ITV Meeting Format:

Discussion: Dick Jones commented that he really has issues with the ITV format. He feels that for continuity the meetings need to be held together. The ITV format is very difficult to follow. He feels that the amounts of monies that this board handles are too important for this kind of format. Steve agreed with Commissioner Jones. Kelly Farnsworth also agreed. Gary Thorgaard suggested having longer board meetings and scheduling them every two months instead of every month. Dick Jones suggested a proposal from Steve with an action item for next month's SRSRB meeting.

Task 3: Steve – Proposal for Format of SRSRB Meetings

Partner Contracts – Review Existing Contracts and Consideration for Subsequent Contracts:

Discussion: Steve directed the boards' attention to the meeting booklet and the draft contracts for the boards review. Steve stated that he and Del met with Brad and Tim who represent the WRIA 35 planning unit and Steve met with Cathy who represents the Walla Walla Watershed Management Board to discuss partnership contracts with the Board. Recall that last year we funded WRIA 35 in the amount of $34,500 and WRIA 32 in the amount of $24,000. The foundation or basis for those contracts was to provide support to the board in the form of participation, outreach and managing the list of projects. In addition to the base funding, we funded WRIA 35 to assist in reviewing the hatchery management recommendations from the HSRG and to participate in the Snake River ESU roll up. Steve is recommending that we fund each planning unit to continue to participate in our efforts in the amount of $25,000 each.

The conservation districts are the region's co-leads for the SRFB process and we currently fund them to participate in the lead entity process, assist project sponsors in their counties, and to assist with maintaining the habitat project list. As many of you know, there have been very few projects proposed in the Asotin and adjacent sub-watersheds and quite a few in the Walla Walla, Touchet and Tucannon. Steve recommends that we provide capacity funding to the WRIA 35 planning unit for the purpose of developing project proposals for other organizations to sponsor. Steve stated that he was concerned with the low participation level and the low number of projects from the Asotin Conservation District but that the deadline for this year has not yet arrived so perhaps there will be projects.

The CTUIR is another partner we fund for their participation and Steve recommends that we continue to provide them funding for this role.

Anne has included draft contracts for each entity in the booklet and we need to be prepared to finalize the tasks and budget for each of the partners in June. It may be advisable for us to create a subcommittee to work with staff on preparing final recommendations for our consideration in June.

Steve asked for at least one board member to commit to review of draft contracts, to present to the board for approval at the June meeting. Roland asked Dick Ducharme if he would commit to helping Steve review the WRIA contracts. Dick stated yes he would.

TASK 4: Steve will send Dick an email to coordinate a time/place to review the draft contracts and then bring a recommendation back to the Board in June.

Lead Entity project review, scoring, ranking and approval schedule:

Discussion: At Roland's request, Kris developed a refined schedule informing us of the process this summer to review, refine and approve projects for this year's SRFB funding through our lead entity program. The dates on this schedule are important because they provide us the opportunity to learn about the projects that we will consider approving later this summer.

Kris stated that the draft applications are due this Friday. May 25th, 2010. The next major date, June 15-17th, 2010 are project tours with the SRFB. Board members are welcome to attend these tours and encouraged to do so. June 22nd, 2010 is the deadline for the Community Salmon Fund Projects. Other important dates were pointed out to the board members.

Steve thanked Kris for putting this calendar together and also Roland for asking for this.

Approve Ecosystem Services Expenses:

Discussion: The meeting notes from April show that the Board voted not to have Steve meet with Mike Bierely and develop a proposal for the Board to consider for funding a portion of the ecosystem services workshop to be held tomorrow. However after reviewing the audio and video tapes the decision was not clear so Steve asked Mike to email him a proposed expense list for us to consider tonight.

Action 3: Michael Largent moved to approve the proposed Ecosystem Services Expenses. Bob Johnson Seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

Approve letter of support from SRSRB for acquiring Charley Creek lands by WDFW:

TABLED

Walla Walla Flow Enhancement Feasibility Study Update – Gary James:

TABLED – Gary James did not call in – Steve told him the wrong date so we will reschedule.

TASK 5: Reschedule with Gary.

Confirm June 22, 2010 Board meeting and location:

Discussion: Steve suggested the Pomeroy Ranger District building as the next meeting place, located in Pomeroy, WA. It was then suggested that it be held at 7pm to allow board members more travel time.

Action 4: Perry Dozier moved to have the next regularly scheduled meeting (June 22, 2010 @ 7pm) at Pomeroy Ranger District. Dick Ducharme seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Letter to NOAA – Asotin Creek Fish Trap

Discussion: Doug asked about the NOAA letter and the results of sending it to NOAA concerning the pulling of the fish trap in Asotin Creek. Steve reported that he submitted an email stating the boards' position that in our view pulling the fish trap on Asotin Creek would seriously compromise the work being done on the IMW and skew the stock status assessment scheduled for this year. He stated that the letter had an immediate affect and that the fish trap has not been pulled as a result. He reiterated that that is one example of why this board is so important and that the SRSRB does have impact on these kinds of policies and issues.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25pm.

Tasks & Actions

Review of Tasks

TASK 1: Anne – Remind Doug to get information for Charley Creek Acquisition and submit to SRSRB office for posting on website for board member review before next meeting.

TASK 2: Steve – proposal for ISRO / Information to present to board for review/approval next board meeting.

TASK 3: Steve – Proposal for Format of SRSRB Meetings

TASK 4: Steve – Review WRIA Contracts with Dick Ducharme

TASK 5: Steve – Reschedule with Gary James – WW Flow Enhancement Feasibility Study Update

Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Action 1: Approve the April 27, 2010 meeting notes.	Yancey Reser	Dick Jones	Yes		
Action 2: Approve April Monthly Expenses (WDFW & RCO Budgets)	Dick Jones	Yancey Reser	Yes		
Action 3: Motion to approve the proposed Ecosystem Services Expenses	Michael Largent	Bob Johnson	Yes		
Action 4: Motion to have the next regularly scheduled meeting (June 22, 2010 @ 7pm) at Pomeroy Ranger District.	Perry Dozier	Dick Ducharme	Yes		

Attendance

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Doug Mattoon	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jay Holzmiller	Yes					Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		
Dick Ducharme	Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Dick Jones	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	
Roland Schirman	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Gary James			Yes	Yes				Yes				
Del Groat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Perry Dozier					*Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	
Yancey Reser		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	
Stuart Durfee	Yes	Yes	Yes		Ye		Yes	Yes		Yes		
Michael Largent		Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Gary Thorgaard	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	
Kelly Farnsworth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	
Bob Johnson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	
Billy Bowles		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		

*First meeting as a SRSRB Board Member

MEETING NOTES – June 22, 2010

Place: Pomeroy Ranger District

Format: Regular

Board Members Present: Doug Mattoon (AC), Bob Johnson (GC), Gary Thorgaard (WC), Michael Largent (WC), Roland Schirman (CC), Dick Jones (CC), Dick Ducharme (CC), Jay Holzmiller (AC), Jerry Hendrickson (AC), Del Groat (GC), Perry Dozier (WWC), Stuart Durfee (WWC), Billy Bowles (GC)

Board Members on Phone: Yancey Reser (WWC)

Others: Steve Martin (SRSRB), Terry Bruegman (CCD), Duane Bartels (PCD), Sarah Branum (BPA), Mike Miraglio (ACCD), Anne Chapman (SRSRB), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Dave Karl (WDFW), Eric Hoverson (CTUIR), Cathy Schaeffer (WRIA32)

Others on Phone: Kathy Fischer (BPA), Larry Hooker (WWCCD)

Chairman Del Groat called the meeting to order; and verified the quorum (13 Board members were present, 1 present on the phone, total of 14)

Introduction of Guests and Public Comment:

Steve introduced Kathy Fischer (BPA) who was on the phone and Sarah Branum (BPA) who was present at the meeting. All introduced themselves for the benefit of those on the phone.

Approve May 25, 2010 Meeting Notes:

Discussion: None

Action 1: Roland Schirman moved to approve the May 25, 2010 meeting notes. Doug Mattoon seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve May Expenses:

RCO: $25,574.44
WDFW: $ 7,153.84
IMW: $12,486.76 (Now closed out)
Plan Revision: $ 2,870.50

Discussion: The expenses were then reviewed by the board members.

Action 2: Roland Schirman made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling $25,574.44 expended in May 2010 in the RCO Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $7,153.84 expended in May 2010 in the WDFW Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $12,486.76 expended in May 2010 in the IMW Budget and the invoices/vouchers totaling $2870.50 expended in May 2010 in the Plan Revision Budget. Dick Ducharme seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Agenda Review and Revisions:

- Update on Smolt vs Adults on the Tucannon
- Tri State Steelheaders Project Cost Increase Request – Little Tucannon Bridge Project (2007)

Tri State Steelheaders Project Cost Increase Request – Little Tucannon Bridge Project (2007)

Steve stated that he had received a cost increase request from Brian Burns of the Tri State Steelheaders on the 2007 project Little Tucannon Bridge. This project included replacing a culvert on the Little Tucannon River with a bridge. The requested cost increase is due to prices going up. Originally the project was projected at $75,000 construction costs with a total of $140,000 including contributed funds. The actual total cost now is $153,000. Steve stated that if we allow a 20% increase, this would add about what they would need for cost increase. He further stated that CTUIR also will be adding approx $6 to $7 thousand dollars. Questions followed concerning how many bidders there were and why has it taken so much time to implement the project. Steve reported that hydrology studies indicated that the proposed bridge span was insufficient and that it needed to increase in length from 20 to 27 feet; Del reported that there were several bidders but that the design changed forced a time delay.

Action 3: Doug Mattoon moved that we authorize the project increase cost for the 2007 Little Tucannon Bridge Project. Dick Ducharme seconded the motion. Perry Dozier asked how we pay for these project increases. Steve explained each year there are approved projects across the state that get "cancelled" for one reason or another that leave monies available that the SRFB can allocate to those projects requiring cost increases. Perry asked about his personal project and why it was not approved for an increase. Steve explained that it was because of the increase being significantly more than 20% - increases above 20% typically indicate the need for a new application. There being no more discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Smolt vs Adults on the Tucannon

Steve reported that from 1985 to 2011 the productivity trend (number of smolts per adult) was slightly negative, ranging from 190 to 40 smolts per adult but with high variability. It may be that "non-summer" habitat conditions may be more influential on productivity than summer habitat conditions. Data is being made available by Mark Schucks'' Office (WDFW).

Jay Holzmiller asked how the numbers compared to other streams in other areas.

TASK 1: Steve will inquire other regions about Smolts vs Adults in their streams and report back.

