

**Date:** September 24, 2019

**Place:** Best Western Hotel, Colfax, WA

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

**Board Members Present for Regular Business Meeting:** Jon Jones (WC), Roland Schirman (CC), Todd Kimball (WW), Brian Shinn (AC), Bill Bowles (GC), Justin Dixon (GC), Kris Fischer (CTUIR), Larry Hooker (WW), Michael Largent (WC), and Gary Ryan (WC).

**Board Members on Phone:** Brad Johnson (AC).

**Others Present:** Dan Johnson (Idaho Senate), Jean Johnson, Chris Donley (WDFW), Steve Pozzanghera (WDFW), Terry Bruegman (CCD), Jennifer Boie (Palouse CD), Kris Buelow (SRSRB) and John Foltz (SRSRB).

**Others on Phone:** Chris Hyland (WWBWP), Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB), Duane Bartels (Pomeroy CD), and Joanna Cowles-Cleveland.

### Verify Quorum / Public Comment

SRSRB Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and verified a quorum (9 present, 1 on the phone for a total of 10). Modifications to the agenda included a brief partner update on efforts by the Palouse Conservation District. Chair Bowles also introduced Senator Dan Johnson (ID) and his wife Jean who were in attendance. A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the agenda with the addition. It was seconded by Michael Largent and the Board approved the motion.

### Approve Agenda and Consent Agenda:

1. August 2019 Expenses as follows:
  - (H2SR) RCO: \$26,941.69
  - (H2FW) LE: \$4,459.44
  - (H2B2) BPA: \$14,266.40
2. August 27, 2019 Meeting notes

**Action 1** – A motion was made by Roland Schirman to approve the August 27, 2019 meeting notes and approve the August 2019 expenses, it was seconded by Justin Dixon and the Board approved the motion.

### Update – Announcements and Items of Interest

**Executive Call Actions – Action was taken by the Executive Committee** on a time sensitive issue to support the RCO resubmitted funding request for an invasive species emergency fund as part of the supplemental budget request. In order to make the request, RCO needs to submit a list of supporting organizations by September 19th. The Executive Committee, based upon the letter of support from last year and the current stance of the Board on invasive species, took action to support this request.

**SRFB Mid-C focused investment initiative update** – John updated the board on the SRFB targeted investment proposal request towards delisting for mid-C steelhead and Hood Canal summer chum (tatewide available funding was set at \$6.4 million). The SRFB approved funding for the entire Tier I project list for Mill Creek Passage Construction for \$2.7 million. John also informed the Board that BPA and WDFW also met and it is likely that they will also provide an additional \$700,000 towards this work over the next several years. Updates will be provided when available.

**2019 SRFB project list update** – Ali updated the Board on the current status of the 2019 SRFB project list and provided a handout with the final project list details. Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board, in an effort to utilize their full allocation, agreed to provide \$64,719 to the SRSRB to fund the remainder of Asotin PA6 Design and the





entirety of the Walla Walla B2B Design. Comment forms are expected this week and we will work with sponsors to address comments by October 10<sup>th</sup>. Final ranked lists are due November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**2020 SRFB Grant Round Timeline** – Ali provided a brief update for the 2020 grant round and highlighted dates that were most relevant to SRSRB members. The calendar can be found on the website as well.

**RTT update** – No Updates. September RTT cancelled.

**Update on Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement** – Chris Donley provided some insight to the status of the Endorsement. WDFW is utilizing monies from the General Fund to support creel surveys for the 2020 salmon and steelhead seasons but there is no long term funding identified at this time. WDFW anticipates a \$3 million biennial request in the future to support this effort.

**Update from Palouse Conservation District** – Jennifer Boie summarized ongoing outreach and education work that Palouse CD has accomplished. Highlights include Orca Recovery Day, Salmon in the Classroom, and planned events for the remainder of 2019 and 2020.

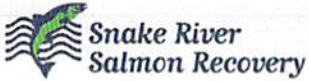
**Idaho Senator Dan Johnson** shared some thoughts with the Board regarding the Salmon Working Group created by Idaho Governor Little and some commonalities that the Board has been working on in the recent past. He plans to follow-up with some questions and thanked the Board for hosting he and his wife Jean.

**Discussion: Follow-up on conversations with our Legislators**— John felt that the August meeting with Legislators was strong and we are seeing positive results and updates including support for invasive species legislation, construction funding needs at Lyons Ferry Hatchery, and movement on options to address overshoot at the Snake River dams. The Board agreed that the August meeting was positive. A letter thanking our legislators and highlighting key takeaways was submitted.

**Discussion: Partner update from WDFW Fish Program** — Chris Donley and Steve Pozzanghera updated the Board on current work to adjust the spring Chinook allocation above Bonneville and it appears that there may be an opportunity to adjust a small portion of harvest to above Bonneville. Hatchery production needs, such as funding to maintain and repair facilities, is critical to be able to meet broodstock and rearing goals. Chris noted that Washington is meeting broodstock targets and needs everywhere except for Tucannon spring Chinook. There is some positive news regarding invasive species efforts; crews have stopped multiple boats that were carrying zebra or quagga mussels. Regarding Northern Pike, WDFW staff are working with local tribes to manage existing populations but are in need of targeted funding to continue suppression efforts and limit range expansion.

**Discussion: Follow-up on Columbia River Policy Update** — John provided a brief update following an email sent to the Board that summarized outcomes from the August 29<sup>th</sup> joint-state Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Review Committee meeting. The next meeting is October 1st in Salem, with another WA only meeting October 18-19, and likely the final joint meeting with decision on November 18th. John plans to attend the October 1st meeting in Salem and likely the November 18th meeting in Ridgefield if necessary. The Board will wait to see how the discussion goes at the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and will then plan to weigh in ahead of the November decision meeting via letter from the Board. Several County Commissioners have relationships with their counterparts in Oregon and will reach out to see if they are willing to weigh in on the issue as well.

**Discussion: Invasive species emergency fund support (reaffirm letter from 2018)** — Action was taken during the executive call to support the RCO invasive Species emergency fund supplemental budget request. In addition, a motion was made by Brian Shinn to reaffirm and submit an updated version of the SRSRB 2018 Invasive Species Emergency Fund letter of support. The motion was seconded by Justin Dixon and passed by consensus.



**Discussion: Partner Update Preparations (NOAA Hydro in October)** — There will be a presentation by Ritchie Graves (NOAA). John asked the Board if they had any specific questions in preparation of this presentation. Jay Hesse will also be invited to attend and speak from the Nez Perce Tribe.

**Action: Approve October 15, 2019 for next Board meeting to be at the USFS Building in Pomeroy, WA at 4:00 PM.** — A motion was made by Larry Hooker and seconded by Roland Schirman to hold the next Board meeting at 4 p.m. on October 15th, 2019 at the USFS Building in Pomeroy. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. by SRSRB Chair Bowles

Signed By: Bill Bowles Date: 1/29/20  
Bill Bowles, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board