

Meeting Notes

Date: February 26, 2019

Place: Best Western, Dayton, WA

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

Board Members Present for Regular Business Meeting: Larry Hooker (WW), Roland Schirman (CC), Brian Shinn (AC), Don Jackson (CC), Jerry Hendrickson (AC).

Board Members on Phone: Brad Johnson (AC), Michael Largent (WC), and Jon Jones (WC).

Others Present: Jim Peterson, Dick Ducharme (CC), Joanna Cowles Cleveland (WWCCD), Lynda Oosterhuis (WWCCD), Terry Bruegman (CCD), Kris Fischer (CTUIR), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Chris Hyland (WWWMP), Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB), and John Foltz (SRSRB).

Others on Phone: Becky Johnson (NPT).

Verify Quorum / Public Comment

SRSRB Chair, Roland Schirman called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and verified a quorum (5 present, 3 on the phone for a total of 11), asked if there were any modifications to the agenda and asked for introductions and public comment. The agenda was modified to move the WWBMP presentation up in the agenda schedule. A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the modified agenda. It was seconded by Jerry Hendrickson and the Board approved the motion.

Approve Agenda and Consent Agenda:

1. January 2019 Expenses as follows:
 - (H2SR) RCO: \$23,867.89
 - (H2FW) LE: \$6,782.16
 - (H2B1) BPA: \$15,027.39
 - January 22, 2019 Meeting notes
2. January 22, 2019 Meeting notes

Action 1: A motion was made by Jerry Hendrickson to approve the January 22, 2019 meeting notes and approve the January 2019 expenses, it was seconded by Brian Shinn and the Board approved the motion.

Update – Announcements and Items of Interest:

Executive Call Actions – No executive call actions.

Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission Col. River Policy Update – John provided the Board with a brief update that a sub-committee has been developed to delve further into the Columbia River fisheries policies and report back to the WA and OR Commissions. No action has been taken yet as the process is ongoing. John also noted the upcoming North of Falcon meetings. The Snake River Fisheries Discussion will be held March 28th 6:00-8:00PM at the WWCC Clarkston Campus Room 104. The Mid-Columbia River Public Meeting will be held March 27th 6:00-8:00 PM at the Kennewick Irrigation District Auditorium, 2015 S. Ely Street, Kennewick.

RTT Updates – Kris Fischer provided an update that the RTT is working on reviewing the SRSRB 3-year work plan. All projects proposed for SRFB funding must be identified in the work plan to be eligible for SRFB funds. The RTT is also discussing project adaptive management and working on a document to help identify project life expectancies and potential adaptive management needs for each type of project.



Board Website Update – Ali provided a brief update that Yakindo Web Designs is currently under contract and is working on redesigning the Board website.

State Budget Update — John updated the Board on current funding bills in the House and Senate noting funding levels for Floodplains by Design, SRFB, and the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board. John will provide more information via email.

Salmon Recovery Conference Registration — John reminded the Board of the upcoming Salmon Recovery Conference on April 8-9 in Tacoma, WA. Brad Johnson is attending on behalf of the Board. One spot is currently available for an additional Board member to attend if interested. Contact John for more details.

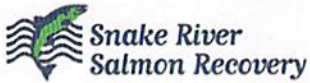
Permit Workshop, Riparian Planting Symposium, Restoration Film Night — The SRSRB staff hosted a free permit workshop on January 31st for regional project sponsors to hear presentations and ask questions of regional permit agencies. Future workshops and several additional follow-ups were identified. John also reminded the Board of two events on March 7th. The Riparian Planting Symposium is a free workshop geared towards Eastern WA presentations and techniques (partially sponsored by SRSRB) and will be in Ellensburg, WA. The River Restoration Northwest Restoration Film Night is a travelling film festival that will be at the Walla Walla Powerhouse Theater. This is the first time the event has been hosted on the east side of WA and is partially sponsored by SRSRB.

Presentation — Partner Update Walla Walla Basin Management Partnership: Chris Hyland briefly presented an update of ongoing partnership activities including water banking, developing local water plans, exempt well mitigation exchange, and purchasing of existing water rights. The Partnership has developed ~110 water bank agreements with 20,000 acre feet in the bank and also sold 6 water credits since inception. He also highlighted some considerations moving forward with funding in terms of the Bi-State Flow Study and how best to integrate work in OR and WA that address big picture issues. The big fixes being looked at through the Bi-State flow project include the Pine Creek Dam Storage, approximately 10,000-25,000 acre feet of storage and also a water exchange program with the Columbia River moving water upstream for irrigators. There are also several other smaller options being looked at as well. The 10-year pilot program the Partnership has operated under expires June 2019 – two bills in the state legislature (HB 1013 and SB 5352) seek a two year reauthorization to develop a long term plan in coordination with Oregon.