Update on Tucannon River BiOp Habitat Programmatic Contract with BPA – Sarah Branum

Del stated that at the last Board meeting we agreed to move forward with a proposal to BPA for habitat projects in the Tucannon River for spring Chinook. Steve has been working with BPA staff on this proposal and Sarah Branum is here this evening to discuss the status of this proposal and get board in-put. Kathy Fisher with BPA was on the phone to help with the discussion.

Steve described language presented in the BiOp which states the spring Chinook in the Tucannon River have a large habitat viability gap to recovery of 17%. BPA has approached the recovery board to help them identify restoration projects that will work towards meet that gap. Steve is currently working with BPA to develop a program which would identify projects and administer fund where needed. Steve presented the project list being considered. The question of monitoring habitat improvements was discussed at length and the question of whether the EDT model needs to be rerun to determine current condition. Dick Ducharme stated that we need a model to determine what needs to be done and then we need to do it according to the model and then monitor to determine is we were successful. To do this we need to put the data into the model (EDT). Sarah noted that in the context of the BiOp, BPA is looking for habitat restoration projects that have a very near-term affect on habitat conditions. Steve noted that EDT is a predictive model based on measurements of physical habitat conditions, potential improvements to those conditions and then predicts how fish will respond. EDT is not a model that can predict fish response to individual habitat projects but rather how fish respond to a suite of habitat factors. In summary EDT evaluates existing condition and determines what factors are limiting thereby guiding restoration actions. Need enough projects (restoration actions) completed that they change reach-level conditions enough so that you can detect a change. Steve wrapped up by re-stating that EDT is based on a suite of environmental attributes across a large reach (miles), not site-specific habitat improvements or number of projects.

Kathy commented that action effectiveness monitoring can help evaluate how effective an individual project is at meeting its intended objective and that this type of monitoring should be included in the proposal.

Steve reported on the preliminary list of Proposed projects identified in the proposal:

- Large wood debris additions primarily from Cummings Creek up to PanJab Creek
- Marengo to King Grade dike setback
- Power Lines – relocate and bury
- Forest Service Guard Station - relocation of road
- Marengo to Tum a lum – floodplain reconnection and habitat restoration
- Starbuck reach Channel Restoration
- King Grade to Marengo – floodplain reconnection and habitat restoration
- Reconstruction of Beaver and Watson Lake.

Plan Revision Update – Chuck Peven (BioAnalysts):

Discussion: Steve reported that Chuck Peven was unavailable to join us this evening. Steve stated that it is not surprising that the hatchery and harvest chapters are proving difficult because of external legal and policy processes that are the foundation of how these two H's are managed. Chuck will be meeting with the co-managers to identify areas of agreement that we can include in these chapters and where there is not agreement he will include alternatives for consideration. Steve has requested funding from NOAA for technical writing/editing to address the "other chapters" in the plan. He reported that he hopes for a September completion and will bring suggested changes before the Board for consideration.

Walla Walla Flow Enhancement Feasibility Study Update – Gary James:

Discussion: Del stated that as we already knew there is a CTUIR sponsored project to evaluate alternatives for improving stream flow in the WW River to support salmon, steelhead and bull trout. After years of scoping alternatives, the preferred alternative is for a pump exchange from the Columbia River. Water would be pumped up hill to the major irrigation districts, leaving natural flows in the river. Unfortunately Gary James (CTUIR) could not be here this evening. He asked Steve to provide a brief update. Steve reported that the initial price was $300 million dollars and now it is above $400 million. CTUIR is now looking for a cost effective way of doing this project. He stated that anyone that may have ideas is asked to please contact Gary James.

Cathy Schaeffer stated that she does think that Gary James, CTUIR should come and talk to the board. It is a very large and significant undertaking. The project has been in the works for about 8 years and there are a lot of moving parts. It is encouraging to know that there are things that have been listened to and lots of ideas are being worked on. It is encouraging that Spring Chinook are being reintroduced and that there is a tribal fishery this year.

Lead Entity Project Review, scoring, ranking and approval schedule:

Discussion: Del stated that Kris continues to include the project review calendar in our booklets. It is important for the Board members to be familiar with the projects, because it looks like we will have about $3.7 million in proposals. Of these proposals we only have $1.6 million to allocate. Thanks to the lead entity citizen members and to the board members who attended the project tours – Tim Wagoner, Greg Farrens, Don Howard, Del Groat, Billy Bowles, and Yancey Reser all attended parts of the tours. The tour was also well attended by technical team members.

Kris then went over the calendar and made sure that the Board all knew the correct upcoming dates for the 11th Project round. Kris also announced that the Community Salmon Fund Application deadline had also been extended to July 22, 2010 due to not enough applications being submitted.

Dave Karl thanked Kris for all his hard work and extra time spent on each project and on the organization of the project tours. Del Groat also thanked him on behalf of the board.

Partner Contracts – Review Draft Contracts for July 2010 thru June 2011 and approve:

Discussion: Del stated that at the last Board meeting, we appointed Dick Ducharme to meet with Steve and develop partner contracts for our consideration this evening. Dick and Steve have met and recommend the budgets as shown in the meeting booklet for our partners (Planning Units, Conservation Districts, and CTUIR) for this upcoming July 2010 – June 2011 time period.

Steve explained some of the recommended amounts for the Conservation Districts, explaining that the real idea is for the CD's to put forward projects to our board during our project rounds. He then explained the Partner contracts and their intent.

Action 4: Doug Mattoon moved to approve the proposed Contracts and their amounts for the July 2010 thru June 2011 contract period. Stuart Durfee Seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

TASK 2: Anne - Contracts for Partners, Print, get signatures, etc…

Approve letter of support from SRSRB for acquiring Charley Creek lands by WDFW:

We had this on the agenda last month but did not act because Commissioner Mattoon wanted to share project details with the Board. Included in the booklet is the information he wanted to provide and ask for Board support for the acquisition.

Doug then explained the maps located in the meeting booklets. He wanted to amend the maps due to the fact that he had just toured the property the day before. He stated that there is more land in this acquisition than he originally thought; it is actually about twice as much land. He explained that his Asotin board of commissioners is supporting this acquisition. Both Landowners have signed letters of intent. He explained that this is important in the IMW work that we are doing in that area. Tax roles are not going to be affected near as much as originally thought. He directed the boards' attention to the chart in the letter in the meeting booklet to show the tax implications.

Discussion concerning purchase price and what

Action 5: Gary Thorgaard moved to approve a letter of support from SRSRB for acquiring Charley Creek Lands by the WDFW. Doug Mattoon Seconded the motion. Dick Jones then asked for discussion. He explained that he has concerns with Land management, etc by WDFW. He stated that he had talked with Tucannon residents today and they are not happy with WDFW do to the maintenance of the lands acquired by them on the Tucannon. Dick Jones stated that he is now supporting reluctantly the acquisition by WDFW for property in Columbia County only due to the fact that it is opening up hunting and fishing opportunities to the general public. Dick Jones then stated that when he looks at the Asotin County property proposal, he fears that this is going to spread WDFW more and make it even harder for land management (weed control) for WDFW. He asked if these landowners were approached for conservation easements. Doug stated that yes they have been approached and they are not interested in that. The other lands owned by these owners are not included due to their homesteads being on these lands. Del defended the weed control being done by the WDFW and the help that is being done by the CD's, and other entities. He stated that one of the things that will happen with this IMW will be that a noxious weed portion will be used for control of the weeds in this area. Dick Ducharme stated that indifference to the commissioners of Asotin Co, he will not object to this action. He stated that his concern is that once it goes into public ownership, it will never come out of that. Doug stated that he has had discussions about money to buy land vs money to maintain the lands after acquired.

Chairman Del Groat then asked for a vote. There not being a consensus, Del asked for a show of hands. The motion passed with a majority of 11 for and 2 against.

TASK 3: Steve - Write a letter of Support from SRSRB for Charley Creek Land Acquisition by WDFW.

Contract Amendment (WWCCD 2009-2010 $650.00):

The Walla Walla Conservation District has spent their lead entity operations grant monies on additional projects and request $650 to cover their June expenses for lead entity. If supported by the Board the action needs to include a statement that you support the request but only if there is available budget.

Action 6: Dick Jones moved to approve a contract increase amendment of up to $650.00 if there are monies unspent in the other partner contracts. Jerry Hendrickson seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was called for. There not being a consensus, Del asked for a show of hands. The motion passed with a majority of 11 for and 2 against.

TASK 4: Anne – Contract Amendment for WWCCD ($650.00), Print, obtain signatures, etc…

Approve Chair to act on behalf of Board to approve IMW contract and contractor:

Discussion: The RFP closed yesterday and we only received one proposal. Steve suggested a motion to appoint the Chair to approve the proposal if a committee comprised of Del Groat, Mark Schuck, Dave Karl, Eric Hoverson and Steve support it. A contract would then be developed between the WWCC and the contractor. This contract will also require approval. A second motion to appoint the Chair the authority to act on behalf of the Board in approving the contract would be needed unless the Board wants to see the contract – this would result in a one month delay on a project that is already 4 months behind schedule.

Action 7: Dick Jones moved to approve the chair to act on behalf of the board to approve the IMW contract and contractor, Bob Johnson seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

TASK 5: Chairman Del Groat – IMW Contractor and Contract Selection and Approval.

Review Board Meeting Options – Possible amendment to Bylaws:

Del stated that at the request of the Board last month, staff identified 3 options for board logistics and venues. This is on page 23 of the meeting booklet. He gave the board a few minutes to evaluate the options and then asked to talk about them.

Action 8: Dick Jones made a motion that we hold the meetings at the same time each month, (4th Tuesday of Each Month) alternating the locations between Dayton and Pomeroy @ 6pm. Gary Thorgaard seconded the motion, there being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

August SRSRB Board Meeting to be 3rd Tuesday of Month (August 17, 2010):

Steve reminded the board that due to the Final Ranked List needing to be submitted to the Salmon Recovery Board by August 25th, the SRSRB August board meeting is to be a special meeting held @ 1pm on the third Tuesday of August (8/17/10). At that meeting the board will review the lead entity project list and approve the final ranked list for funding consideration by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board.

Confirm July 27, 2010 Board meeting and location:

Discussion: None

Action 9: Bob Johnson made a motion that the next meeting be held July 27th in Dayton at 6pm, Gary Thorgaard seconded the motion, there being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:08pm.

Tasks & Actions

Review of Tasks

TASK 1: Steve – Inquire to other regions about Smolt vs. Adult in their streams and report back.
TASK 2: Anne – Contracts for Partners, Print, get signatures, etc…
TASK 3: Steve – Letter of Support from SRSRB for Charley Creek Land Acquisition by WDFW.
TASK 4: Anne – WWCCD Contract Amendment (July 2009-June 2010) - $650.00 increase.
TASK 5: Del – IMW Contractor and Contract Selection and Approval.

Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Action 1: Approve the May 25, 2010 meeting notes.	Roland Schirman	Doug Mattoon	Yes		
Action 2: Approve May Monthly Expenses (Plan Revision, IMW, WDFW & RCO Budgets)	Roland Schirman	Dick Ducharme	Yes		
Action 3: Motion to authorize the project increase cost for the 2007 Little Tucannon Bridge Project.	Doug Mattoon	Dick Ducharme	Yes		
Action 4: Motion to approve the proposed Contracts and their amounts for the July 2010 thru June 2011 contract period.	Doug Mattoon	Stuart Durfee	Yes		
Action 5: Motion to approve a letter of support from SRSRB for acquiring Charley Creek Lands by the WDFW.	Gary Thorgaard	Doug Mattoon	No	11-2	Yes
Action 6: Motion to approve a contract increase amendment of up to $650.00 if there are monies unspent in the other partner contracts.	Dick Jones	Jerry Hendrickson	No	11-2	Yes
Action 7: Motion to approve the chair to act on behalf of the board to approve the IMW contract and contractor.	Dick Jones	Bob Johnson	Yes		
Action 8: Motion that we hold the meetings at the same time each month, (4th Tuesday of Each Month) alternating the locations between Dayton and Pomeroy @ 6pm.	Dick Jones	Gary Thorgaard	Yes		
Action 9: Motion that the next meeting be held July 27th in Dayton at 6pm	Bob Johnson	Gary Thorgaard	Yes		

Attendance

Name	Attendance for 2009-2010											
	Jun 09	Jul 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Oct 09	Nov 09	Jan 10	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 10	May 10	Jun 10
Doug Mattoon	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jay Holzmiller	Yes					Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes
Jerry Hendrickson												*Yes
Dick Ducharme	Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dick Jones	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Roland Schirman	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gary James			Yes	Yes				Yes				
Del Groat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Perry Dozier					*Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Yancey Reser		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Stuart Durfee	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes
Michael Largent		Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gary Thorgaard	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Kelly Farnsworth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	
Bob Johnson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Billy Bowles		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes

*First meeting as a SRSRB Board Member

MEETING NOTES – July 27, 2010

Place: Banner Bank, Dayton, WA

Format: Regular

Board Members Present: Gary Thorgaard (WC), Michael Largent (WC), Roland Schirman (CC), Dick Jones (CC), Dick Ducharme (CC), Jay Holzmiller (AC), Jerry Hendrickson (AC), Del Groat (GC), Billy Bowles (GC), Yancey Reser (WWC), Stuart Durfee (WWC), Perry Dozier (WWC), Bob Johnson (GC)

Board Members on Phone:

Others: Steve Martin (SRSRB), Terry Bruegman (CCD), Anne Chapman (SRSRB), Cathy Schaeffer (WRIA32), Brad Johnson (WRIA 35)

Others on Phone:

Chairman Del Groat called the meeting to order; and verified the quorum (13 Board members were present, 0 present on the phone, total of 13)

Approve June 22, 2010 Meeting Notes:

Discussion: None

Action 1: Roland Schirman moved to approve the June 22, 2010 meeting notes. Billy Bowles seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve June Expenses:

RCO: $35,191.72

WDFW: $16,331.35

Plan Revision: $ 9,715.67

Discussion: The expenses were then reviewed by the board members; Anne ran through the 3 different budget grants and explained the end of the year status to the board members. She also explained the 13th Month that will be reported next board meeting which will officially close out the year. (July 2009 through June 2010).

Action 2: Billy Bowles made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling $35,191.72 expended in June 2010 in the RCO Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $16,331.35 expended in June 2010 in the WDFW Budget, and the invoices/vouchers totaling $9,715.67 expended in June 2010 in the Plan Revision Budget. Dick Jones seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Agenda Review and Revisions:

7:45pm Video presentation canceled – Steve announced that due to some unforeseeable circumstances the video presentation planned for tonight would not be shown. We will try and plan on showing it at a future board meeting.

Asotin County Meeting of Tri State Steelheaders (Del Groat & Brad Johnson attended)

Del reported that the suggestions to add a branch office in WRIA 35 area have been heard and it is being suggested that the Tri State Steelheaders create an affiliated organization in WRIA 35 so that more projects are brought forward. Questions concerning how political are they were answered as them being actually sportsman and being a group that will actually work with people for the betterment of salmon. Cathy Schaeffer commented about their work with Tri State Steelheaders stating that they are a group that does a very good job, usually under budget and very conscious of what they are doing. They are currently working with the SRSRB on several projects on Mill Creek, etc… Del stated that he wanted support for the Tri State Steelheaders coming into the WRIA 35 area. Dick Jones stated that his only concern would be about supporting one group over others. Del stated that there has been disappointment expressed by this board in the fact that very few projects are being proposed for this area. He wanted to see some support for the Tri State Steelheaders just so that we can start seeing projects being brought forward by them or others for this area.

Introduction of Guests and Public Comment:

None

Plan Revision Update – Chuck Peven (BioAnalysts, Inc.)

Steve then updated the board on the Plan Revision status. He stated that Chuck Peven of BioAnalysts, Inc. is updating the hatchery, research and monitoring sections of our plan. He has scheduled a meeting on August 18 where the co-managers will meet to discuss the chapters and develop recommendations or options to consider putting into the plan. Steve then explained the two different hatchery strategies. One strategy mixes wild and hatchery populations, the other is a strictly wild plan (highly risky due to uncertainty and mining of wild fish but). The Board's strategy in the past vs now was then discussed. Keeping wild populations wild and using hatchery fish where wild populations are extirpated were then discussed and the advantages of both strategies.

Steve then discussed the returning numbers of Spring Chinook in the Walla Walla, how long it had been since any kind of a fishing season had been allowed there and the fact that there was one this year. This was significant enough that Governor Gregoire had actually come to visit to see the successes.

Steve reported that the Research, Monitoring and Evaluation chapter is done and waiting the RTT Review.

Threats Chapter status was discussed. Questions concerning what all the criteria actually means and what they mean are still being addressed. Dick Ducharme wondered why we can't use the EDT and if we get to properly functioning conditions, then what are the threats that could threaten the properly functioning conditions.

Steve stated that he is proposing to BPA that they fund status and trends so that we have up-to-date data for plugging into EDT. That work, if funded, would occur in 2011 and take a few years of collection before sufficient data quantity would be available to re-run EDT.

Cost Revisions for the Implementation Schedule – The Implementation Schedule is updated to include new actions each year and not surprisingly the cost estimates continue to go up.

There are no updates to habitat strategies. Except for the RTT recommendation to add the lower Tucannon as a priority.

September board meeting will have updates/revisions for board approval.

SRSRB/LE Round 11 PreScore Meeting Update – Kris Buelow

Steve stated that due to Kris not being here he would do his best to report on the PreScore Meeting and the projects. He stressed that this was a PRESCORE meeting and the scores are not permanent. It was just to let project sponsors know approximately where they might score. Thereby giving the sponsors the opportunity to either drop the project or revise.

Steve then reviewed the project list located in the meeting booklet on page 23.

The Yellowhawk project and a discussion about education of the public who live on the Yellowhawk then ensued.

Easement discussions and the responsibility of the board to the landowners and the terms of the assessment were then discussed. Roland Schirman and Dick Ducharme were in agreement that the board does not have any obligation to follow through with the easements after the assessments if other projects are better suited or score better in a project round. Terry Bruegman stated that Don Howard, a local Columbia County Landowner and a member of the Lead Entity committee, who is not supportive of easements as a landowner was real vocal about approving the assessments and then not funding the easements after the assessment process was done. Don believes that an understanding has been made with the landowners and that the board should follow through with the easement when the assessment process is done.

Frustration with the Fish Screen projects (Blalock Ditch) and Fish and Wildlife not enforcing the screening of these ditches was expressed very strongly by Jay Holzmiller and many other board members were in agreement. Stuart Durfee stated that the big irrigation companies had been enforced, but the little ones had not been. Jay Holzmiller stated that he strongly thought that someone should

have lost their job over these ditches not being screened properly. He found it very frustrating that the SRSRB/LE should have to fund screening projects when others are legally required to do screenings of their ditches. It was noted that we have funded many screens and fish passage projects that fall into this category.

Steve reported that we have $1.6 million dollars plus approximately $150,000 more (pending SRFB decision on August 11) to fund projects in this year's Round 11. The Final Scoring/Ranking Meeting is to be at the Senaca Building in Dayton on Tuesday, August 10th, 2010. All Board Members are encouraged to attend.

Community Salmon Fund Project Applications

Steve reviewed page 24 in the meeting booklet of the proposed Community Salmon Fund Projects. Some of the projects proposed in the SRSRB/LE 11th grant round have now applied for monies through the CSF. (Alpowa project, example)

Dick Ducharme requested that the SRSRB members have access to the full project applications during this scoring/ranking process.

TASK 1: Anne/Kris – post full project applications for both SRSRB/LE Round 11 and CSF on website for Board Member review.

Video of Bull Trout Salvage related to Culvert Replacement Project on Touchet River

Due to Kris unavoidably not being present, the video was not available tonight. Steve then reported on the Touchet Culvert Replacement project. He stated that more than 50 juvenile bull trout were captured yesterday at the site. There were also bigger bull trout observed. Del reported that things may be changing (ownership) in the status of Bluewood. So things remain to be seen on what actually will be happening up there. There were bull trout observed in Corral creek yesterday. Rainbow trout and sculpin were not observed. Del stated that some of the bull trout were 3-5 years old in his estimation. Tailed frogs were also observed. This indicates that this is a real cold clean habitat.

BPA, Tucannon River BiOp habitat programmatic update

Discussion: BPA stated that they will fund the Col Conservation District to conduct the Geomorphic Assessment project on the lower Tucannon and that they have received the BiOp programmatic habitat proposal from Steve that is intended to fund Flood plain reconnection, dike setback, road relocation, burying the overhead power lines and channel complexity projects over an 8-year period. Steve will manage the program while Kris will be responsible for managing the projects in Pices.

Bpa is pleased that this board is willing to support the programmatic.

IMW Contract/Contractor Update

The contract is at WWCC waiting the signing by President VanAusdle. The uncertainty of Charley Creek and landowner issues were then discussed. Steve stated that Brad Johnson has been very helpful in this situation. Jerry Hendrickson suggested meeting face to face with the landowner to Steve, Steve reported that he has done that several times and unfortunately the landowner does not remember the meetings the very next day. Del Groat confirmed this. Jerry Hendrickson then suggested that a meeting also involving Jim (a son) might be a good idea.

Steve stated that Ecological is working on the IMW and has been working for at least a month without a contract.

