

Date: July 26th, 2022

Place: Dayton Best Western

Format: Regular Meeting started at 6:00 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), and Justin Dixon (GC).

Board Members on Phone: Kris Fischer (CTUIR).

Others in Person: John Foltz (SRSRB), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB), and Roland Schirman (Citizen).

Others on Phone: Steve Martin (WDFW) and Joanna Cowles-Cleveland (WWCCD).

Verify Quorum / Public Comment

SRSRB Vice Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and verified a quorum (8 in person, 1 on phone). Public comment was provided by Steve Martin, who thanked the Board for their collaborative work. A motion was made by Justin Dixon to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Marty Hall and the Board approved the motion.

Action 1 – A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the June 28, 2022 meeting notes. Mike Denny seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion. Expense approval will come later due to the WWCC business services database blackout period. John also updated the Board on the status of office space availability at the WWCC; Kris Fischer and John will continue to discuss the options with Dave Stockdale at the Water Center.

Action: Approve 2022 ranked project list for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board – Ali presented the SRFB 2022 final ranked list as approved by the Lead Entity Committee. All projects were ultimately cleared for funding by the SRFB review panel. Based on the Targeted Investment ranking meeting, our regional project fell below the funding line so it will remain on the SRFB ranked list as planned. As such, no changes were made to the project list or funding request. Because of the additional funding received, we have enough to fund the list in full. The SRSRB was supportive of the project list and didn't have concerns with funding the list as presented.

A motion was made by Larry Hooker to approve the ranked list as presented (list below). Sean Thurston seconded the motion and it passed by consensus. Brad Johnson and Kris Fischer abstained. Several Board members, whom also serve on the Lead Entity Committee, noted that the grant round went smoothly and thanked project sponsors and staff. John and Ali noted their appreciation of sponsors and the Lead Entity Committee as well, including our regional SRFB grant manager Alice Rubin and the state review panel.

Discussion/Action: Salmon Recovery Funding Board 2022 Special Large Capital Project Solicitation – John briefly summarized that an RFP was flown for projects and closed July 25th. We received two letters of intent, a Mill Creek Fish Passage Project Package from the Tri-State Steelheaders (TSS) and a proposal for the Lower Touchet Restoration Project (design funded through 2022 SRFB grant round) from CTUIR. Projects will be presented at the August 17th RTT meeting, at which the Lead Entity Committee and SRFB Review Panel has been invited to attend. The Mill Creek project would be the highest priority project as it addressed passage barriers limiting access to 50 miles of upstream spawning habitat. The Tuusi Wana (lower Touchet) project is located in a priority migration reach outside of a MSA which means it is a lower priority than Mill Creek fish passage but would serve as an alternate project in the event Mill Creek can't utilize all the funding. The Board was supportive of the Mill Creek fish passage proposal being the top ranked project based on regional priorities with the Touchet Project being a suitable alternate in the event funding is made available. The Board asked if the TSS had the capacity to take on this work – staff reported that in conversations with the TSS, they have confirmed that they do. Steve Martin noted that WDFW is working on capacity to support project work in Mill Creek. The Board recommended that the TSS include an additional FTE for their staff on this project.

A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve Mill Creek passage project as the number one project and the Touchet restoration project as the first alternate project for the 2022 Special Large Capital Project funding opportunity and the proposed approach for local review of projects. Larry Hooker seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion.



Discussion: NOAA Notice of Funding Opportunities – John summarized two notices of funding opportunities from NOAA resulting from the Infrastructure and Jobs Act. We are assisting several project sponsors in developing applications, but the funding information is potentially worth passing along to folks that Board members work with. There is funding for fish passage, habitat restoration, and capacity funding. While funding will be available in future years, it sounds like sponsors would have the best shot this year given the quick turnaround time and potentially less competition.

Discussion: August Legislative Outreach Meeting Preparations – John reached out to our district 9 and 16 legislators. He's heard back from Senator Dozier and Representative Klicker so far. He's also invited the WDFW, CTUIR, and NPT fisheries co-managers. He plans to give an overview of the SRSRB and what we do, take a tour of the hatchery and have dinner at 6 PM. John asked if the SRSRB had any topics they wanted to bring up – the Board agreed with the approach and asked to have space on the agenda for the fisheries co-managers and partners to talk. Roland and Brad offered their help with dinner planning and preparations.

Discussion: Short video effort and outreach discussion – John met with Mike Denny as he worked to develop an article for the Union Bulletin about the SRSRB. Mike also suggested putting together a series of outreach videos to help spread the word about the work we do. The Board discussed some logistical considerations and staff workload and if the videos would be low effort. Overall, the board was supportive of trying out a few videos by hiring someone to take video of the legislative BBQ and see how it goes before investing a lot of effort. Mike offered to take the lead on securing someone to film at the Hatchery BBQ.

Update – Announcements and Items of Interest

Executive Call Actions – No actions taken.

