

Date: August 24, 2022

Place: South Fork Walla Walla Hatchery, Umatilla County, Oregon

Format: Regular Meeting started at 4:09 p.m.

Board Members in Person: Jon Jones (WC), Marty Hall (CC), Larry Hooker (WW), Mike Denny (WW), Brad Johnson (AC), Brian Shinn (AC), Sean Thurston (CC), Michael Largent (WC), Don Jackson (CC), Kris Fischer (CTUIR), and Gary James (CTUIR).

Board Members on Phone: Bill Bowles (GC).

Others in Person: Kat Brigham (CTUIR), Representative Mark Klicker (Dist. 16), Representative Mary Dye (Dist. 9), Roland Schirman (Citizen), Jim Peterson (Citizen), Dondie Jackson (Citizen), Steve Martin (WDFW), Mike Lambert (CTUIR), Steve Pozzanghera (WDFW), Mark Wachtel (WDFW), Jeremy Trump (WDFW), Dan Biggs (Citizen), Ryan Ashcraft (CTUIR), Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB), and John Foltz (SRSRB).

Others on Phone: None.

Verify Quorum / Public Comment

SRSRB Vice Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm and verified a quorum (11 in person, 1 on phone).

Action 1: John noted that there was a request for a letter of support for the Walla Walla Water 2050 effort – he suggested adding this to the letters of support agenda item. A motion was made by Michael Largent to approve the agenda with the suggested addition. It was seconded by Mike Denny and the Board approved the motion.

Public Comment: Steve Martin thanked the SRSRB for advocating for salmon and the work they do.

Gary James welcomed attendees to the CTUIR South Fork Walla Walla Hatchery and gave a brief overview of the history of work that led to the ultimate construction of the hatchery, the benefits to salmon populations, and the importance of working together towards these common goals.

Action 2: Approval of July 26, 2022, Meeting Notes – A motion was made by Marty Hall to approve the July 26, 2022 Meeting Notes – Larry Hooker seconded and the motion passed by consensus.

Action 3: Approval of April through June 2022 Expenses – John summarized expense documentation for April-June for the main H2SR budget for approval. The expense documentation for the LE and BPA budgets will be shared when available as WWCC continues to work through the new College accounting system. April through June expenses for H2SR (RCO) as follows:

April: \$16,567.21

May: \$13,616.31

June: \$55,555.12

A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the April-June H2SR expenses. Jon Jones seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.

Action 4 & 5 – Letters of support for regional NOAA IIJA grant proposals and Walla Walla Water 2050 Water Smart Study– John summarized projects from several project partners working on federal funding opportunities through NOAA as noted at the last meeting. Staff have been working to



support the development of these proposals. John worked up a generic letter of support and would like the Board to approve signing one for each of the proposals being submitted. We are anticipating 8 or 9 proposals to implement habitat projects identified in the Walla Walla Water 2050 Plan and in the SRSRB workplan except for the Oregon project as well as 1 or 2 proposals in the Tucannon.

Brian Shinn made a motion to approve the letters of support as presented. Sean Thurston seconded the motion which passed by consensus.

John shared the draft letter of support that was requested for the Water Smart Study project being proposed for funding to the Bureau of Reclamation. The proposal was developed and is being proposed by the Department of Ecology, Office of Columbia River.

Gary James moves to approve the Water Smart Study letter of support as presented. Brian Shinn seconded the motion which passed by consensus.

Update – Announcements and Items of Interest

Executive Call Actions – No actions taken.

SRFB Grant Round Update – John briefly summarized the completion of the SRFB grant round locally. The full project list will be approved at the September SRFB meeting in Olympia. John also noted that the special large capital proposal and process is also moving forward as discussed.

Action 6: September 27, 2022 for next Board meeting to be held at the Dayton Best Western in Dayton at 4 pm. — A motion was made by Sean Thurston and seconded by Larry Hooker to hold the next Board meeting on September 27, 2022 at the Dayton Best Western at 4 PM. The Board approved by consensus.

Tour – South Fork Walla Walla River Fish Hatchery Tour. Ryan Ashcraft, Assistant Hatchery Manager provided a tour of the hatchery facility.

Dinner, Presentation, and Discussion: Discussion with District 9 and 16 Legislators and Staff – John presented briefly during dinner on what the SRSRB does and our focus on community-based salmon habitat restoration.

- 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.

Partner Comments: Opportunity for Comments from Fisheries Co-Managers and Board Partners –



CTUIR Chair Kat Brigham welcomed the group and spoke to the need for collaboration and partnership – the Tribe wants to work together to find solutions to difficult issues.

Representative Dye asked that the Tribe bring forward their needs, including hatchery needs. She also noted that she is working on an outdoor recreation and climate adaptation bill, a salmon safe communities bill, and a wastewater bill for the Puget Sound. She also noted her support for the Floodplains by Design program and that we need to continue and increase the holistic, multi-disciplinary thinking.

Mike Denny suggested that we discuss how to start a “fish without borders” conversation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by Vice Chair Johnson.

Signed By: Bill Bowles Date: September 27, 2022
Bill Bowles, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board