



Snake River Salmon Recovery Board

Meeting Minutes January 25, 2005

Board Members Present: Eric Myers, Jay Holzmiller, Dick Isaac, Doug Mattoon, Cathy LaRoque, Del Groat, Butch Klaveano, Dick Jones, Stuart Durfee

Board Members Present By Phone: Gary James, Yancey Reser, Ed Schultz, Les Wigen

Others: John Andrews, (WDFW); Terry Bruegman (CCD), Brad Johnson (ACCD), Duane Bartels (PCD), Steve Martin, Juli Post

Steve verified the quorum, 11 members present at the time the quorum was reviewed.

Welcome

Jay Holzmiller opened the meeting by welcoming the Board members and others present.

Action Items

1. Approval of the December 14, 2004 special meeting minutes

Steve introduced the meeting minutes from December 14th and gave board members time to review. Steve asked for any questions or comments on the December 14th 2004 meeting minutes. No questions or comments were raised.

Action 1: Steve asked for a motion to approve the December 14, 2004 board meeting minutes. Butch Klaveano made a motion and Dick Isaac seconded. The board approved the motion by consensus.

2. Approval of concepts included in document titled legislation 12.29.04

Steve provided a power point conceptual overview of the legislation that is being proposed in Olympia. Cathy said this spoke to the issue of continued coordination (local control) of the plans that this community has in place. Del stated that this concepts included in the draft legislation is where we want to go. Ed wanted clarification on whether this legislation had already been introduced. Steve responded by reading an email from Chris Drivdahl (GSRO) stating that it is a conceptual draft but that there is interest from various legislators and others to finalize it.

Action 2: Steve asked for a motion to approve the concepts included in the document titled legislation 12.29.04. Ed Schultz made a motion and Dick Isaac seconded. The board approved the motion by consensus.

3. Approval of partnership with the Upper Columbia and mid-Columbia regions for Mastin and Mastin to provide contractor services to represent the eastern Washington regions in the legislative session.

Steve provided a short description of the potential partnership with the Upper Columbia and mid-Columbia regions for Mastin and Mastin to provide contractor services to represent the eastern Washington regions in this legislative session for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per region for a period

of time not to exceed 6 months. The other regions have not finalized contracts with Mastin and Mastin but they are keenly interested in the topic. Gary would like to see a update at a minimum of bi-weekly from Dave if we contract with him. Steve also presented the scope of work he had developed before the board meeting to describe the tasks that Dave would work on. It was agreed that what the board wanted was at least bi-weekly updates. Juli will receive from Dave and email to the board.

Action 3: Steve asked for a motion to develop a contract for Mastin and Mastin and review with the budget committee. Doug Mattoon made a motion and Eric Myers seconded. The board approved the motion by consensus.


Jay Holzmilller conjectured that getting the WDFW behind the legislative endeavor would be a good thing. John Andrews indicated that the support is already there. Dick Jones asked John Andrews if there would be a priority issue as far as funding. John characterized that it would be based on which groups are functional and providing the coordination that the state wants to see. John also said ESA fish stocks play a part in this analysis.

4. Approving Norton and Arnold's modified scope of work and budget to reflect a reduction of services.

Steve presented a modified scope of work with budget to the board. Cathy wanted to know if dates had been set for the Recovery Roadshow Workshops. Steve indicated just in the general sense that they would be in April.

Action 4: Steve asked for a motion to approve the scope of work and the budget. Butch Klaveano made a motion and Cathy LaRoque seconded. The board approved the motion by consensus.

5. Approving Parametrix revised scope of work and budget to reflect increased services.

 Steve indicated that the cost increase was for \$68,967 and that the scope of work would be provided by the end of the week via email. John Andrews gave some background on why this additional work was requested by WDFW. That WDFW were looking for a more rigorous document than was being produced initially, more technical information, detail and specificity.

Action 4: Steve asked for a motion to approve the pending scope of work with an understanding that it will mirror the tasks that have been requested of Parametrix and that it reflect the approved budgetary around of \$68,967. Ed Schultz made a motion and Dick Isaac seconded. The board approved the motion by consensus.