NOAA Rebuilding Interior Columbia Basin Salmon and Steelhead Report – FYI of publication and link shared.

BPA LSRD's Power Replacement Study Report – FYI of publication and link shared.

Northwest Power and Conservation Council Meeting – Tucannon Spring Chinook – WDFW presented to the Power Council who seemed receptive. No decisions on funding or support were made however. Steve noted that the Tucannon Spring Chinook return continues to be higher than expected, currently ~190 fish have made it to the hatchery weir so far, only ~7 are of hatchery origin.

Action: August 24th, 2022 for next Board meeting to be held at the CTUIR South Fork Walla Walla Fish Hatchery at 4 PM in Umatilla County, OR. – A motion was made by Justin Dixon and seconded by Jon Jones to hold the next Board meeting on August 24th, 2022 at the CTUIR South Fork Walla Walla Fish Hatchery at 4 PM in Umatilla County, OR. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by Vice Chair Johnson.

Signed By:  Date: August 24, 2022
Bill Bowles, Chair, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board

2022 SRFB Grant Round Final Ranking Summary June 23rd, 2022*

Final Rank	Average Score	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Project Type	RP Final Review	SRFB Request	Project Match	Project Total	Match %
1	144.6	Tucannon PA 26 Phase III/IV Construction***	Columbia Conservation District	Restoration	Cleared	\$545,500	\$1,042,942	\$1,588,442	66%
2	136.4	Asotin Creek PA 6 Construction	Asotin Conservation District	Restoration	Conditioned	\$225,000	\$80,000	\$305,000	26%
3	127.6	Cummings Creek Channel Complexity	Nez Perce Tribe	Restoration	Cleared	\$121,986	\$55,266	\$177,252	31%
4	127.0	Kelly Creek PA45 Restoration	Asotin Conservation District	Restoration	Cleared	\$70,000	\$30,500	\$100,500	30%
5	123.7	Touchet RM 42 Construction	Walla Walla County Conservation Dist.	Restoration	Cleared	\$349,504	\$351,000	\$700,504	50%
6	123.3	Couse Creek PA 78 Restoration	Asotin Conservation District	Restoration	Cleared	\$164,500	\$70,500	\$235,000	30%
7	122.3	Panjab Creek Low-Tech Process-Based Restoration	Trout Unlimited	Restoration	Cleared	\$123,131	\$22,000	\$145,131	15%
8	118.1	Tucannon River Project Area 5-15 Assessment and Design	Confed. Tribes Umatilla Indian Reservation	Planning	Cleared	\$150,001	\$269,150	\$419,151	64%
9	116.9	Asotin Creek PA 11.2 Design	Asotin Conservation District	Planning	Cleared	\$96,000	\$24,000	\$120,000	20%
10	116.5	Tennile Creek PA 68.1 Construction	Asotin Conservation District	Restoration	Cleared	\$43,600	\$18,700	\$62,300	30%
11	114.6	Asotin Creek PA 3.2 Design	Asotin Conservation District	Planning	Conditioned	\$84,000	\$21,000	\$105,000	20%
12	113.5	Snake Region Beaver Relocation Framework	Trout Unlimited	Restoration	Cleared	\$106,231	\$28,000	\$134,231	21%
13	112.9	Walla Walla River 32.5 Design	Confed. Tribes Umatilla Indian Reservation	Planning	Conditioned	\$165,000	\$60,000	\$225,000	27%
14	111.3	Tumalum Creek LTPBR Phase 4	Pomeroy Conservation District	Restoration	Cleared	\$116,325	\$21,000	\$137,325	15%
15	105.8	Steptoe Creek Culvert Replacement	Palouse Conservation District	Restoration	Cleared	\$249,000	\$44,000	\$293,000	15%
16	100.2	Steptoe Creek PALS Phase II	Palouse Conservation District	Restoration	Cleared	\$45,000	\$7,941	\$52,941	15%
17	85.2	Túuši Wána - Touchet River Design	Confed. Tribes Umatilla Indian Reservation	Planning	Conditioned	\$65,000	\$160,000	\$225,000	71%
18	68.6	McNary National Wildlife Refuge-Wallula Unit Design	Confed. Tribes Umatilla Indian Reservation	Planning	Cleared	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$165,000	9%
						\$2,869,778	\$2,320,999		
						Amount remaining			
						\$802,852			

^Regional Allocation: \$1,688,000 + \$1,984,630 = \$3,672,630

*Final ranked list as ranked by the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board Lead Entity on June 23rd, 2022. No fatal flaws were identified.

***Tucannon PA26 is seeking funding through SRFB Targeted Investment concurrently. If Targeted Investment funds are received, it will be removed from the project list.

^The regional allocation is \$1,688,000 plus an additional \$1,984,630 that can be used for 2022 or 2023 grant rounds for total of up to \$3,672,630 available for 2022.