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Date: June 22, 2021
Place: Dayton Best Western
Format: Regular Meeting started at 6:00 p.m.
Board Members in Person: Jon Jones (WC), Roland Schirman (CC), Brad Johnson (AC), Brian Shinn (AC), Marty Hall (CC), Larry Hooker (WW), and Justin Dixon (GC).
Board Members on Phone: Todd Kimball (WW), Bill Bowles (GC), and Kris Fischer (CTUIR).
Others in Person: Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB), John Foltz (SRSRB), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Aneesha Dieu (CCD), and Becky Johnson (NPT).
Others on Phone: Joanna Cowles-Cleveland (WWCCD) and Lance Frederick (Pomeroy CD).

Verify Quorum / Public Comment

SRSRB Vice-Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and verified a quorum (7 in person, 3 via phone). No public comment was made. A motion was made by Jon Jones to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Brian Shinn and the Board approved the motion.

Approve Agenda and Consent Agenda:

1. May 2021 Expenses as follows:
   (H2SR) RCO: $23,078.83
   (H2FW) LE: $3,102.77
   (H3B3) BPA: -($54.14)
   (H2B4) BPA: $13,906.61
2. May 25th, 2021 Meeting Notes

Action 1 – A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the May 25th, 2021 meeting notes and May monthly expenses. Roland Schirman seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Presentation: Columbia Basin Hatchery Production – Becky Johnson, Production Division Director, Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resource Management – Becky presented an overview of the Columbia Basin Hatchery Production System totaling 140 million fish, 33 million of which are produced in the Snake River Basin. Hatcheries were built to mitigate the dams and development within the Columbia basin. The Lower Snake River Compensation Program produces the majority of hatchery fish for mitigation of the Lower Snake Dams. Hatchery programs are responsible for spawning, hatching, and rearing multiple species. They also have a steelhead kelt reconditioning program and a lamprey translocation program. She also summarized concerns around aging hatchery infrastructure and the lack of budget to remedy issues that are leading to loss of production.

John asked how we could best support hatcheries even though the SRSRB is habitat-focused. Becky mentioned there is a funding request out that the SRSRB could support to provide funds for LSRCP (see handout from Becky) – John will follow-up with Paul Ward (CRITFC) and Meagan West (WDFW) to get the details. She also said support for the Mitchell Act is helpful. John also asked about Pacific Ocean production and if there are carrying capacity concerns – Becky described the total Pacific production is at high levels as is ocean harvest, but the carrying capacity is very political in nature.

Discussion: Board Officer Elections and Bylaws Review – Board bylaw review and elections occur every two years for chair and vice chair positions. The Board had a robust review of the bylaws via a subcommittee two years ago. Currently there are several Board vacancies including one each from Walla Walla, Columbia, and

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Garfield counties. County commissioner representatives for each county are responsible for filling the citizen representative vacancies for their respective counties. Bylaws are updated as needed. The board felt the bylaws were up to date and didn't need a revision at this time. Bill Bowles is willing to continue serving as chair and Brad Johnson is willing to continue serving as vice chair unless other wish to take on those roles.

Brian Shinn made a motion to nominate the existing Chair Bowles and Vice Chair Johnson to serve another 2-year term. The motion was seconded by Justin Dixon and passed by consensus.

Justin Dixon made a motion to approve the existing bylaws for 2021. The motion was seconded by Marty Hall and passed by consensus.

Action: Approve Fiscal Year 2022 Budget (including WWCC indirect rate and RCO authorizing resolution). – John summarized the Regional and Lead Entity FY22 budget, authorizing signature form that allows the Board Chair and WWCC President to sign RCO contracts for the Board, and the indirect rate as previously presented at the May board meeting. A few small changes included zeroing out funds that used to go to the WWBMP since that organization is sunsetting, increasing funds for tribal contracts for outreach and monitoring, increasing Asotin CD contract for salmon in the classroom and Columbia CD for outreach.

Brian Shinn made a motion to approve the FY22 budget, RCO authorizing resolution, and indirect rate as presented. The motion was seconded by Larry Hooker and passed by consensus with Brad Johnson abstaining.

Action: Partner Contracts for FY2021/22 – John summarized the planned partner contracts scope of work and budgets as previously presented at the May meeting.

Roland Schirman made a motion to approve the partner contracts as presented. The motion was seconded by Marty Hall and the motion passed by consensus with Brad Johnson and Kris Fischer abstaining.

Action: Accept Roland Schirman's resignation from the Board – Roland has been a member of the SRSRB since 2008 and has been involved in salmon work since 1992. John thanked him for his commitment and work over the years. Several other board members also thanked Roland for his continued service.

A motion was made by Justin Dixon to accept Roland Schirman's resignation from the SRSRB effective July 31st, 2021, with regrets. Brian Shinn seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

Update – Announcements and Items of Interest

Executive Call Actions – No actions taken.

RTT update — Cancelled due to ISRP presentations.

SRFB update: LE Committee Final Scoring Meeting — Ali provided a brief recap of the LE Final Scoring Meeting and the ranked list as approved at the LE Committee meeting. We received an increase in the annual grant round funding that is not able to be fully utilized with the current proposed projects. Two cost increases for previously approved and funded projects have been added to the bottom of the ranked list as a means to utilize the funding. The SRFB Review Panel will provide final comment forms with project statuses by July 22nd. If we have any projects of concern, they will be removed from the list and funding will need to be reallocated or shared with other regions to prevent it from being returned to the state. We will seek to approve the final ranked list at the July meeting.

Tucannon Lamprey Release — Rescheduled to future meeting.

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July Meeting Preparations — John summarized July meeting plans including approving the final ranked list, a presentation from Jay Hesse from the NPT on Chinook declines, the rescheduled lamprey presentation. He also brought up the need for planning the August meeting which typically is reserved for legislative outreach. Roland volunteered to host at his house with the Board's help. The meeting will begin with a general Board overview and be followed with a Tucannon presentation on habitat improvements observed.

Action: July 27th, 2021, for next Board meeting to be held at the Dayton, WA Best Western at 6:00 PM. — A motion was made by Marty Hall and seconded by Justin Dixon to hold the next Board meeting on July 27th, 2021, at the Dayton, WA Best Western at 6:00 PM. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. by Vice-Chair Brad Johnson

Signed By: _____ Date: 7/27/21

Bill Bowles, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board