6. Approval of 2005 operating budget.

Juli presented the Snake River Recovery Budget Detail dated January 25, 2005. This listed the increase for Parametrix, the other contractual obligations and the discretionary budget amounts.

Action 4: Steve asked for a motion to approve 2005 budget. Cathy LaRoque made a motion and Doug Mattoon seconded. The board approved the motion by consensus.

7. Special meeting to be held February 01, 2005 for new items identified at tonight's meeting.

Steve asked the board if a meeting needed to be scheduled to discuss the ramifications of the withdrawal of the Nez Perce Tribe from the board. The board's opinion was to wait and see if we get a response from the letter Steve will develop and send to the Nez Perce Tribe.

Discussion

1. Agency quarterly review schedule change

The agency review has been postponed until February 16th, 2005. Details will follow.

2. RTT update including the logic path and associated tables listing actions, cost feasibility and benefit

Steve presented the technical approach at planning for spatial structure of each population using the Major Spawning Areas maps (MSA). This geographic break-out of the populations is based on historic potential and while we will not likely ever meet historic conditions, it is important that the Recovery Plan identify strong-holds where we will aim high and areas that are less likely to significantly aid in recovery without significant changes to our communities. The concept is to spread the population across as many areas as possible in order to minimize the risk of extinction should something catastrophic occur in one area. Next Steve provided a table showing objectives for the habitat element sediment. He noted that the objective of <10% was agreed to in subbasin planning so we will use that objective in recovery planning. He presented the strategies that were agreed to in subbasin planning like improve upland conditions, improve roads, enhance riparian structure, etc that will be used to help us reduce sediment and meet our objective. The final step is to identify actions for each strategy. i.e., to improve upland conditions we will 1) implement 1,000 acres of direct seed, 2) construct 5 sediment basins, 3) convert 500 acres of land dominated by noxious to perennial grasses/vegetation, etc. This final step is currently being worked on by the implementers (conservation districts, Tribes, USFS, WDFW, RFEG, etc). It will then be presented to the Regional Tech Team on Feb 2 for review and then to the Board on February 22 for draft approval.

The RTT has agreed to meet bi-weekly due to the accelerated pace of planning. The RTT is still awaiting technical products from the NOA RTT which is a bit troubling considering that the Draft Plan will be done in March.


Inter local agreement update


Steve told the group that Scott Althouse said the Nez Perce had decided to withdraw from the SRSRB. Steve relayed that he had also ask Scott to report to the group at the board meeting what the Tribes concern and commentary was but that they were not available.

Ⓜ It was decided that Steve should develop a letter requesting more information from the Tribe as to their reasons for withdrawing so that there wouldn't be confusion and possible misunderstandings generated from this activity.

Review of Tasks

Task Title

 Steve will provide SOW additional Parametrix tasks by Friday via email.

 It was decided that Steve should develop a letter requesting more information from the Tribe as to their reasons for withdrawing so that there wouldn't be confusion and possible misunderstandings generated from this activity.

Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
1. Meeting Minutes	Butch Klaveano	Dick Isaac	Yes		Yes
2. Approval of concept in Legislation Document	Ed Schultz	Dick Isaac	Yes		Yes
3. Approval to develop a contract for Mastin and Mastin to do policy work in Olympia	Doug Mattoon	Eric Myers	Yes		Yes
4. Approval of Norton-Arnold scope of work	Butch Klaveano	Cathy LaRoque	Yes		Yes
5. Approval of Parametrix SOW	Ed Schultz	Dick Isaac	Yes		Yes
6. Approval of the 2005 Budget	Cathy LaRoque	Doug Mattoon	Yes		Yes
7. Special Meeting			No Action		

Name	Attendance for 2005											
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Doug Mattoon	Yes											
Dick Isaac	Yes											
Jay Holzmiller	Yes											
Dick Ducharme												
Dick Jones	Yes											
Eric Myers	Yes											
Gary James	Yes											
Butch Klaveano	Yes											
Del Groat	Yes											
Gary Cole												
Cathy LaRoque	Yes											
Yancey Reser	Yes											
Stuart Durfee	Yes											
Les Wigen	Yes											
Ed Schultz	Yes											