WDFW Acquiring of Lands (Charley Creek Update) – review draft letter of support

Discussion: Steve then presented a draft letter to the board in support of WDFW acquiring lands up Charley Creek. Jay Holzmiller asked if Betty was aware of this acquisition. Steve answered that she has signed a letter of intent, so yes she is aware of it.

Dick Ducharme – Second page we support acquisition of these lands for the following reasons. On bullet # 4, take out "and future".

Brad Johnson 1st page – fifth paragraph, last sentence – he does not agree with the sentence. Del agreed. Steve will strike that sentence.

Action was not needed due to the board supporting the letter being sent at the last meeting. Steve just wanted a review before he sent it. He will make changes and send the letter.

Steve reported that he will be going over to Olympia to the WWRP meeting on August 11th to support the acquisition of these lands. Billy Bowles is also on the WWRP committee.

TASK 2: Steve - Make corrections to supporting letter WDFW Acquiring of Charley Creek and send.

Sportsmans Recreational Fishery Board Meeting – Del Groat and Steve Martin to attend

Del Groat reported that he and Steve are going over tomorrow to Yakima to go to the salmon and steelhead fishing pilot endorsement program meeting. He asked if the board wanted them to report anything there. Del stated that a letter was written concerning our fishery and the fact that the fishery was suppose to be more equitable. However the Fish season was cut short. The original season was supposed to be open until June 30th and instead it was closed the end of May. This means that our fishery again was shorted even though it was not suppose to be. It has been reported that 13,000 were caught in Idaho and only 3,000 were caught in our fishery this last season. It was stated that those fish had to of gone through our area to get to Idaho. Economic impacts of shortened fisheries and closed fisheries were then discussed.

Confirm August 17th, 2010 Board Meeting, 1pm (Special Meeting – Sandtrap, Dayton, WA) for the Purpose of Approving LE Final Ranked Project list and Community Salmon Fund Projects

Action 3: Bob Johnson moved to have the next SRSRB Board meeting on August 17th, 2010 one week earlier at the Sandtrap Restaurant at 1pm in order to approve the LE Final Ranked Project list, Jerry Hendrickson Seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:33pm.

Tasks & Actions

Review of Tasks

TASK 1: Anne/Kris – post full project applications for both SRSRB/LE Round 11 and CSF on website for Board Member review.

TASK 2: Steve - Make corrections to supporting letter WDFW Acquiring of Charley Creek and send.

Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Action 1: Approve the June 22, 2010 meeting notes.	Roland Schirman	Billy Bowles	Yes		
Action 2: Approve June Monthly Expenses (Plan Revision, WDFW & RCO Budgets)	Billy Bowles	Dick Jones	Yes		
Action 3: Motion to have the next SRSRB Board meeting on August 17th, 2010 one week earlier at the Sandtrap Restaurant at 1pm in order to approve the LE Final Ranked Project list	Bob Johnson	Jerry Hendrickson	Yes		

Attendance

Name	Attendance for July 2010 – June 2011											
	Jul 10	Aug 10	Sep 10	Oct 10	Nov 10	Dec 10	Jan 11	Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 11	May 11	Jun 11
Doug Mattoon												
Jay Holzmiller	Yes											
Jerry Hendrickson	Yes											
Dick Ducharme	Yes											
Dick Jones	Yes											
Roland Schirman	Yes											
Gary James												
Del Groat	Yes											
Perry Dozier	Yes											
Yancey Reser	Yes											
Stuart Durfee	Yes											
Michael Largent	Yes											
Gary Thorgaard	Yes											
Kelly Farnsworth												
Bob Johnson	Yes											
Billy Bowles	Yes											

*First meeting as a SRSRB Board Member

Meeting Notes, August 17, 2010

Place: Touchet Valley Golf Course – Sand Trap Restaurant, Dayton, WA

Format: Regular

Board Members Present: Gary Thorgaard (WC), Roland Schirman (CC), Dick Ducharme (CC), Del Groat (GC), Billy Bowles (GC), Stuart Durfee (WWC), Perry Dozier (WWC), Jed Volkman (CTUIR), Jonathan Thompson (CTUIR), Yancey Reser (WWC).

Others: Steve Martin (SRSRB), Terry Bruegman (CCD), Anne Chapman (SRSRB), Cathy Schaeffer (WRIA32), Brad Johnson (WRIA 35), Mike Bierley (WWCCD), Greg Farrens, Larry Hooker (WWCCD), Don Howard (CC), Sarah Branum (BPA), Rod Hostedler (AC), Mike Miraglio (ACCD), Duane Bartels (PCD), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Mark Grandstaff (WDFW), Dave Karl (WDFW)

Chairman Del Groat called the meeting to order; and verified the quorum (10 Board members were present, 0 present on the phone, total of 10)

Introduction of Participants

Everyone introduced themselves.

Approve July 27, 2010 Meeting Notes:

Discussion: None

Action 1: Roland Schirman moved to approve the July 27, 2010 meeting notes. Perry Dozier seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve 13th Month Expenses:

RCO: $4,604.16
WDFW: $941.80
Plan Revision: $572.60

Discussion: None

Action 2: Gary Thorgaard made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling $4,604.16 expended in 13th Month 2010 in the RCO Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $941.80 expended in 13th Month 2010 in the WDFW Budget, and the invoices/vouchers totaling $572.60 expended in 13th Month 2010 in the Plan Revision Budget. Roland Schirman & Billy Bowles seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve 2010-2011 Operating Budgets (Lead Entity and Board Operations)

Discussion: Steve explained the proposed budgets, explaining that there is $50,000 of unspent funds that is plugged into Partner/Contractors TBD.

Action 3: Roland Schirman made a motion to approve SRSRB and SRSRB/LE Budgets for July 2010-2011. Perry Dozier and Gary Thorgaard seconded the motion.

Discussion about salaries were raised by Roland Schirman, it was explained that being a state entity WWCC currently has a freeze on salary/wages. Steve stated that if the board wanted to entertain salary raises and put it to a vote, then Steve certainly could take it to president VanAusdle for his consideration. Discussion was then that salaries should be put on the agenda in the future maybe on the September agenda or at the first of the year.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

Approve July Monthly Expenses:

RCO: $16,460.19
WDFW: $1,741.61
Plan Revision: $0.00

Discussion: None

Action 4: Perry Dozier made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling $16,460.19 expended in July 2010 in the RCO Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $1,741.61 expended in July 2010 in the WDFW Budget, and the invoices/vouchers totaling $0.00 expended in July 2010 in the Plan

Revision Budget. Gary Thorgaard seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Working Lunch 1:15 – 1:54pm

Agenda Review and Revisions:

None

Call for Public Comment of Projects.

Chairman Del Groat asked for Public Comments on any of the projects stating that this is the time for public comment. When we move to finalizing the list, there will be no public comment.

There was no public comment.

Finalize and Approve SRSRB/LE Round 11 List for Submittal to the SRFB

Discussion: Steve stated that we have had this date on the calendar for several months. He knows there is frustration with the timing of this meeting. He will try to move this back to June/early July in the future. Steve then stated that he wanted the board to be aware of all the time, thought and effort that the Lead Entity committee members and RTT have spent in preparing this list for the board today. Kris acknowledged the technical participants and project sponsors who had spent time in preparing this list. He then continued on to review the process and timeline of this Project round. He reviewed the score card and tables used in the scoring process, briefly. (Located in the meeting booklet)

Kris then directed the boards attention to the projects located in the booklet. He reviewed each project before allowing any comments. He explained the Tucannon River Off-Set Dike project, stating that the project had been scored last year and approved for funding this last year. It was scored as #1 last year and at Terry Bruegmans' cooperation, the project was phased and guaranteed to be funded in its second phase for this year.

Action 5: Roland Schirman made a motion to approve the 11th Grant Round Project List as follows.

1. Tucannon Off Set Dike
2. Mill Creek Japanese Knotweed Removal
3. Tucannon LWD Stream Habitat Restoration
4. Chatman Conservation Easement Acquisition
5. Pataha Creek Fish Passage Rectification
6. Bridge to Bridge Levee Project
7. Yellowhawk Barrier Removal
8. Farrens Easement Assessment
9. Tucannon River Geomorphic Assessment
10. Fritze/Tracy Conservation Easement Acquisition
11. Touchet River McCaw Reach Restoration Project, Phase B (POC)
12. Ford Easement – 1st Alternate
13. Blalock Irrigation District No 13 – Do not fund/No Alternate
14. Regional Culvert Designs – Do not fund (Need better budget; come back with design and implementation next year.)

Bill Bowles seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

Community Salmon Fund Project Application Review and Recommendations to NFWF

Del stated that earlier today the RTT meet and $108,000 are available to allocate to Community Salmon Projects. NFWS does not ask for the board to score /rank these projects. They had the landowners / RTT score them earlier today. They will look at the projects and consider the comments made earlier today to make their determination on which projects get funded. Kris quickly reviewed the projects submitted, handing out a handout for review. Kris/Steve clarified that it would be nice to have

board support for the list as presented to them. Questions were asked about the G&A Smith project and answered.

Action 6: Roland Schirman moved to write a letter of support. Stuart Durfee/Dick Ducharme seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

BPA, Tucannon River BiOp habitat programmatic update

Discussion: Steve stated that 2-3 weeks ago the application was submitted to BPA. The hope is that there will be a contract by December sometime to start implementing the programmatic by the first of the year. Sarah commented that BPA fully intends to support the requested proposal but will consider independent science panel comments in their determination. She also acknowledged that implementation of the programmatic will require staff time and that budget for this is included in the proposal.

Federal Court Overturns USFWS's Decision to Delist Some Populations of Grey Wolves

Discussion: Del stated that the USFWS petitioned to delist wolf population in three of the four states that they inhabit but that the court determined that delisting requires all viable populations across the entire ESU and that individual populations cannot be delisted. There are implications to this ruling. The implications of this ruling are that this may affect our delisting of our fish at the population or major population grouping level. This is due to the fact that this means that we will have to be in accordance with the other neighboring states and what their status is in their fish populations. Currently there is an appeal to the decision on the wolves due to the fact that this could set a precedence on how other species are treated.

Plan Revision Update – Chuck Peven (BioAnalysts, Inc.)

Discussion: Chuck Peven then came in to update the board on the plan revision. Chuck stated that there will be a meeting tomorrow to work on Hatchery/Harvest sections of the plan at the Dayton SRSRB office. The co-managers will be present. Del asked if we could include a threshold number of fish to pass Bonneville dam prior to lower river fisheries consuming the impact and therefore precluding upper river fisheries. Steve stated that he met with Phil Anderson (WDFW Director) and Guy Norman (Harvest management) last week in Olympia and that they are working on a plan for fair allocations. They will be at this year's North of Falcon meeting and Steve has warned them that they had better have a good plan, because they will meet with many upset people at that meeting if they do not.

