

**Date:** July 23, 2019

**Place:** USFS Office, Pomeroy, WA

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

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

**Board Members on Phone:** Gary James (CTUIR)

**Others Present:** Jim Peterson, Kris Fischer (CTUIR), Joanna Cowles-Cleveland (WWCCD), Bruegman (CCD), Megan Stewart (ACCD), Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB), and John Foltz (SRSRB).

**Others on Phone:** Chris Hyland (WWWMP)

### Verify Quorum / Public Comment

SRSRB Chair Schirman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and verified a quorum (13 present, 1 on the phone for a total of 14), asked if there were any modifications to the agenda and asked for introductions and public comment. A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Jerry Hendrickson and the Board approved the motion.

### Approve Agenda and Consent Agenda:

1. June 2019 Expenses as follows:
  - (H2SR) RCO: \$17,558.84
  - (H2FW) LE: \$6,861.02
  - (H2B2) BPA: \$14,434.9113th Month Expenses as follows (end of fiscal year):
  - (H2SR) RCO: \$19,679.16
  - (H2FW) LE: \$7,268.30
2. June 25, 2019 Meeting notes

**Action 1** – A motion was made by Justin Dixon to approve the June 25, 2019 meeting notes and approve the June 2019 expenses, it was seconded by Jerry Hendrickson and the Board approved the motion.

### Update – Announcements and Items of Interest

**Executive Call Actions** – No executive call actions.

**Columbia River fishery policies Commission meeting (August 1st, Salem, OR)** – John briefly updated the Board of an upcoming Columbia River Fish Commission meeting scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Action: Approve ranked project list for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board** – Ali summarized the results of the July 18<sup>th</sup> Lead Entity scoring meeting for the board and provided copies of the final applications summary packet for review. No fatal flaws or strong concerns were voiced at the lead entity committee meeting regarding specific project features and the ranked list was approved to be sent on the SRSRB to review. Several Board members noted appreciation for the project sponsors work and for Ali's efforts to put together the project list. Don Jackson voiced concerns about one project to potentially negatively impact WDFW fish hatchery infrastructure and did not support the project – it was not believe that the project would negatively affect hatchery operations as WDFW staff had been involved in the project design. Larry Hooker made a motion to approved the ranked list as recommended by the lead entity committee with the additional caveat that should any project that remains a POC after second review by the state SRFB review panel,



the project will be pulled from the ranked list to ensure funding is not forfeited and be used to fund a project farther down the list. Brian Shinn seconded the motion. The motion passed 11—1.

Ali and John also informed the Board of two potential opportunities to receive additional funding from other lead entities for the 2019 grant round. It was unclear if those lead entities would expect repayment in future grant rounds. The board felt that if repayment would be required, that we should not utilize the opportunity to receive additional funds as it may negatively affect our list in future years. However, if no repayment was expected, the board was supportive of funding additional project on the 2019 ranked list.

**Discussion: SRFB Request for Mid-C Steelhead Focused Projects** – John updated the board on the SRFB targeted investment proposal request towards delisting for mid-C steelhead and Hood Canal summer chum at \$6.4 million. John drafted a list of shovel-ready projects for our area of the Mid-C region and requested feedback from the board. The board was supportive of the list and the potential opportunity to fund some large projects such as Mill Creek from sources other than our regional SRFB allocation. The Board felt that Mill Creek projects should be highlighted as the top tier for this proposal. Brad Johnson made a motion to have John submit the list of shovel-ready projects with emphasis on Tier 1 projects while also identifying Tier 2 to show that locally we have enough projects to utilize the funding completely. Larry Hooker seconded and the motion passed by consensus. The Board asked if CTUIR would be willing to submit a letter of support for the proposal to SRFB, Gary though this would be possible. Roland also asked that we let the GI study group know that we might have matching funds available for their effort if this is funded.

**Discussion: Board Position on the Snake River Hydro System** – John summarized discussion from the previous board meeting about whether the board should take a formal position regarding the Snake River Dams. Members of the board felt that while there is strong individual support for not breaching the Snake River Dams, that it is not the role of the SRSRB to take that stance and it would be better suited to come directly from the representative counties. Several board members also highlighted how important our partnerships are and how important they are to maintain; we don't want to alienate any of our partners. Other members of the board expressed concerns that if a formal stance was not taken, the board opinion would be ignored when considering removal of the dams. The board has veered away from this issue and focused on habitat. It was also highlighted that the counties are willing and able to engage on this issue. Gary James made a motion to see if the board should take a stance on the breaching of the Snake River Dams at all. Michael Largent seconded the motion. Three votes for taking a position, eight votes against taking a position. Motion failed to pass. County Commissioners recommended pursuing the development of letters to come directly from the counties themselves. John also will pass along the general stance of the board to the Office of Financial Management at the upcoming tour.

**Discussion: Preparations for August Board Meeting** – The Board has invited our districts 9 and 16 legislators to the August Board meeting and dinner. In preparation for that meeting, the Board discussed topics and questions they would like to hear from our legislators about. In addition to thanking our legislators for the support over the last year, the Board was interested in a general update, learning about what the plan is for orca recovery efforts and the nexus with hatcheries and hatchery releases, where we are at on the Snake River Dam study, Columbia River sport fishing allocations and the fate of the Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement (CRSSE) – all framed in the context of the restoration work that the Board and Board partners have completed.

**Discussion: Partner Update Preparations** – WDFW staff will provide a partner update at the September Board meeting. The Board continued to discuss topics and questions they would like to hear from WDFW about. The topics/questions already proposed included lower/upper Columbia fisheries, CRSSE program future, hatchery production funding in the future, and discussion about escapement and not being able to meet broodstock collection targets. New topics added include northern pike management plans and permits to remove northern pike. NOAA will attend the October meeting and the topics planned for discussion include 5-year status review, monitoring needs/support, Columbia River BiOp update, norther pike response plan, update on avian predator mitigation efforts.



**Action: Review and Approve Board Bylaws (Subcommittee Report)** – Brian Shinn, Larry Hooker, and Jon Jones reviewed and provided minor edits to existing bylaws. A motion was made by Michael Largent to approve amendments to the SRSRB bylaws. Bill Bowles seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

**Action: Selection of Board Chair and Vice-Chair (Subcommittee Report)** – Mike Talbott, Jerry Hendrickson, and Justin Dixon reached out to board members through the subcommittee and recommended nominating Bill Bowles for the Board Chair position and Brad Johnson as Board Vice-Chair. Justin Dixon made a motion to approve the nominations of Bill Bowles for Chair and Brad Johnson as Vice-Chair for the 2019-2021 two year term. Jerry Hendrickson seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

**Action: Accept Resignation of Board Member Yancey Reser** – John informed the board of Yancey Reser’s resignation from the board effective June 30, 2019. Yancey was a charter member of the SRSRB in 2002. Brad Johnson made a motion to accept Yancey Reser’s resignation from the SRSRB with regrets and recognition of his service. Jerry Hendrickson seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

**Action: Approve August 27, 2019 for next Board meeting to be in Dayton at Roland’s house 120 Weinhard Road starting at 6:00 PM.** – A motion was made by Mike Talbott and seconded Jon Jones by to hold the next Board meeting at 6 p.m. on August 27th, 2019 at the Roland’s house. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. by SRSRB Chair Schirman

Signed By:  Date: 9/24/2019  
Roland Schirman, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board