Presentation — Salmonid Life Cycle Presentation: Kris Buelow presented a summary of the complexities of salmon and steelhead lifecycles and walked the Board through a full steelhead lifecycle spanning 2011-2018. Specific in-river habitat features were tied to salmon and steelhead life stages and how poor habitat can limit survival at each stage from egg to adult. Examples showed how restoration projects create and enhance specific habitat features and river processes that in turn support each life stage.

Presentation — Lead Entity Schedule and Key Dates: Ali identified key dates of interest for the Board to include the March 26th Board meeting (Board discussion of pre-applications), May 28th Board meeting (Board discussion of pre-scored draft applications), project tour (tentative dates June 4-6th), and July 23 Board meeting (SRSRB finalizes ranked project list). Ali also noted that the RCO LEAN study will lead to some changes in the 2020 grant round. Details to follow.

Discussion – Perspective from a Board Member: Don Jackson presented the Board with his thoughts from serving on the Board as well as his concerns that the Board should increase their focus on hatchery and harvest, including increasing hatchery production and barging of fish, in addition to habitat components of salmon restoration. Multiple members of the Board acknowledged and thanked Don for his service/participation on the Board and reiterated that they have worked on items outside of habitat through communication and letters, but that our current funding is limited to tributary habitat.



Action 2: Accept Don Jackson's Resignation from the Board: No action taken, Don plans to submit his resignation from the Board to the county commissioners.

Discussion Franklin County's interest in Board representation: John received a call from a landowner in Franklin County that expressed interest in seeing Franklin County represented on the Board and that the County was also interested. John asked the Board for background on this and direction on how to proceed. The Board stated that the primary mission of the SRSRB is tributary habitat restoration and that the Board welcomes their attendance at upcoming meetings. This will help determine the concerns of Franklin County and see if participation on the Board will be advantageous for both the Board and Franklin County. Board members wanted to make sure that expectations for habitat restoration project funding were realistic noting that there is limited tributary habitat in Franklin County (lower Palouse River). John will follow up with Franklin County and the private landowner.

Discussion Line out staffing performance reviews schedule for April/May: John asked the Board if they were comfortable with the same performance review process as last year where John will summarize staff performance reviews for the Board, and the Board will complete John's review. The Board was supportive of this. Reviews will be held at upcoming Board meetings.

Action 6: March 26, 2019 for next Board meeting to be in Clarkston at the Walla Walla Community College Clarkston Campus starting at 4:00 PM: A motion was made by Jerry Hendrickson and seconded by Larry Hooker to hold the next Board meeting at 4 p.m. in Clarkston at Walla Walla Community College Clarkston Campus. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m. by SRSRB Chair, Roland Schirman.

Signed By: Roland Schirman Date: 3/26/2019
Roland Schirman, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board



Meeting Attendance Snake River Salmon Recovery Board Members and Conservation District Managers

Name	Attendance for July 2018 – June 2019										
Board Members	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
*Brian Shinn	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Brad Johnson	Y	Y	Y-	Y-	Y-	Y-	Y-				
Jerry Hendrickson	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y				
Don Jackson	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y				
Roland Schirman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
*Mike Talbott	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N				
*Justin Dixon	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N				
Jack Peasley	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N				
Bill Bowles	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-	Y-	N				
*Todd Kimball	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N				
Larry Hooker	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Yancey Reser	Y-	N	Y-	N	N	N	N				
Gary Ryan	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N				
*Michael Largent	Y	N	N	Y-	Y	N	Y-				
Jon Jones	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-				
Gary James	Y-	N	N	N	N	N	N				
CONSERVATION MGRS											
Duane Bartels	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N				
Jennifer Boie	N	N	N	N	N	N	N				
Terry Bruegman	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y				
Megan Stewart	N	N	Y-	Y	N	N	N				
J Cowles/ R Hadley	Y-	Y	Y-	Y	N	Y	Y				
CTUIR Tech. Rep. Kris Fischer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				

* County Commissioner
 ! First Meeting as a Board Member
 # Last Meeting as a SRSRB Member
 - Call In by Phone