Snake River Salmon Recovery

**Date**: September 28th, 2021
**Place:** Past Board Member Shirman's House
**Format:** Regular Meeting started at 4:00 p.m.
**Board Members in Person:** Jerry Hendrickson (AC), Sean Thurston (CC), Marty Hall (CC), Kris Fischer (CTUIR), Brad Johnson (AC), Brian Shinn (AC), Don Jackson (CC), and Art Swannack (WC).
**Others in Person:** Emmit Taylor, Jr. (NPT), Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB), John Foltz (SRSRB), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Aneesha Dieu (CCD), Roland Schirman (Citizen), Jim Peterson (Citizen), Jeremy Trump (WDFW), Steve Pozzanghera (WDFW), Dick Ducharme (citizen), Gary James (CTUIR), Mike Lambert (CTUIR), Eric Queampts (CTUIR), and Representative Joe Schmick.

## Verify Quorum / Public Comment

SRSRB Vice Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:22 pm and verified a quorum (8 in person; no phone with regional phone lines down in Dayton). No 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.

**Action 1 –** A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the August 24th, 2021 meeting notes. Jerry Hendrickson seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion. John noted that the WWCC is going through some staffing changes which is the reason for no expense approval at this meeting – we will get caught up on this at a future meeting.

**Recognition of Roland Schirman** (not on agenda) — Brad and John presented Roland Schirman with an award honoring his years of service to the SRSRB and his continued support of fish habitat restoration. John also acknowledged the recent passing of Betty Schirman and offered condolences.

**Presentation and Discussion: Discussion with District 9 and 16 Legislators and Staff –** John presented briefly on what the SRSRB does and our focus on community-based salmon habitat restoration. He briefly listed the 42 projects that the Board has supported and been involved with in 2021 and focused one two examples of restoration and it's results and benefits through the Asotin IMW and the Tucannon Programmatic and associated projects. He also highlighted key legislative priorities including:

- Continued support for Salmon State Capital and Operating Funding:
    - Recreation and Conservation Office
        - Salmon Recovery Funding Board Capital and Operating Funding
        - Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board Capital Funding
        - Floodplains by Design through the Department of Ecology
    - Columbia River Water Supply Development program through DOE-OCR
    - Critical recovery related budget requests for our recovery partners
    - Continued support for Federal Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund (Authorizing Resolution)
- Vocal support for tributary by-pass evaluation (federal)
- Mammal, avian, and non-native aquatic predation (statewide)
- Fishing opportunities – support for geographic equity for spring Chinook harvest, Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement replacement monitoring, and hatchery production

Additional discussion after the presentation included citizen concerns over reduced salmonid populations, excessive predation pressure of nonnative piscivorous fishes along with mammalian and avian predation, and reduced hatchery production.

## Update – Announcements and Items of Interest

**Executive Call Actions –** No actions taken.

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**October Meeting Preparations** — John noted that we plan to follow -up on the Columbia County Flood Control Zone District partner contract discussion, have a summary wrap-up of the 2021 SRFB grant round, review the Board mission statement, and will review the 2022 Board meeting schedule and executive committee review among other items that might arise.

**Action: October 26th, 2021 for next Board meeting to be held at the Best Western in Dayton, WA at 4:00 PM.** —A motion was made by Brian Shinn and seconded by Jerry Hendrickson to hold the next Board meeting on October 26th, 2021 at the Best Western in Dayton, WA at 4:00 PM. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned following dinner at approximately 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Johnson.

Signed By: Bradley J Johnson Co-Chair Date: 10/26/2021
Bill Bowles, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board