Snake River Salmon Recovery

Date: May 28th, 2024
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), Brian Shinn (AC), Bradley Johnson (AC)
Board Members on Phone: Billy Bowles (GC), Jerimiah Bonifer (CTUIR), Justin Dixon (GC)
Others in Person: Steve Martin, (SRSRB), Kris Buelow (SRSRB) and Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB)
Others on Phone: None

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, 2 on phone).
No public comment was provided.

A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Jon Jones and the Board approved the motion by consensus.

Action – A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the consent agenda as presented which included two items (1) April 2024 expenses and (2) April 23, 2024 meeting notes. Marty Hall seconded and the motion passed by consensus.

Discussion Items:

- **Partner contracts (WWCCD, CCD, PCD, ACCD, PCD, NPT, CTUIR) that will expire this June 30th**

The SRSRB approves contracts every year to maintain outreach, LE participation, etc. This year is a continuation of previous agreements with same scopes of work and budgets through an amendment renewal to add one more year to the existing contracts.

The SRSRB is supportive of also adding an option to allow up to 10% budget increase for partner contracts as needed.

Additionally, the SRSRB was interested in inviting partners to provide updates on ongoing work and projects to the board as available.

Action Items

- **Approve amendments to partner contracts that (1) extends the period of performance to June 30, 2025 and (2) provides funding in an amount equal to the amount in the existing agreements; the tasks and deliverables remain unchanged from the previous (2022) agreements and 2023 amendments**

Mike Denny made a motion to approve the partner contract renewals as presented **with an amendment to the action item which is to add an up to a 10% increase to budgets if partners need additional funding**. Larry Hooker seconded the motion, and it passed by consensus.

Update – Announcements and Items of Interest

- **Executive Call Actions –** No actions taken
- **RTT Meeting-** cancelled for May
- **Lead Entity Grant Round Update—** Ali updated the board on the successful project tours the first week in May. From early verbal discussions, it sounds like the projects are all likely to be cleared by the end of the grant round. Review Panel comments are expected my May 31st. The final scoring meeting is Thursday, June 20th. The SRFB grant round funding amount will be finalized in June but is expected to be about $2.4 million.

Other Items

Steve summarized various topics for upcoming meetings inclding WDFW FiFo data for Snake tributaries and Asotin, Natural Systems Designs evaluation of temp/flow in relation to habitat projects, RTT Fish Passage Barrier Prioritization database updates, WDFW Tucannon ST/CH population trends, CTUIR WW SPCH status and trends updates, action effectiveness monitoring, Science Coordinator Position updates, Legislative Outreach Dinner possibly in September, Department of Ecology may be discontinuing some stream gages (details to follow), staff evaluations in June, Tucannon floodplain restoration presentation, and potential update regarding CREP audits by NRCS.

Other discussions: Mike Denny suggests doing two outreach presentations a year for groups in the community such as Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Lions Club, etc. He also suggests inviting our legislators. Return to the River Festival was in Walla Walla two weekends ago. Kris ran the booth for the SRSRB with approximately 885 people in attendance. It provided a good outreach opportunity. NPT is trying to get bounty on Walleye where folks can also keep the fish. One was caught below Pittsburg. Also have been seen in the Grande Ronde. Jeramiah said there are some working groups slowly getting going. Still very preliminary. Mussel infestation-We could have Justin Bush present to the SRSRB. Updates on State and Sea Lion removal?? Some coordination but its so expensive to remove them that they can't fully execute their permits.

Action: June 25th, 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 Larry Hooker to hold the next Board meeting on June 25th, 2024 at the Best Western in Dayton, WA at 6 PM. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 by Vice Chair Johnson.

Insert Billy Bowles Signature once approved by the board:

Date: June 25, 2024