

Date: June 23, 2020

Place: Virtual Meeting

Format: Regular Meeting started at 6:07 p.m.

Board Members on Phone: Jon Jones (WC), Michael Largent (WC), Roland Schirman (CC), Michael Talbott (CC), Brad Johnson (AC) Larry Hooker (WW), Brian Shinn (AC), Justin Dixon (GC), Bill Bowles (GC), and Jim Johnson standing in for Todd Kimball (WW)

Others on Phone: Chris Hyland (WWWMP), Aneesha Dieu (CCD), Terry Bruegman (CCD), Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB), John Foltz (SRSRB), Joanna Cowles-Cleveland (WWCCD), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Duane Bartels (Pomeroy CD) and Megan Stewart (ACCD).

Verify Quorum / Public Comment

SRSRB Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm and verified a quorum (10 present via phone). No public comment. A motion was made by Jon Jones to approve the agenda with the modification of removing staff evaluations and executive session. It was seconded by Justin Dixon and the Board approved the motion.

Approve Agenda and Consent Agenda:

1. May 2020 Expenses as follows:
 - a. (H2SR) RCO: \$26,518.91
 - b. (H2FW) LE: \$5,841.46
 - c. (H2B2) BPA: \$13,458.59
2. May 26th, 2020 Meeting notes

Action 1 – A motion was made by Roland Schirman to approve the May 26th, 2020 meeting notes and May expenses. The motion was seconded by Mike Talbott and the Board approved the motion.

Update – Announcements and Items of Interest

Executive Call Actions – Decision was made to change the meeting venue from Dayton to host the June SRSRB meeting remotely.

RTT update— The RTT meeting was cancelled for June.

Update on Spring Chinook Harvest Allocation, Commission Policy C-3620—John updated the SRSRB that the draft policy is open for public comment. As currently drafted, there does not appear to be a change in the upriver allocation. There are some changes to how overall allocation will be calculated but it doesn't look to affect up versus downriver allocation split. WDFW has been asked to provide clarification on the allocation formula proposed. John has been working with the other Recovery Regions and partners to see if there is any overlap of concerns with what the SRSRB has identified with this plan.

John asked for input from the board and if there was support for increased consideration for conservative ESA take limits, proposed additional conservation measures in cold-water refuges, proposed no mixed stock fisheries when run forecasts expected below 80,000 spring Chinook (excluding Snake where fish numbers will be *known* and not estimated), proposed max of 500 fish reserved for Snake River fishery when estimates are above 100,000 in addition to any allocation increases if run size goes up, and increased focus on predation, particularly sea lion predation on adult fish.



The SRSRB was supportive and asked John to draft a letter that will contain the above-mentioned bullets as well as template letters of support for the counties to sign. The Board was also supportive of continuing to engage with the Recovery Regions and partners and also engaging with Oregon and Idaho to the extent possible.

2020 SRFB Project Update— Ali provided a brief update on current status of 2020 SRFB project proposals. About half of the projects are cleared or conditioned by the review panel. The remainder were determined to need more information. The final ranking and scoring was revised based on input from the SRSRB Chair and Vice Chair due to remote meeting requirements and limited internet connectivity for many Lead Entity Scorers, SRSRB staff were asked to present a ranked project list based on the average of the minimum and maximum project scores for each project. This list will be presented at a truncated 2-hour ranking meeting on June 24th. This list will ultimately be presented to the SRSRB for review and approval in July. John also noted that all of the Mill Creek projects were developed and proposed to the state Fish Barrier Removal Board this year – the statewide ranked list will be available in August.

Action: Planned Project Forecast List Approval— Ali also summarized the RCO request for regional Planned Project Forecast Lists that include all projects that have the potential to move forward in the 2021 and 2022 Grant Rounds. The intent is that these lists will help support an increased budget request for SRFB project funding to the Legislature. Board members had a few questions about several high dollar projects listed that Ali would follow up on. The list has been reviewed multiple times in preparation for approval at the June SRSRB meeting.

Roland Schirman made a motion to approve the planned project forecast list. The motion was seconded by Larry Hooker and passed by consensus.

Action: Approve FY 2021 Budget (including WWCC indirect rate and RCO authorizing resolution). – John summarized the FY2021 budgets presented at the May SRSRB meeting with intent to approve at this meeting. John updated the SRSRB that we received our federal PCSRF award which comprises the majority of the SRSRB funding. SRSRB budgets both from the state and federal levels will remain whole for FY2021. While not anticipated to be needed, carryover funds are available to help address potential shortfalls and we have the flexibility to withstand budget cuts as identified in the budget scenarios in the short term. Clarification was made that the budget could support potential staff raises if approved at a later date following performance evaluations.

Brian Shinn moved to approve the FY2021 SRSRB budget and indirect rate for WWCC services. The motion was seconded by Mike Talbott and passed by consensus. Brad Johnson abstained.

Roland Schirman made a motion to approve signatory authority for the Board Chair in the form of a continuing authorization resolution. The motion was seconded by Larry hooker and passed by consensus. Brad Johnson abstained.

Action: Partner Contracts for FY21 – Draft partner contracts were shared at the May SRSRB meeting for review. Despite COVID-19, budgets look to be whole for the next year. Contracts are on reimbursement basis and there is a statement within each contract that payments are made pending available funding. Should we need to reduce contracts due to budget shortfalls, there is flexibility to do that if needed.

A motion was made by Larry Hooker to approve the FY 21 partner contracts. It was seconded by Justin Dixon. The motion passed by consensus (Brad Johnson abstained).

Discussion: Review Draft Safety Response Plan— John presented the draft safety plan as developed by SRSRB staff. This plan is a requirement from grant funding sources state/fed funding for staff safety and folks who work with us. The plan includes office and field protocols including maintaining social distancing, minimizing contact, and wearing face masks in



meetings. It was noted that there is now a statewide requirement to wear masks. The SRSRB supported this plan and will defer to director authority on further development and compliance with said plan; Board Chair can sign as needed.

Executive Session: Staff Performance Evaluations – Deferred to next in person meeting

Action: Evaluations and Salary Recommendations for Staff— Deferred to next in person meeting

Action: Approve July 28, 2020 for next Board meeting to be in Pomeroy, WA at the USFS Building starting at 6:00 PM.
– A motion was made by Brian Shinn and seconded by Roland Schirman to hold the next Board meeting on July 28, 2020 in Pomeroy, WA at the USFS Building at 6:00 PM. The Board approved by consensus. John Foltz requested RSVPs to ensure there is a quorum. In the case that we cannot meet in-person, this meeting can be accomplished online if necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. by Chair Bowles

Signed By: 
Bill Bowles, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board