Date: May 26, 2026
Place: Dayton SRSRB Office
Format: Regular Board Meeting started at 6:00 p.m.
Board Members in Person: Jay Holzmiller (AC), Brian Shinn (AC), Marty Hall (CC), Jon Jones (WC),
Board Members on the phone: Michael Largent (WC), Brad Johnson (AC), Chad Whetzel (WC), Mike Denny (WW), Justin Dixon (GC)
Others in Person: Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Ali Fitzgerald (SRSRB), Steve Martin (SRSRB)
Others on Phone: Joanna Cowles Cleveland (WWCCD), Reid Camp (SRSRB)

Verify Quorum / Agenda Approval and Public Comment

Steve Martin called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm and confirmed there was a quorum (4 in person, 5 on phone) A motion was made by Brian Shinn to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Marty Hall and passed by consensus.

Action – A motion was made by Marty Hall to approve the consent agenda as presented which included four items (1) March 2026 expenses, (2) April 2026 expenses, (3) March 24th meeting notes, and (4) April 30th meeting notes. It was seconded by Jay Holzmiller and the Board approved the motion by consensus.

Discussion Items:

Lead Entity 2026 project grant round update—Ali provided a brief recap of the grant round including the site tours that occurred the first week of May. We had 12 projects across 6 regional organizations with 41 attendees. She also briefly reviews the draft ranked project lists, the schedule, and when the SRSRB would need to finalize the ranked lists for SRFB funding. The final scoring meeting is June 16th and the SRSRB will approve on July 28th. SRFB grant awards are Sept 15-16th.

Discuss agenda for September 22nd legislative outreach meeting— Steve sent invites to district 9/16 representatives with 4 out of 6 responding so far (3 plan to attend and one is not available). Planning to start at 5 pm with dinner at 6 pm. Is there any interest to see Chinook spawning on the Tucannon earlier in the day. Messaging in the past used to be "Salmon mean business", "restoration is working", etc. But across the WA regions, we're hearing about the additional benefits to restoration such as moderating flood risk, reducing wildfire risk, improving water availability and quality, ecosystem services, transportation and infrastructure benefits through bridge replacements, etc. Steve is curious what board members are seeing and hearing. Marty has anecdotally observed more water flowing in the Tucannon compared to previous years. Increased voluntary landowner participation that benefits fish and landscape with less resistance to restoration now than in the past. Ag producers who opted out of conservation district programs saw worse profits through less productive fields. Steve would

like to get some quotes or other sound bites for the outreach materials. Steve will try and capture these comments for future discussion.

Update on the status of creating new non-profit corporation—The state auditors office requested us become a non-profit however the SRSRB executive committee confirmed the Board stance that we will remain as currently operating unless told otherwise. Walla Walla Community College and the Governors Salmon Recovery Office do not support this request. Steve will halt efforts related to this topic unless he hears from the state auditor's office.

Status on FY 26 PCSRF award to Washington State—$Funding for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund was approved by congress, Notice of Funding Opportunity has been published by NOAA; WA is anticipating an award sometime later this year, potentially as late as December but hopefully earlier.

Letters of support for (a) habitat restoration project within the Asotin IMW and (b) Tucannon River power line and road relocation proposal for Targeted Investment program— Steve and Ali presented the draft letters of support for the two projects mentioned above. Any projects that occur on IMW require a letter of support showing no conflict with existing IMW work. TI for powerline and road relocation out of the floodplain.

Update – Announcements and Items of Interest

Executive committee call actions:

- April 21st Executive committee call no actions taken
- May 19th Executive committee call no actions taken

Action Items:

Letters of support for Asotin Project and for the Tucannon power lines and road relocation Targeted Investment proposal

Approve letter of support for the Asotin Area BDA Project – IMW Brad Johnson made a motion to approve the letter of support for habitat restoration in the IMW. Brian Shinn seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

Approve letter of support for the Tucannon PA 5-15 Targeted Investment Project– Brad Johnson made a motion to approve a letter of support for the Tucannon Targeted Investment project as discussed. Marty Hall seconded and it passed by consensus.

Approve June 23rd, 2026 for the next board meeting to be in Dayton, WA at 410B E Main Street starting at 6PM.

Brian Shinn made a motion to approve June 23rd, 2026 for the next SRSRB meeting at the Dayton SRSRB office at 6 pm. Jon Jones seconded and the motion passed by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 by Steve Martin.

Snake River Salmon Recovery

Insert Billy Bowles Signature once approved by the board:

Date: June 23rd, 2026