Pre season harvest allocations were discussed (30 – 40% buffer in preseason run size estimates), mark selective fisheries (why mark Hanford Reach fall Chinook if un-clipped fish must be released) and the commercial purse seining initiative by WDFW to reduce impacts to wild fish caught in commercial fisheries.

Task 1: Draft copies of the Harvest and Hatchery chapters will be posted on website by Anne when they are ready for review.

Research Monitoring and Evaluation will be being worked on soon. Steve will be scheduling a meeting with the RTT for this topic soon.

Stock Status (abundance, productivity, diversity and spatial structure) NOAA is working on updating the status of our stocks.

Confirm September 28th, 2010 Board meeting, 6pm @ Pomeroy Ranger District

Discussion: None

Action 7: Billy Bowles moved to have the next SRSRB Board meeting on September 28th, 2010 at 6pm @ the Pomeroy Ranger District in Pomeroy WA. Gary Thorgaard Seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:26pm.

Tasks & Actions

Review of Tasks

TASK 1: Post copies of Draft Harvest & Hatchery Chapters on Website for review.

Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Action 1: Approve the July 27, 2010 meeting notes.	Roland Schirman	Perry Dozier	Yes		
Action 2: Approve 13th Month Expenses (Plan Revision, WDFW & RCO Budgets)	Gary Thorgaard	Roland Schirman Billy Bowles	Yes		
Action 3: Approve Proposed WDFW & RCO Budgets (July 2010 – June 2011)	Roland Schirman	Perry Dozier Gary Thorgaard			
Action 4: Approve July 2010 Month Expenses (Plan Revision, WDFW & RCO Budgets)	Perry Dozier	Gary Thorgaard			
Action 5: Motion to approve 11th Grt Rnd Project List	Roland Schirman	Billy Bowles			
Action 6: Motion to write letter of support to Community Salmon Fund, supporting proposed ranked list as presented.	Roland Schirman	Stuart Durfee Dick Ducharme			
Action 7: Motion to have the next SRSRB Board meeting on September 28th, 2010 @ 6pm @ the Pomeroy Ranger District, Pomeroy, WA	Billy Bowles	Gary Thorgaard			

Attendance

Name	Attendance for July 2010 – June 2011											
	Jul 10	Aug 10	Sep 10	Oct 10	Nov 10	Dec 10	Jan 11	Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 11	May 11	Jun 11
Doug Mattoon												
Jay Holzmiller	Yes											
Jerry Hendrickson	Yes											
Dick Ducharme	Yes	Yes										
Dick Jones	Yes											
Roland Schirman	Yes	Yes										
Gary James												
Jed Volkman		*Yes										
Jonathan Thompson		*Yes										
Del Groat	Yes	Yes										
Perry Dozier	Yes	Yes										
Yancey Reser	Yes	Yes										
Stuart Durfee	Yes	Yes										
Michael Largent	Yes											
Gary Thorgaard	Yes	Yes										
Kelly Farnsworth												
Bob Johnson	Yes											
Billy Bowles	Yes	Yes										

*First meeting as a SRSRB Board Member

MEETING NOTES – September 28, 2010

Place: USFS Ranger District – 71 W Main Street, Pomeroy, WA 99347

Format: Regular

Board Members Present: Gary Thorgaard (WC), Roland Schirman (CC), Del Groat (GC), Billy Bowles (GC), Michael Largent (WC), Jay Holzmiller (AC), Bob Johnson (GC)

On phone: Stuart Durfee (WWC)

Others: Steve Martin (SRSRB), Anne Chapman (SRSRB), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Brad Johnson (WRIA 35), Chuck Peven (BioAnalysts), Larry Hooker (WWCCD), Duane Bartels (PCD), Cathy Schaeffer (WRIA32), Karen Lennon (WEC)

On Phone: Allyson Purcell (NOAA)

Chairman Del Groat called the meeting to order; at time of start of meeting there was no quorum, but a quorum was established quickly when Bob Johnson arrived and Stuart Durfee called in for action items. (7 Board members were present, 1 present on the phone, total of 8)

Introduction of Guests and Public Comment.

All in attendance introduced themselves.

Approve August 17, 2010 Meeting Notes:

Discussion: None

Action 1: Michael Largent moved to approve the August 17, 2010 meeting notes. Roland Schirman seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve August 2010 Expenses:

RCO: $27,384.52

WDFW: $6,232.62

Plan Revision: $0.00

IMW $0.00

Discussion: None

Action 2: Roland Schirman made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling $27,384.52 expended in August 2010 in the RCO Budget and the invoices/vouchers totaling $6,232.62 expended in August 2010 in the WDFW Budget, Billy Bowles seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Agenda Review and Revisions:

Roland Schirman requested adding a short discussion about the Policy advisory group. There will be a meeting and he needs direction on how to answer coordination questions, etc.

Approve $6,000 videography and video production of habitat restoration projects across the region August 2010-August 2011

Visit http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ULrViLOAvY for an example

Discussion: The Chelan County / Upper Columbia video on youtube was shown. Steve stated that there is opportunity for us to have a video developed for our region. The video would be produced at WWCC. The action item would be to approve funds for development of an outreach video for the SRSR area. This would be a good outreach tool, to illustrate participants, accomplishments, etc….It was stated that this is needed by both Del Groat (GC) and Larry Hooker (WWCCD). Steve noted that this video just shown cost $30,000 to produce. WWCC has donated time to develop our video. The use of their students and Media Dave will help to defray the costs. Many reasons for why this video should be developed were then discussed. The ability to show at fairs, schools and other community events to raise public awareness is needed. Many other positive points were discussed.

Action 3: Billy Bowles made a motion to approve the development of an outreach video and the cost of $6,000 for its development. Gary Thorgaard seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Confirm October 26th, 2010 Board meeting, 6pm @ Pomeroy Ranger District

Discussion: Steve briefly stated that on behalf of Dick Ducharme, he would like to extend an invitation to all board members to fish on Dick's property on the afternoon of October 26th, 2010 before the next SRSRB meeting. He also stated that it has been suggested to have a working dinner during our board meeting in Pomeroy at the Soggy Bottom Café – (Fried Chicken and mashed potato dinner).

Action 4: Gary Thorgaard moved to have the next SRSRB Board meeting on October 26th, 2010 at 6pm @ the Soggy Bottom Cafe in Pomeroy WA with the meal provided; fishing will be at Dick Ducharme's in the early afternoon. Bob Johnson Seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Summary of quarterly review/progress meeting with Governor's Salmon Recovery Office and RCO conducted September 22, 2010

Discussion: Steve stated that our contract with the RCO has milestones, deliverables and tasks that we must meet. The RCO continues to rely on the GSRO to help evaluate regional board's performance across the state and to identify challenges, successes and general performance. Last week the SRSRB Staff was reviewed and our review with the GSRO and RCO was very positive. He reported that we have met or are on schedule to meet the terms of our contract. Steve then briefly summarized the major salmon recovery initiatives that we are working on including (1) the LiDAR/geomorphic assessments of the Touchet and Tucannon as they relate to habitat improvements, levee vegetation policies and flood risk minimization, (2) Mill Creek passage, (3) the IMW and (4) the Tucannon BiOp. Steve stated that these are significant salmon recovery initiatives that caught the attention of the GSRO and RCO because they exceed the expectations in our contract which illustrated to them the abilities of our staff and strong relationship with our partners. Our other primary work continues to be updating the plan, Snake River ESU roll up, Mid C coordination, operating the lead entity program, and coordinating and reporting implementation. Looking forward, staff along with the RCO and GSRO identified the need or gap in our ability to effectively monitor habitat status and trends and how we plan on resolving our need to protect existing habitat. We have been deficient in the past but progress is being made on tracking and reporting project accomplishments because of the work of Kris. Steve reported that we are exceeding expectations and anticipate stable federal funding from the SRFB for the next biennium.

Plan Revision Update – Chuck Peven (BioAnalysist, Inc.)

1. **Hatchery Chapter**
2. **Harvest Chapter**
3. **Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (RME) Chapter**

Discussion: Steve reminded the board that we had contracted with Bio Analysts this spring to help update our plan. (Primarily the RME, Hatchery and Harvest chapters). Work has progressed and Chuck Peven of Bio Analysts was present to share with the board the latest summary of these chapters. He stated that the intent was for Chuck to overview these chapters with us and then for us to be prepared to approve them at our November Board meeting. The board will have one more opportunity to discuss these at our October board meeting. Chuck then showed a Power Point presentation outlining the updates to the RME, Hatchery and Harvest chapters of the SRSRB plan.

Consternation was expressed about our ability to meet the requirements of the ESA because achieving de-listing appears impossible; de-listing requires not only that we achieve the abundance criteria but that the other VSP and listing factors (threats) also be met. In the absence of proof, which requires un-funded but robust monitoring, that VSP criteria have been met and that the threats have been dealt, combined with our dependence on other geographic areas (Idaho and Oregon), leaves the Board feeling a bit helpless. Steve reminded the Board that our plan has a 15-year target for recovery of most of our populations but that our plan stated that several of the populations will require more time.

Steve will talk with NOAA about "provisional" delisting of our populations that meet the criteria but reminded everyone of the recent court decision regarding the ESA-listed wolf populations.

Task 1: Anne – post Chuck Peven power point presentation (Draft of RME, Hatchery and Harvest Chapters) online for board to review.

Allyson Purcell, NOAA, Columbia Basin Hatchery Draft EIS (available at http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Salmon-Harvest-Hatcheries/Hatcheries/MA-EIS.cfm)

Discussion: Del Groat then introduced Allyson Purcell with NOAA who is the primary author of the draft Mitchell Act and Columbia River environmental impact statement for Columbia basin hatcheries and who was on the phone to discuss the context for this document and to summarize its conclusions. The development of this draft document has been in the works for almost 10 years and the purpose is to identify alternatives for hatchery production in the Columbia basin and then through a public process, select the preferred alternative. Four of the five alternatives identified in the DEIS shows a range from significant reductions to apparent complete closures of all Columbia basin hatcheries. Clearly this has significant implications for our region.

