Snake River Salmon Recovery

Date: September 23rd, 2025
Place: 1944 Tucannon River Road, Pomeroy, WA
Format: Regular Meeting started at 6:23 p.m.
Board Members in Person: Brian Shinn (AC), Brad Johnson (AC), Kris Fischer (CTUIR), Marty Hall (CC), Larry Hooker (WW), Chad Whetzel (WC), Justin Dixon (GC), Jeramiah Bonifer (CTUIR), Michael Largent (WC)
Others in Person: Steve Martin (SRSRB), Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB), Reid Camp (SRSRB), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Mike Lambert (CTUIR), Doug Maxey (citizen), Eileen Hall (citizen), Perry Dozier (WA 16th District Senator), Paul Anderson (citizen)

Verify Quorum / Agenda Approval and Public Comment

SRSRB Vice Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:23 pm and verified a quorum (9 in person). A motion was made by Justin Dixon to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Brian Shinn and passed by consensus.

Action – A motion was made by Justin Dixon to approve the consent agenda as presented which included three items (1) July 2025 expenses, (2) August 2025 Expenses, and (3) July 2025 meeting notes. It was seconded by Brian Shinn and the Board approved the motion by consensus.

Discussion—

- **Board background, priorities, and accomplishments:**
  - Introduction-Steve Martin Welcomed everyone and provided a brief introduction to the SRSRB.
  - Tucannon BPA Habitat Programmatic-Kris Buelow presented an overview of the Tucannon Habitat Programmatic and specifically highlighted a case study in Project Area 26 including benefits to fish and the landowner.
  - Restoration works-Reid Camp highlighted regional accomplishments as well as a deeper dive into the Asotin Creek Intensively Monitored Watershed.
  - Partnerships, collaboration, strategic investments and our Lead Entity Committee-Ali Fitzgerald summarized the role of the Lead Entity Committee and collaboration among lead entity technical members, citizen members, and project sponsors.
  - 5-year summary of salmon recovery investments-Steve Martin wrapped up the presentations with a summary of state and federal funding in the region including a breakdown of how the vats majority goes directly to on-the-ground work with minimal overhead.
- **Tucannon River and floodplain video walk through:** Kris Buelow walked the group through what a stream reach looks like before and after restoration through a series of photos walking perpendicular to the valley and floodplain. Take homes were the simplified channel and near zero floodplain in the pre-restoration site versus and holistically functioning, inundated floodplain in a post-restoration worksite.

- **Thoughts from legislators in attendance:** frustration around how long it can sometimes take to get projects on the ground due to billing/project review/permitting type processes. Value in projects and recognizing changes restoration techniques comparing smaller structures on earlier Touchet projects compared to the types of projects like the Tucannon presentation demonstrated. Support for carrying the message forward about the importance of salmon restoration in our region for fish and local landowners.

Updates – Announcements and Items of Interest

Executive committee call actions: No actions

PCSRF status and scenarios: Funding received and under contract with RCO.

Action: October 28th, 2025 board meeting to be held at the Dayton SRSRB office 410B East Main at 4 PM — A motion was made by Michael Largent and seconded by Marty Hall to hold the next Board meeting at the SRSRB office beginning at 4 PM. The Board approved the motion by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 by Vice Chair Johnson.

Date: December 9th, 2025