

Date: March 23, 2021

Place: Virtual Meeting

Format: Regular Meeting started at 4:03 p.m.

Board Members on Phone: Jon Jones (WC), Roland Schirman (CC), Brad Johnson (AC), Brian Shinn (AC), Bill Bowles (GC), Justin Dixon (GC), Michael Largent (WC), Larry Hooker (WW), Marty Hall (CC) and Kris Fischer (CTUIR).

Others on Phone: Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB), John Foltz (SRSRB), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Chris Hyland (WWBMP), Aneasha Dieu (CCD), Joanna Cleveland Cowles (WWCCD), Paul Smith (Citizen), Jeremy Trump (WDFW), Joe Bumgarner (WDFW), and Duane Bartels (Pomeroy CD).

Verify Quorum / Public Comment

SRSRB Chair Bowles called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm and verified a quorum (10 present via phone) No public comment. A motion was made by Justin Dixon to approve the agenda with the slight modification of the removal of the flood hazard presentation by Katie Jagt. It was seconded by Kris Fischer and the Board approved the motion. Katie will plan to present at a future meeting.

Approve Agenda and Consent Agenda:

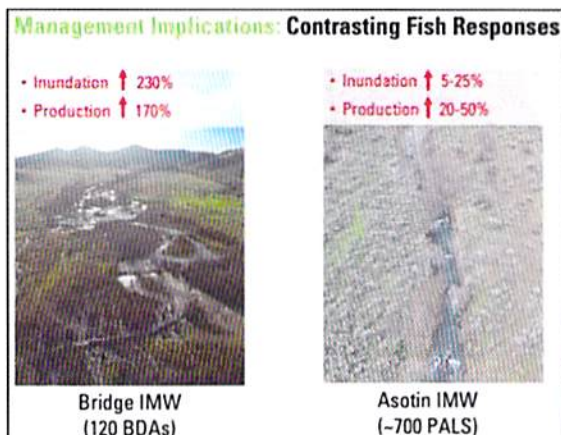
1. February 2021 Expenses as follows:
 - (H2SR) RCO: \$22,434.23
 - (H2FW) LE: \$4,009.28
 - (H2B3) BPA: \$14,226.76
2. February 23, 2021 Meeting notes

Action 1 – A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the February 23, 2021 meeting notes and February monthly expenses. Roland Schirman seconded the motion, and the Board approved the motion.

Update – Announcements and Items of Interest

Executive Call Actions – No action taken

RTT update — John provided a summary of the Asotin IMW Workshop that took place during the RTT meeting. The workshop focused on learning from the Asotin IMW and management and funding implications for future work. IMWs provide a unique opportunity to study how a specific restoration action affects habitat and associated fish populations. Overall, restoration has shown a positive impact on floodplain reconnection and fish production. There was interest in receiving a presentation on the Asotin IMW monitoring effort from Steve Bennett.



2021 SRFB Grant Round Update — Ali briefly summarized the current project application list of 11 projects including 3 restoration projects, 7 design projects, and one monitoring project. RTT members didn't identify any fatal flaws at this stage of project development and provided constructive feedback for sponsors to consider. The draft scoring meeting will occur March 25th and board members are welcome to attend. The monitoring project will require a monitoring letter of support and will be presented later in the meeting.

Legislative Update — John did not have any additional updates for this topic and there were no additional questions from the Board.

Preparation for April Board Meeting— John asked the Board for their thoughts about potentially moving to host the April meeting in person with gradual relaxation of covid restrictions. The meeting would have to comply with 50% capacity, social distancing, mask-wearing, and other phase 3 requirements. The SRSRB was amenable to meeting in person while providing a remote option. For the time being, all meetings will be hosted at the Best Western due to meeting restrictions at other locations. John also noted that George Pess from the NOAA Science Center would be presenting on floodplains at the next meeting and if there were any questions that Board members would like to ask ahead of the meeting on floodplains and/or flooding, to please email them to John.

Presentation: Flood Hazard Identification: Rivers move water, sediment, and debris during high flows. Planning for the characteristics and impacts of all three is imperative for both community safety and ecosystem renewal — Katie Jagt, Watershed Science and Design — Rescheduled for future meeting.

Presentation: Touchet River Smolt Trap Monitoring — John introduced the framework for monitoring projects to be submitted through the annual SRFB grant cycle which includes meeting a critical data gap and a high priority need in our local recovery plan, doesn't duplicate existing monitoring, is consistent and compatible with existing methods and protocols. Projects also have to go through review and scoring processes and rank high enough to be eligible for funding. This project was certified last year by the SRSRB and is being submitted for the 2021 grant round as well. Joe then presented the project concepts, which are essentially a second year of the project that was presented last year. The project includes running a smolt trap in the lower Touchet River to capture and tag outmigrating juvenile summer Steelhead. This will provide steelhead abundance and productivity estimates via PIT-tagging outmigrating juveniles and analyzing results of PIT tag detections on returning adults to headwater areas where they spawn — several regional data gaps. This information is critical for NOAA stock status review and the potential for delisting Mid-Columbia steelhead.



Discussion/Action: Regional Monitoring Certification for Touchet River Smolt Trap

Monitoring Proposal – The Board discussed the need for a formal motion to support this project as a regional monitoring priority. Brian Shinn made a motion to support this project by providing the regional monitoring certification and to continue the application process, noting that:

- The project addresses a high priority information need or data gap identified within our recovery plan and/or associated regional research, monitoring, and evaluation (RME) plan or lead entity strategy.
- Does not duplicate or interfere with ongoing monitoring efforts.
- Is consistent or compatible with data collection, analysis, and management methods and protocols being used within the region and shall to the maximum extent practicable be consistent or compatible with methods and protocols in common use throughout the state.
- That the data will be made available to the RCO, the public, and the SRFB Monitoring Panel.
- The project will not exceed 3 years.
- The project is 10 percent or less than our regional allocation.

The motion was seconded by Brad Johnson and passed by consensus.

Action: April 27th, 2021 for next Board meeting to be held at the Dayton, WA Best Western at 6:00 PM. —A motion was made by Roland Schirman and seconded by Kris Fischer to hold the next Board meeting on April 27th, 2021 at the Dayton, WA Best Western at 6:00 PM. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m. by Chair Bowles

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

Date: 4/27/21