



## **Snake River Salmon Recovery Board**

### **Meeting Minutes March 22, 2005**

**Board Members Present:** Doug Mattoon, Dick Isaac, Jay Holzmilller, Dick Ducharme, Dick Jones, Eric Myers, Gary Cole, Cathy LaRoque, Yancey Reser, Les Wigen

**Board Members Present By Phone:** Gary James, Del Groat, Ed Schultz

**Others:** Brad Johnson (ACCD), Dick Rogers (WDFW), Ben Turner (Columbia County citizen), Herb Bowen (Columbia County citizen, Terry Bruegman (CCD), John Marsh (Parametrix), Mark Wachtel (WDFW), John Andrews (WDFW), Steve Martin, Juli Post

Steve verified the quorum, 13 members present at the time the quorum was reviewed.

#### **Welcome**

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

#### **Action & Discussion Items**

##### **1. Approval of minutes from the February 22, 2005 board meeting.**

Steve introduced the meeting minutes from February 22nd and gave board members time to review. Steve asked for any questions or comments on the February 22nd meeting minutes. Cathy noted that the meeting minutes should refer to the WRIA 32 Planning Unit requesting comments from the Board rather than a letter of support. This change will be made to the February minutes.

Action 1: Steve asked for a motion to approve the February 22nd board meeting minutes. Dick Jones made a motion and Yancey Reser seconded. The board approved the motion by consensus with the change requested by Cathy.

##### **2. Update on expenses for the Snake River Salmon Summit 2005**

Juli provided details on the expenses for the Salmon Summit and the Public Workshops in April. The cost for the rental of the Liberty Theater is \$500.00 and the cost of the rental of the room for the Walla Walla Regional Airport is \$75.00. The Clarkston campus of Walla Walla Community College is not going to charge us for the room rental.


Discussion 1: No Action.

Dick Ducharme worried about reviewing the whole document in the time that has been left. Dick Jones indicated that he had some concerns with points made in the document. Steve reminded the board that the schedule needed to be maintained to meet the deadline. Steve also mentioned that the first 6-months of the next biennium is scheduled for a fix-it-loop for the plan. Steve also reminded board that this is the schedule and approach approved by the board months ago. Question was asked as to whether NOAA will comment and if the plan has to go through NEPA. John Marsh explained that the obligation to run it through NEPA will fall into NOAA hands. They will actually be responsible for the

legal public process. Steve also reminded the board that this time frame was established months ago and that there is nothing new added that the foundation of the work is solidly based on the sub-basin plans. Conclusions are the same as the sub-basin plans. Dick Ducharme has concerns about being able to review. Dick Ducharme then went on to say that he would like the board to write a letter to NOAA listing the following reasons that a fix it loop is necessary:

1. We were requested to change the organization of the plan into MSA and analyze EDT and viability based on MSA aggregates which took more time and costs more money.
2. This change limited public review and has resulted in a restricted time for public process.


Doug Mattoon wants to make sure that the plan remains “our plan”. Dick Jones wants Dick Ducharme to work with Steve on development of the letter.

 Steve requested to prepare a formal letter, with the help of Dick Ducharme.

### **3. Transition funding for the period of July 1 through December 30, 2005**

- **Need to get to SRFB by April 15 the concept but not the details**
- **Official request in June for transition funding and 1.5 year of implementation funding**

Steve presented a spreadsheet for the 2005-2007 biennium budgets. He explained that the Governor’s Office requested that the budgets be set up in a six month transition period and an eighteen month implementation period so this budget reflects this approach. Included in this budget is an allocation for a Technical Coordinator which was requested by the RTT.

 Juli was requested to convene the budget committee the first week in April.

Action 2: Steve asked for a motion to approve the 2005-2007 budgets in general with an understanding that the details of the budget would be worked out by the budget committee. Ed Schultz made a motion and Jay Holzmillier seconded. The board approved the motion by consensus.

 Steve was requested to send out to the board members attending the meeting on the phone the budget spreadsheet.

### **4. Recovery Plan status update (schedule and process, product review, issues, etc.)**

John Marsh provided a review of the materials covered in the Executive Summary. John Andrews explained to the board the how the Viability Curve works. He also explained that if the model shows that the work will improve the habitat for fish i.e. we can get above the red line on the page then the other three H’s stay the same. The habitat work alone will provide restoration. Also mentioned is the desire to utilize a statewide monitoring forum. John Marsh also reminded the board that this is based on a 15 year plan.


The board discussed on how to handle board comments. John Marsh explained that it will be problematic if there are too many comments from the board as there really isn’t enough time to incorporate before the public review release date. Steve was hoping that he would receive the marked up comments from the board tonight, but few were provided.

**5. Approval to release Recovery Plan summary for public review.**

It was decided that the hard copies would be placed in each county library and each county conservation district. Steve would also provide to the county commissioners when he meets with them in April.

**6. Request for letters of support from the two Planning Units, Lead Entity and RFEF for letters of support for the regional recovery plan.**

Steve explained that letters of support from the Planning Units, Lead Entity and RFEF on submitting the plan to the Governor would be advisable.

 The Board requested to draft a letter that the board can review before sending out, that will be sent to the Planning Units, Lead Entity and RFEF's.

Action 3: Steve asked for a motion to approve the idea of preparing a letter to send to the Planning Units, Lead Entity and RFEF. Dick Ducharme made a motion and **WHO???** seconded. The board approved the motion by consensus.

**7. Legislative update via conference call.**

Steve provided a review of the status of the legislation in the House and Senate. The bill has come out of both the House and the Senate. There was only one change requested, two entities requested this change, one was Washington Farm Bureau and the other was Home Builders of Washington. They requested that the word “may” be struck in “The Governor’s office may enact in statute, the Regional Recovery Organizations”; To “The Governor’s office must enact in statute, the Regional Recovery Organizations”.

**8. Approval of Special Meeting to be held March 29.**





After a discussion of the board it was decided that no meeting would be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Discussion then took place around having a special meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm. How do we deal with the comments? Brad suggested Steve travel around to each of the counties and deal with commentary on a county by county basis. Steve perceives that the comments will be more global in nature and said that the board as a whole needed to address the commentary. Cathy suggested that the meeting should take place after the agency review meeting which is to be held May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 9AM. The date of May10th at 2pm was chosen to review all public comments. Cathy also suggested a letter describing the process and a comment form to be provided.

**9. 6<sup>th</sup> Round SRFB funding update and relationship to Recovery Plan**

Deferred to the April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 board meeting.

## Review of Tasks

### Task Title

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## Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
1. Meeting Minutes					
2.					
3.					

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