Allyson then gave a quick summary of the purpose of the EIS. She stated that there were two reasons for it, the first reason being to develop priorities for the Mitchell Act Funding (which they administer) and to provide a comprehensive foundation of information that will be used in future ESA determinations. These are the only two decisions that they make with regards to hatchery production in the basin and these decisions trigger NEPA. NEPA is a different type of law. This law provides procedure, providing info to the public and discloses environmental impacts and lets the public determine what the procedures will be. None of these alternatives are proposals for NMFS, they are only examples for the sake of the analysis: The effects for instance of losing the Mitchell Act funding is one of the examples, even though this probably would not happen and they do not want it to happen, it is a possibility and because it is a possibility, the effects of losing that funding was explored. There is no preferred alternative in the EIS. This will more than likely happen after they have heard from everyone. An example was required to show environmental impacts of at least one project on the ground for the sake of the analysis only. A record of decision will be decided on and will be very goal orientated. This is a programmatic EIS and incorporates the whole Columbia Basin. Public Comment was originally to be 90 days. The public comment period is now scheduled to end on December 3rd, 2010. There are several public meetings left. There will be one held in Lewiston on Oct 13th 2010. Allyson then opened up the floor for questions/comments. Del Groat then stated that the SRSRB is a working watershed group and wondered why he had just heard of this in the last couple of months. Why was the SRSRB not on the mailing list? He also stated that he had noticed that none of the State of Washington salmon recovery organizations were on the list. Allyson stated that she will be sure to add them. Brad Johnson stated that he had noticed that none of the preparers listed as being consulted were from Southeastern Washington, North Eastern Oregon or Idaho, why were they not consulted to help prepare? Allyson explained that they consulted with people only when they needed help. Steve then asked Allyson if he understood her to say that the outcome of this environmental impact statement is that it can't override any legal mandates or existing requirements/policies. Allyson stated that that was correct. Preferred alternatives could not exist if they are in conflict with mandates. Del Groat then asked about the reason for termination of hatcheries and in his opinion, none of the programs meet the criteria listed. Allyson stated that none of this will be affected by the Snake River compensation plan.

Steve stated that a lot of emphasis seems to be being placed on the negative effects of hatcheries and not much is being stated about the benefits of hatcheries. This is very concerning to this organization. The general feeling is that this document and others (HRT, HSRG) are strongly influencing the opinion about of hatcheries. Allyson stated that there have been conversations in her agency about how to highlight the benefits of hatcheries. Policy direction usually influences funding and the concerns about something like this EIS influencing the future funding of hatcheries was then expressed by Steve.

He did also express that we do recognize that there are risks of hatcheries. Allyson addressed the federal funding and stated that this will help them set priorities for Mitchell Act Funding. The only way that this could affect us is that it cannot say which programs it should support. The only way that NMFS can affect those programs is if they receive a HGMP or a hatchery plan and it is reviewed by them and then determines there is jeopardy. Del Groat then stated that there are concerns over this EIS being all of a sudden on the fast track and that this organization wants to make sure that this EIS should be thoroughly reviewed before adopted. Jay Holzmiller commented about the policies needing to be socially acceptable. He stated that fish are a very important business in the Lewis/Clark area. Two and three generations of people fishing in the Lewis/Clark area have interests in this and so this needs to be not just economically acceptable, but socially acceptable too. There were no more comments and Del thanked Allyson for calling in.

Brad Johnson asked if at the October 13th meeting in Lewiston, there will be any testimony or input at that meeting from our organization. He also stated that Doug Mattoon has said that there will be a public legal notice placed in the local papers. It is expected that the public will be well represented at that meeting. Steve would be happy to speak on the Boards position on hatchery's at this meeting.

Steve stated that a draft letter will be at the November meeting for the board to approve and send.

BPA, Tucannon River BiOp habitat programmatic update

Discussion: Steve reported that he had been in conversation with BPA and has learned that there is support for the proposal but that the technical team has not yet commented on our request. Hopefully there will be a decision made in October but all signals are that this will be approved by BPA.

Discuss proposed, prioritized expenditures in the estimated amounts:
$6,000 – Videography/Public Outreach Video
$30,000 – Plan Update, formatting and printing
$40,000 – Shorelines Master Program/Critical Areas Ordinance technical assistance
$10,000 – GIS software and hardware

Discussion: Steve reported that after our quarterly review with the GSRO and RCO a couple of priorities emerged that we have not identified in our budget but do have funding to cover. This agenda item is for planning purposes, no action is needed but rather a conversation and understanding of proposed expenses.

They are plan formatting and shorelines master plan/critical areas ordinances. First, the plan formatting is for the purpose of taking all of these new chapters and revised information and compiling, standardizing, formatting and printing/binding it. Staff estimates this will take a month or two of contract services which combined with printing and binding could approach $30,000. The second item, shorelines master program/critical areas ordinance updates is a technical assistance item. The basic premise is that ordinances could replace the amount of money we spend on conservation easements but that our staff and partners do not have the expertise or time to commit to researching policy, developing alternatives and preparing recommendations. We need professional technical assistance to help in this major salmon recovery initiative. Staff estimates this will take several months or longer to complete which could easily exceed $40,000. The GIS software and hardware cost is needed with all of the LiDAR imagery now available. With Kris just completing GIS training, it is important that we have the capacity to view, analyze and print these images specific to any particular need.

The last item, videography of salmon recovery actions and testimony as voted on earlier will be very helpful as a public outreach tool to show at county fairs, community gatherings, and other such events.

Staff Salary review

Discussion: Del reported that the executive committee, following on the comments at the last board meeting, asked Steve to compile a range of salaries for staff from the other regional boards. Steve's assessment is included in the packet. Steve reported that staff salaries range from slightly to significantly lower than their counterparts in other regions. He stated that this information is just so that the Board knows how our staff salaries compare to other regions. Steve also reported that staff are state employees subject to state policies and that there is currently a salary freeze, so salaries cannot be increased at this time. Roland stated that he thought that since the monies that fund the staff is federal, that this may not be true.

Task 2: Steve – follow up on monies (federal vs state) at WWCC and what this means for staff salaries.

Policy Advisory Group

Discussion: Roland stated that he and several others are involved in the Walla Walla Watershed Partnership being members of the advisory group. He asked for some input on funding, education research (what role should SRSRB be playing), what ideas can Roland give to them to plan for the next year. Steve will get the implementation plan for WRIA35 to Roland. Roland then asked how we can be certain that coordination between the SRSRB and the Policy Advisory Group. Steve's answer was Matt Rajnus and others including Stuart Durfee and agency staff are participants in both organizations. Cathy Schaeffer stated that several others are involved in both organizations. Yancey Reser, Stuart Durfee, Dick Jones are all members and Steve Martin and Perry Dozier are alternates. It was stated that providing information to Cathy and Roland is a good plan. Roland stated that he wanted to make sure that we have continuing coordination. Roland will report back to the Partnership that there is a high level of coordination and cooperation. If he sees that changing, he will come back to us and make sure coordination continues.

Invitation from Dick Ducharme for Board members to fish for steelhead on his property on October 26th, 2010

Discussion: Steve stated that Dick Ducharme is in Alaska putting a dent in their salmon recovery program but asked that Steve extend an invitation to Board members to fish for steelhead on his property the day of our next board meeting, October 26. It was decided that the board would meet at Dicks at 1pm to fish. As per Action 4 above it was reiterated that there then would be a working dinner meeting at the Soggy Bottom Café in Pomeroy WA after fishing starting at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:37pm.

Tasks & Actions

Review of Tasks

TASK 1: Anne – post Chuck Peven power point presentation (Draft of RME, Hatchery and Harvest Chapters) online for board to review.

TASK 2: Steve – follow up on monies (federal vs state) at WWCC and what this means for staff salaries.

Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Action 1: Approve the August 17, 2010 meeting notes.	Michael Largent	Roland Schirman	Yes		
Action 2: Approve August 2010 Expenses (WDFW & RCO Budgets)	Roland Schirman	Billy Bowles	Yes		
Action 3: **M**otion to approve the development of an outreach video and the cost of $6,000 for its development.	Billy Bowles	Gary Thorgaard	Yes		
Action 4: Motion to have the next SRSRB Board meeting on October 26th, 2010 @ 6pm @ the Soggy Bottom Cafe, Pomeroy, WA with working dinner	Gary Thorgaard	Bob Johnson	Yes		

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Jed Volkman		*Yes										
Jonathan Thompson		*Yes										
Del Groat	Yes	Yes	Yes									
Perry Dozier	Yes	Yes										
Yancey Reser	Yes	Yes										
Stuart Durfee	Yes	Yes	Yes									
Michael Largent	Yes		Yes									
Gary Thorgaard	Yes	Yes	Yes									
Kelly Farnsworth												
Bob Johnson	Yes		Yes									
Billy Bowles	Yes	Yes	Yes									

*First meeting as a SRSRB Board Member

MEETING NOTES – October 26, 2010

Place: Soggy Bottom Cafe – 718 W Main Street, Pomeroy, WA 99347
Format: Regular

Board Members Present: Del Groat (GC), Billy Bowles (GC), Bob Johnson (GC), Gary Thorgaard (WC), Jerry Hendrickson (AC), Roland Schirman (CC), Dick Jones (CC), Dick Ducharme (CC), Perry Dozier (WWC), Jay Holzmiller (AC), Michael Largent (WC), Kelly Farnsworth (WC)
On phone: None
Others: Steve Martin (SRSRB), Anne Chapman (SRSRB), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Brad Johnson (WRIA 35), Chuck Peven (BioAnalysts), Larry Hooker (WWCCD), Duane Bartels (PCD), Terry Bruegman (CCD), Mike Miraglio (ACD), Sarah Branum
On Phone: Cathy Schaeffer (WRIA32)

Welcome

Del started the meeting stating that we should get started with dinner. Bob Johnson did a short prayer saying thanks for our meal and also asking for peace for Roland's wife, Carol and also for Roland and his family in their time of loss.

Dinner

Chairman Del Groat called the meeting to order and verified a quorum. (9 Board members were present, 0 present on the phone, total of 9). Perry Dozier, Kelly Farnsworth and Michael Largent joined shortly after meeting began a total of 12 board members present.

Del then thanked Donna with the Soggy Bottom Café for accommodating our request to hold the board meeting here and also for providing such a great meal.

Approve September 28, 2010 Meeting Notes:

Discussion: None

Action 1: Roland Schirman moved to approve the September 28, 2010 meeting notes. Bob Johnson seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve September 2010 Expenses:
RCO: $30,125.84
WDFW: $3,754.73
Plan Revision: $0.00
IMW $66,710.98

Discussion: None

Action 2: Jerry Hendrickson made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling $30,125.84 expended in September 2010 in the RCO Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $3,754.73 expended in September 2010 in the WDFW Budget, and the invoices/vouchers totaling $66,710.98 expended in the September 2010 IMW Budget. Dick Ducharme seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Agenda Review and Revisions:

Del stated that Steve would like the Board to know that he had prepared a letter of support for the Columbia County Public Transportation and their request for support for their operating and capital funding. He sent the letter to Commissioner Jones and a copy is available here if you would like to see it.

