Snake River Salmon Recovery

Date: June 25th, 2024
Place: Dayton Best Western
Format: Regular Meeting started at 6:00 p.m.
Board Members in Person: Jon Jones (WC), Marty Hall (CC), Mike Denny (WW), Brian Shinn (AC), Bradley Johnson (AC), Kris Fischer (CTUIR)
Board Members on Phone: Jerimiah Bonifer (CTUIR), Michael Largent (WC), Sean Thurston (CC)
Others in Person: Steve Martin, (SRSRB), and Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB)
Others on Phone: Kris Buelow (SRSRB)

Verify Quorum / Agenda Approval and Public Comment

SRSRB vice-chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and verified a quorum (6 in person, 3 on phone).
No public comment was provided.

Action – A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the consent agenda as presented which included two items (1) May 2025 expenses and (2) May 28th, 2024 meeting notes. It was seconded by Mike Denny and the Board approved the motion by consensus.

Discussion Items:

- **Review intent, scope and deliverable of partner contracts:** Partners have tasks associated with ongoing work with the SRSRB including LE, RTT, and outreach. Amendments are in process to review partner contracts for equal to or not to exceed 10% increase in existing amounts. The SRSRB are interested in extending invites to partners for presentations on their ongoing work.

- **Update on District 9 and District 16 state representative meeting (TBD):** Steve met with our legislators and representatives during Salmon Day on the Hill and they had positive things to say about our previous outreach BBQs. Steve would like to host our district 9/16 reps/senators sometime this fall. There was general agreement about hosting it at King Grade to highlight habitat work in the region. More details to follow.
- **2024 Grant Round status update:** Ali provided a summary of where the grant round is currently at including the three ranked lists as developed by the Lead Entity Committee at the final scoring meeting. The SRSRB gives final review and approval of the lists at the July SRSRB meeting before Ali submits them to the state SRFB in August. At this stage, there was discussion needed around one project that is currently a project of concern by the SRFB review panel as there are differing opinions on what restoration techniques will best meet restoration goals and objectives in a meaningful time frame. Projects have been resubmitted for final SRFB review with determination of clearance for funding expected in late July. If any projects are projects of concern at this final review step, they are removed from our funding list to avoid forfeiting said funding.

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Action Items

- **Letter of support for Nez Perce Tribe proposal to National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for PA 8-10 Tucannon River restoration:** This is the first ranked project on the large cap list. NFIW application was submitted by NPT and NFWF is requesting they continue to the formal application step. As such, the NPT is seeking SRSRB approval of letter.
    - A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the letter of support as presented. The motion was seconded by Marty Hall and passed by consensus.
- **Authorize the use of funds for WDFW to buy roll-off style container freezer at Lyons Ferry with funds that were previously approved, but not expended on, upgrading the existing walk in freezer that is at the hatchery:** WDFW would like to retain the existing freezer space for storage and use the funding to purchase a mobile offsite freezer instead. The executive committee felt this should be brought to the full SRSRB for discussion. Same approximate space and cost from SRSRB.
    - Marty Hall made a motion to approve the purchase of the roll-off freezer not to exceed a SRSRB cost of $40,000 with WDFW providing maintenance and electricity. Jon Jones seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

Executive Session: For review of the performance of staff with no action to be taken: Executive Session to run from 7:00 to 7:30 PM. Session ended 7:36 with no action taken.

1. **Approve salary schedule, range (NR 8, 11 and 14 for funding coordinator, Tucannon Program Manager and Director, respectively) and step E for all current staff as presented**
2. **Approve pay range at NR10 for vacant technical coordinator position with step TBD based on experience of candidate**

A motion was made by Mike Denny to approve the salary schedule including range and step for current staff as well as the pay range for a new NR10 as presented. Jon Jones seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

Update – Announcements and Items of Interest

- **Executive Call Actions –** No actions taken
- **RTT Meeting-** Rescheduled to June 26th and includes steelhead population updates.
- Other: A request was made to get an update on northern pike and musky from Justin Bush.

Action: July 23rd, 2024 Board meeting to be held at the Best Western in Dayton, WA at 6 PM — A motion was made by Brian Shinn and seconded by Marty Hall to hold the next Board meeting on July 23rd, 2024 at the Best Western in Dayton, WA at 6 PM. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 by Vice Chair Johnson.

Date: July 23, 2024