Kris Buelow reported that he had talked with Glen Mendel and there have been 50,000 Fall Chinook over Lower Granite this year. These are exciting numbers. 20 years ago there were only 76. It is thought to be the second largest since counts have been being recorded. Dick Ducharme stated that the sockeye run this year is also very good. He stated that it needs to be recognized that the Dams have improved passage and these runs are as big as or bigger than counts that were made before the dams were put in. These facilities are not getting the credit for their improvements in passage and that is very important. Del stated that the Columbia Basin report is that mortality rate has dropped. These are all good reports. A good discussion about fish counts then ensued. Dick Ducharme also stated that the NWPCC reports, there are two reports on predation, on small mouth bass and walleyes were also positive steps.

Introduction of Guests and Public Comment.

Sara Branum with BPA from Portland was thanked for being here this evening to answer questions regarding the Tucannon River Habitat Programmatic request and she will talk later in the evening.

Plan Revision Update – Chuck Peven (BioAnalysist, Inc.)
Hatchery Chapter
Harvest Chapter
Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (RME) Chapter

Discussion: Del introduced Chuck Peven of BioAnalysist, Inc. Chuck stated that the hatchery section final draft was given to Steve today. He stated that he had met with the RTT last month on the research, monitoring & evaluation chapter, many of their comments were incorporated at that time. The request from the RTT was that they would like to use the RM&E chapter as framework for their existing monitoring. In order to do this, it needs to be shown that this document links with existing regional documents and processes that are ongoing. This would make it easier for them to use this as a framework when they are contracting with BPA and other organizations. The MERR plan (NWPCC) is still incomplete and encompasses much more than Salmon Recovery. This is necessary because there focus is much broader than just recovery. Many workshops in Stevenson last year were held trying to establish a framework for monitoring. Many organizations were involved in those workshops including NOAA fisheries, action agencies and co-managers. This will be complementary to this section of our plan. This will not be a legal binding document. People are concerned and there are controversies about some portions, however it is important to note that NOAA has stated many times that this is just guidance. Dick Ducharme stated that he was concerned about having several different plans, from several different organizations. He has a problem with plans that do not get used due to the fact that one organization does not like what another has done. It is our obligation to make sure that that does not happen. He asked if the EDT is now not good. He did not think so. He thought it was just incomplete and needs to be completed. Many dollars have been spent on this EDT. He wants to see the MERR and EDT complementing each other. Dick did not want to see many monitoring dollars spent on monitoring that did not validate the EDT. Chuck stated that the EDT model shows that if you reach a level of properly functioning conditions you will get a certain level of fish. However Chuck stated that the criticism of the EDT is that there is not a linkage to the properly functioning conditions and the effects on the numbers of fish. Monitoring needs to be done to show these numbers and get these figures, instead of having someone's expert opinion, which may or may not be right and also can be varying according to who that expert is. Dick wanted to make sure that when the habitat data is

gathered he wants that information to be plugged into the EDT. Chuck stated that how the data is collected is very important and it will affect how this data is used in the future. Dick stated that it is our job to make sure our mission comes before the money and turf. It is important that all the work that has been done is not forgotten.

Steve reviewed what he had heard stating that basically Dick wanted to make sure that:

- Habitat, status, effectiveness and trends monitoring warrants funding so that we can collect empirical data
- Consideration for how we are going to rewrite the EDT based on that data needs to be included in the RM&E chapter
- Identification for each of our populations (also suggested by Glen Mendel) what key habitat factors and fish metrics we are going to monitor in our key watersheds. (Asotin, Tucannon, Touchet, Walla Walla Rivers) needs to be included in our RME chapter.

It was stated that this board has stated for many years that if you are going to do habitat restoration projects, then monitoring needs to be done to establish the effectiveness of these projects. Steve stated that discussion (Funding of monitoring) will be held at a meeting on Friday in Snohomish with the SRFB. The discussion will be about allowing 10% of our regional project funding for monitoring.

Chuck stated that he is working with Glen Mendel on wording in the monitoring chapter that will not only focus on recovery but also focus on restoration and monitoring to validate.

The Harvest Chapter is being developed with NOAA and it is out for internal review. Our section will be modeled after their chapter.

Chuck then went through his power point reviewing the updated chapters.

Comments to NOAA regarding Mitchell Act/Columbia basin hatchery draft Environmental Impact Statement

Discussion: Del stated that Steve has compiled comments he has received from Board members, participants and others in response to the NOAA draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Columbia basin hatcheries. Steve Martin, Commissioner Mattoon, Billy Bowles, Brad Johnson and Del Groat attended the public meeting in Lewiston a few weeks ago along with several community members and Nez Perce Tribal members and staff. They shared their perspectives at the Lewiston meeting. Steve has developed a bullet list of those comments for Board review and input. He will compile what he hears this evening along with the list he presented and develop a formal letter before the next board meeting so that we have a formal response to NOAA by the December 3 deadline.

Brad Johnson stated that one thing he really felt needed to be included in the letter is that the Snake Basin (SE Wa, NE Or and ID) was not included in this report. None of us were contacted. The economic impact is $25 million and we were not contacted.

Del stated that this area was not contacted for economic impact information or any other information for that matter. Del stated that tribes are not supportive of this report either. Dick Jones stated that the contents of the memo were good and he liked it. Discussion then ensued about what the purpose of the Mitchell Act actually was and why it was developed. Hatchery reductions and eliminations of dams is very prevalent in there alternatives. This is not supported by this board. Concerns about this being a way to defund hatcheries in the future were expressed.

The Nez Perce and Confederated Tribe of the Umatilla Indian Reservation will also be sending letters. The hope is that we will be able to see their letter prior to sending ours, so that we can complement theirs. Public comment deadline is December 3, 2010. Suggestions were made for people to send their own letters and also to send this letter to our congressman.

Task 1: Steve will send a draft letter via email to board members, so that the board can send individual letters out complementing the board letter.

Action 3: Dick Ducharme moved to allow Steve to develop the letter, endorsing the content of the memo presented and the few suggestions made tonight, send it to the board members via email and

then send the letter. Dick Jones seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Conservation Easement priority areas map for 2011 SRFB grant round consideration

Del stated that staff requested the RTT to develop priority areas for guiding future conservation easements and the criteria by which they selected those areas. At the September RTT meeting the group identified those areas indicated on the map in your booklet. At the October RTT meeting the group concluded that easements need to be located in a spawning and rearing area on private lands within any MSA (Big Green Areas on Priority Map) because MSA's are by default the areas that have the highest potential and we should protect them. Further, easements should be prioritized amongst themselves based on location, continuity with existing protected habitat, size, and cost. Staff suggests that these four criteria be used to evaluate easements against each other, but that no additional points will be awarded by the score card.

Roland asked about getting counties to develop policies that will protect these lands. He asked how we propose/advocate these policies and the development of them. Steve stated that in his talks with the Columbia County planner (Richard Hendrickson), the planner had stated that if a LidAR map showing areas with recent floods, 100 year flood plains, etc., are; then they could consider putting restrictions on these areas. Dick Ducharme stated that there is considerable citizen resistance to boundaries greater than 200 feet. What a conservation easement does is compensate someone for putting restrictions on their lands. Concentration needs to be put on areas with more potential for development than other areas. Dick Jones stated that pressure needs to be kept on the planning departments to adopt regulations. Ultimately the Planner will have to give the commissioners a recommendation for an ordinance and then the ordinance will have to be passed by the commissioners. There should not be any exceptions to the ordinance given. Cathy Schaeffer stated that she thought that the LiDAR information is going to be real helpful. She stated that she thinks that easements are really a case by case basis and need to be handled that way. With the freshness of the ESA listings, we need to be very careful with how we handle the easements. Monies being spent on easements are going to be very important to landowners as regulations are being developed.

Task 2: Kris will develop a layer on the priority reaches area showing public lands, existing easements etc, to try and help guide sponsors with easement projects.

BPA, Tucannon River BiOp habitat programmatic update

Discussion: Staff met with Sara Branum to begin developing the administrative contract that will be the operational grant for implementing the programmatic effective in November or December of this year. As a reminder, the administrative contract will be roughly $130,000 and parsed out as 0.3 FTE for WDFW, 0.4 FTE for staff, $50,000 for project effectiveness monitoring, and $10,000 for indirect expense plus supplies. The purpose of the administrative contract is to provide operational funding for staff to identify, review, select, create contract, track and report the projects that are implemented as well as to monitor the effectiveness of those projects. The monitoring work will be contracted out by the Board but not conducted by staff. The vast majority of the project dollars will be contracts between BPA and the project sponsor which is envisioned to be primarily WDFW, CTUIR, USFS and the RFEG but other sponsors are possible. The RTT will recommend projects for Board approval and then the Board will request BPA to fund those projects it supports.

Sarah Branum stated that we had submitted a proposal last summer. A review has still not been done, even though we were one of the first proposals submitted. It is going to take some time to get money on the ground for projects.

Steve stated that there are 8 pre identified projects. Burying power lines, relocating the road, Dike setbacks, installation of large wood, monitoring components, reconfiguring Beaver and Watson lakes into one lake, are some of those projects.

TASK 3: Steve will get the narrative of the proposal to Jerry Hendrickson.

Staff Salary and total compensation review

Discussion: At the request of the Board and WWCC, staff compiled salaries and composite compensation for the Snake River board staff and the staff of other Columbia basin recovery organizations. The graphs are included in your booklet and at this time, since staff is WWCC employees and there is a state salary freeze, this is just information for the Board.

Steve drew the Boards attention to the graph included in the meeting booklet, drawing their attention to Kris's Salary compared to others in the region. He noted that Kris's salary is particularly lower than others and he stated he was sure that the board will remember this when the salary freeze is lifted in the future.

Confirm November 16, 2010 Board Meeting, 6pm @ Roland Schirmans House, Dayton (3rd week of November)

Discussion: Steve stated that Roland has invited the Board to hold its November board meeting at his home in Dayton and has graciously offered to prepare the dinner meal. If the board accepts his offer I suggest we all bring a few bucks to throw in the hat to cover his expense.

Action 4: Dick Jones moved that we hold our next SRSRB meeting one week early on Nov 16, 2010 @ 6pm @ Roland Schirman's house in Dayton, Michael Largent seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.

Tasks & Actions

Review of Tasks

Task 1: Steve will send a draft letter via email to board members, so that the board can send individual letters out complementing the board letter.

Task 2: Kris will develop a layer on the priority reaches area showing public lands, existing easements etc, to try and help sponsors with easement projects.

Task 3: Steve will get the narrative of the proposal to Jerry Hendrickson.

Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Action 1: Approve the September 28, 2010 meeting notes.	Roland Schirman	Bob Johnson	Yes		
Action 2: Approve September, 2010 Expenses (WDFW IMW & RCO Budgets)	Jerry Hendrickson	Dick Ducharme	Yes		
Action 3: Motion to allow Steve to develop the letter, endorsing the content of the memo presented and the few suggestions made tonight, send it to the board members via email and then send the letter.	Dick Ducharme	Dick Jones	Yes		
Action 4: Motion that we hold our next SRSRB meeting one week early on Nov 16, 2010 @ 6pm @ Roland Schirman's house in Dayton,	Dick Jones	Michael Largent	Yes		

Attendance

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Jay Holzmiller	Yes		Yes	Yes								
Jerry Hendrickson	Yes			Yes								
Dick Ducharme	Yes	Yes		Yes								
Dick Jones	Yes			Yes								
Roland Schirman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes								
Gary James												
Jed Volkman		*Yes										
Jonathan Thompson		*Yes										
Del Groat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes								
Perry Dozier	Yes	Yes		Yes								
Yancey Reser	Yes	Yes										
Stuart Durfee	Yes	Yes	Yes									
Michael Largent	Yes		Yes	Yes								
Gary Thorgaard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes								
Kelly Farnsworth				Yes								
Bob Johnson	Yes		Yes	Yes								
Billy Bowles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes								

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MEETING NOTES – November 16, 2010

Place: Roland Schirman's House, 120 Weinhard Rd, Dayton, WA 99328
Format: Regular

Board Members Present: Del Groat (GC), Billy Bowles (GC), Bob Johnson (GC), Jerry Hendrickson (AC), Roland Schirman (CC), Dick Jones (CC), Doug Mattoon (AC), Jay Holzmiller (AC)
On Phone: Yancey Reser (WWC)
Others: Steve Martin (SRSRB), Anne Chapman (SRSRB), Larry Hooker (WWCCD)
On Phone: Cathy Schaeffer (WRIA32), Brad Johnson (WRIA 35)

Welcome

Del thanked Roland for the excellent dinner.

Dinner

Chairman Del Groat called the meeting to order and verified a quorum. (8 Board members were present, 1 present on the phone, total of 9).

Approve October 26, 2010 Meeting Notes:

Discussion: None

Action 1: Roland Schirman moved to approve the October 26, 2010 meeting notes. Bob Johnson seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve October 2010 Expenses:

RCO: $21,218.84
WDFW: $6,781.66
Plan Revision: $5,844.82
IMW $7,789.46

Discussion: None

Action 2: Bob Johnson made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling $21,218.84 expended in October 2010 in the RCO Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $6,781.66 expended in October 2010 in the WDFW Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling $5,844.82 expended in the October 2010 Plan Revision Budget and the invoices/vouchers totaling $7,789.46 expended in the October 2010 IMW Budget. Jerry Hendrickson seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Agenda Review and Revisions:
Mill Creek Watershed Flume Design

The Mill Creek Watershed Flume Design was shown by Steve on the projector. Steve stated that ½ a million was approved by the board for improvement of passage in Mill Creek. About $100,000 was used to develop this 1-8 scale design to improve passage in places downtown in Walla Walla (ex: under the Bon Marche). This was built over at the labs in SeaTac. Several will be going over to see the design on Monday. Steve explained the velocity issues and showed slides of the design. This design was built for a 7" bull trout up to a 30" steelhead fish. This design addresses Bull trout, Steelhead, Chinook and other fish passage issues.

Steve asked for board approval to cover travel Reimbursement to those board members who would like to go over to SeaTac and look at the design. He stated that this is a very important project and worth the board traveling to see the design.

ACTION 3: Doug Mattoon moved to approve travel reimbursement for any board member who would like to travel to SeaTac and see the Mill Creek Watershed Flume Design. Billy Bowles seconded the motion, there being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Comment Letter to NOAA concerning the Columbia Basin Hatchery DEIS

Del stated that an oversight is that the agenda did not include Board approval of the comment letter to NOAA on the Columbia Basin Hatchery DEIS. A final draft of the letter is provided tonight for everyone to review. He stated that at our last board meeting we approved the key points Steve provided in his draft comment letter and asked that he develop a final letter based on those points. Comments have been received by Steve and incorporated in the letter. Del asked that everyone review the letter and then discussion/action to have Steve submit the letter on the boards' behalf can happen.

ACTION 4: Dick Jones moved to approve the final draft comment letter concerning the Columbia Basin Hatchery DEIS and the sending of the letter to NOAA. Jerry Hendrickson seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

TASK 1: Steve - Send Columbia Basin Hatchery DEIS letter to NOAA

Final Hatchery and Fishery Management chapters for Board consideration; RME chapter is being reviewed by RTT for future Board consideration.

Discussion: The RTT provided final review of the hatchery chapter today and reinforced the need for a review of past hatchery practices so that the reader can see that historic hatchery management did not consider ESA or in some cases, species conservation. There were a few errors that Steve will convey to Chuck Peven. The RTT strongly encourages a guiding principal in the hatchery section about the need for evaluating hatcheries individually regarding thier strategies to balance conservation with fishery opportunity.

Steve stated that basically there are 4 Major points that were brought out at the RTT Meeting today about the hatchery section are:

- Reinforce economic importance and dependence upon Hatcheries
- Long term/Sustained fisheries
- Hatchery by Hatchery evaluation basis by NOAA
- Reinforce the adult abundance recovery goals that hatcheries are based on

Brad Johnson then talked about the closing of hatcheries. They need to at least go to the individual HGMP's of each hatchery. Brad stated that Glen Mendel had stated at the RTT meeting earlier today that they are planning on closing 7-11 hatcheries throughout the state. The board needs to be making sure that hatcheries being closed are not hatcheries that are producing fish and not hatcheries in the lower Columbia. Repercussions of hatcheries being closed in the Lower Columbia were then brought out by Brad (Fishing Quotas-pressures, etc)

Jay Holzmiller asked if our state and federal legislatures need to be aware of our position on this. Should this letter be CC to them? It was agreed that the letter needs to be sent to Idaho and Oregon) state and federal legislatures also.

Del stated that the harvest chapter is essentially done and is just waiting regional harvest numbers since listing. Once completed Steve will make it available for board review. Data about harvested salmon within our region is being collected. Economic Impact analysis in our region is part of the reason for the gathering of this data. Del asked if this information can be made available to the People of North of Falcon. Jay Holzmiller suggested being proactive and going public on the position of the board on the fishing quotas and the effects the fishing quotas economically in our communities. Conversation about not being afraid to go public then ensued – (Dick Jones) if you're not willing to do so, you will not accomplish anything. It was agreed that this would be beneficial.

Steve then showed the board the Salmon Counts webpages being developed by Kris, Anne, Glen Mendel and others. This is actual empirical data reported on these pages.

The RME chapter is still a work in progress; Steve has coordinated a meeting with WDFW and others to work on this chapter later this month.

TASK 2: Anne/Kris – Finish Salmon Counts Webpages and get posted to website.

TASK 3: Steve - Coordinate the Finalizing of the Harvest, Hatchery and RME chapters for board approval.

Status of Tucannon River BiOp Habitat Programmatic Contract with BPA – Sarah Branum

Discussion: Steve received ISRP comments today and reviewed them with the RTT. Most of the comments are about the process he described by which we would identify and evaluate projects. The ISRP wants to know more about the assessments we used to identify the projects in the proposal and who/how we will evaluate subsequent projects. These are resolvable issues that Steve will work on with BPA staff. The idea is to have the administrative contract in place by January so we have budget and commitment to move forward with the habitat implementation and monitoring components by next summer. Sarah Branum stated today at the RTT Meeting that BPA will fund these projects if they so desire, even if ISRP does not support them.

TASK 4: Steve – Work with BPA staff to resolve issues on the Tucannon River BiOp Habitat Programmatic Contract.

LIDAR Geomorphic assessment of the Touchet River presentation

Del then stated that Steve has the information about the LiDar Geomorphic assessment project of the Touchet River on his computer and will walk us through the initial information he has received.

Steve then showed the board the images with the ArcReader program on the screen.

Steve stated that GeoEngineers is the company contracted to do the assessment. The 1 mile reach was decided on by both the Columbia County Roundtable and the RTT. Steve reported that a memo was sent to the landowners notifying them of the intended work and asking permission. All owners were agreeable to the study.

ISCO sediment samples were suggested by Billy Bowles. Steve stated that was a great idea and to remind him to put it on the RTT agenda for next meeting.

Steve stated that it is hoped that Preliminary Conceptual Designs will be ready approximately in December.

Dick Jones stated that there has been negative input to him by one of the other commissioners. The person was concerned that this will supercede any landowner rights. It was explained that was not true. Dick stated that there still seemed to be some misunderstandings. The need for follow up conversations with landowners was suggested. Steve thought that was a good idea and will have follow up conversations with landowners.

TASK 5: Steve - Follow phone calls to LiDar Geomorphic Touchet River Assessment Landowners

SRSRB strategic plan for 2011

Discussion: Steve is developing a strategic plan for the 2011-13 biennium so that the Board and staff are aligned in terms of the priorities for staff and the basis for those priorities. Steve's overarching perspective is that staff and our partners should focus on

- Mill Creek passage – Dave Karl and Mill Creek working group/RTT
- Tucannon BiOp implementation – Steve, Terry, Dave and RTT
- Asotin IMW – Steve and RTT with local coordination from Brad
- Touchet River assessment and project designs – Kris, CCLRT and RTT
- Lead Entity/SRFB project prioritization, tracking and reporting – Kris and Co-leads with assistance from RTT
- Searching for and advocating monitoring funding so we can track the status and trends of our fish populations and habitat as well as inform future assessments (like EDT) – Steve and RTT

- 3-Year work schedule – Kris and Partners
- Outreach/Coordination/Collaboration – Steve/Kris and Partners
    - Film – Good step forward (Check on status)
    - Newspaper articles
    - Talk to groups (Wheat Growers, Chamber, Pomeroy Rotary, Kiwanis, etc…) get away from the choir type groups. Presenters' should be not only Kris/Steve but also Landowners that are advocates and have experience with our projects.

TASK 6: Steve will develop a strategic plan for Board review at our next meeting.

Confirm or Cancel December 21st Board Meeting and location (January 25, 2011)

Discussion: Questions about the need to meet to approve the Plan Revision chapters were then asked. Steve stated that these chapters can be approved in December or January. RTT will be meeting in December. So they will have a chance to review and tweak the chapters before the board needs to approve them. Steve stated that we are ahead of Idaho and have several months to approve these chapters.

ACTION 5: Dick Jones moved to cancel December 21st meeting and schedule the next meeting for January 25, 2011 meeting in Pomeroy @ the Pomeroy Ranger District @ 6pm. Billy Bowles seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus. The next meeting will be on January 25, 2011 in Pomeroy at the Ranger District @ 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00pm.

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