

Snake River Salmon Recovery Board

Meeting Notes August 28, 2007

Board Members Present: Dick Jones, Butch Klaveano, Eric Myers

Board Members Present By Phone: Doug Mattoon, Dick Isaac, Jay Holzmilller, Dick Ducharme, Gary James, Del Groat, Yancey Reser, Stuart Durfee, Michael Largent, Ed Schultz

Others: Steve Martin, Anne Chapman, Terry Bruegman (CCD)

Steve verified the quorum, 10 members present at the time the quorum was reviewed which met the quorum requirements.

Welcome

Approval of July 24th Board Minutes

Action 1: Steve asked for a motion to approve the July 24th board meeting minutes. Ed Schultz made a motion and Dick Jones seconded. The board approved the motion.

Agenda Additions:

Steve asked for additions to the agenda. There was none.

Approve Job Descriptions – (1) Executive Director, (2) Project Coordinator, (3) Administrative Assistant

Action 2: Steve asked for a motion to approve the job descriptions for the Executive Director, Project Coordinator and Administrative Assistant. Dick Jones made a motion, Butch Klaveano seconded. The motion carried.

Approve Walla Walla Community College as Fiscal Agent for the Board and Employer for Board Staff

Action 3: Steve asked for a motion to approve Walla Walla Community College as fiscal agent for the board and employer for board staff. Dick Ducharme made a motion, Dick Jones seconded. The motion carried.

Cancel 3-Month contract with Martin Consulting

Action 4: Steve explained that the Martin Consulting contract has not been activated or billed against due to the uncertainty of the fiscal agent. He asked that the 3 month contract be canceled to clean up any questions. Dick Jones made a motion to cancel the contract. Butch Klaveano seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion Items

- 1.) **BiOp Remand Update** – When the board met back in May on the Tucannon at the Last Resort with Phil Miller about the status of the recommendations that were coming out of the action agencies (NOAA) as they develop the biological opinion on the assessment of the BiOp provided by the active agencies. The action agencies are the USACOE, BPA and the Bureau of Reclamation. The board expressed several concerns.
 - a.) That we have got to continue to monitor.
 - b.) We have to ensure local guidance in terms of implementing the BiOp.

The latest report just came out today at 3pm and Steve has not had a chance to review it, but to his understanding, it addresses the majority of the boards concerns which were expressed back in May, except for one. That is that the action agencies are committing at this time to monitor adult abundance, not diversity, spatial structure or productivity.

Steve has drafted a letter that he will present for Board consideration at the next meeting. asking that they enhance their adult abundance monitoring to include all the little tributaries. Basically, the letter will request commitments to monitor adult abundance throughout their range and to fund any program that should cease during the time period of the BiOp, as well as call out the short-sightedness and risk of failing to monitor those improvements that are credited to the action agencies. Steve will also get input from the RTT.

Dick asked if the board should take a stand on the sea mammal issue at Bonneville that has been filed at the Senate or the House to be able to harvest some of those mammals. Del stated that he thought it was a little premature to comment on it. Nobody really knows what the BiOp is going to say yet.

- 2.) **Regional Technical Team Update** – They met yesterday here at this office. Discussion about the intensively monitored watershed, which has a budget of \$190,000. They have had difficulty finding a contractor so the RTT is reviewing re-structuring the budget to allow for additional funds in phase I (research, identification of the watershed(s) and experimental design and less for phase II (implementation).

The RTT discussed developing an updated 3-year capitol project improvement list. This is something the board should look into too. Most of the projects that were on previous lists have been completed.

Dick Jones stated that something that may significantly impact the project list is the recent Judges ruling on Culverts and Bridges. It could ultimately have a big impact on Columbia County and the other counties too. The counties are not going to be able to afford the expenses due to this ruling should it apply to jurisdictions other than the state. The board should look closely at this ruling and be aware of the effects it will have on the culverts, etc in all the counties. It was also stated that the board also needs to be aware that if you look at bridges as a fix for these issues, it will be very expensive. There are other alternatives to fixing these issues.

Steve will discuss with WWCC the logistics of them being a fiscal agent for a regional barrier inventory and assessment project and the board monitoring the project. If WWCC declines sponsoring this project Steve will look for another sponsor.

The RTT also committed to meeting every 3rd Tuesday of the Month. The reason for this is to help Steve get information from the Technical team and provide it to the board.

Brian Mahoney will represent the Umatilla and he will present to the board the fish pass study and update on the fish movement. NOAA has also agreed to send Tim Beeche to all the Technical Team meetings.

The Technical Team also discussed the need for a list of accomplishments. A list of accomplishments will be compiled as soon as we get a Project Coordinator on board, so that we can raise public awareness of what has been accomplished in the Salmon Recovery Area.

- 3.) Lead Entity Project List Update** – There were a total of 14 projects submitted, totaling approximately \$1.9 million. The regional allocation is about \$2.25 million. We don't have to spend all those monies, but that does mean that there is approximately \$400,000 that isn't going to be used.

The Lead Entity will be reviewing the 14 project applications and then scoring and ranking them here on September 6th. The rank will be submitted to the board on September 11th. The board is encouraged to attend on September 6th to familiarize themselves with the projects.

Steve explained the scoring and ranking process. Each person will individually score the projects on score cards and then the scores will be averaged for that project. This will then give them a score, whereby they can be ranked according to score. The committee then has the opportunity to shuffle them around based on the project cost benefits, technical merit, etc.,

Dick Ducharme asked if the deadline for submitting projects is up. Answer was yes.

Steve has asked the SRFB to allow the regional boards to spend up to 20% of their project monies on monitoring. They have not taken a stand on that yet, but that is just about what the \$400,000 amounts to. It would be great if we could get the SRFB to commit those unused dollars to this region to successful monitoring.

Dick Ducharme - Is there an opportunity to changing SRFB policies to include lawn watering sprinkler systems? Discussion continued on how there are new Sprinkler heads out there that can save 30-50% of water usage over conventional sprinkler heads. If there was funding out there to pay for them, there would be a lot of water saved. It is a real cheap way to conserve a whole bunch of water. Currently, SRFB policies are to allow for delivery but not application systems.

Discussion then pertained to how important it is to get legitimate projects ready for next year, so that monies are not left on the table in the future and whether or not the board has the discretion to be a project sponsor. Steve will provide a response in the context of the 3-year capitol improvement project list so that the Board, RTT, Lead Entity, Planning Units

collectively agree to a list of improvement projects and then look to refining/narrowing the scope of other improvement strategies over the winter.

Dick Jones moved to adjourn the board meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Sept. 11th, 2007 at 6pm located at the new office location on Main Street, Dayton.

Review of Tasks

Task Title


Task 1: Steve, identify prioritize projects for Sep 11th meeting.

Task 2: Steve, talk to WWCC about being fiscal agent on projects and having board monitor them.

Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Meeting Minutes- July 24 th	Ed Schultz	Dick Jones	Yes		
Approve Job Descriptions	Dick Jones	Butch Klaveano	Yes		
Approve Walla Walla Community College as fiscal agent for board and employer for board staff	Dick Ducharme	Dick Jones	Yes		
Cancel Martin Consulting 3 Month Contract	Dick Jones	Butch Kalveano	Yes		

Name	Attendance for 2007											
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Doug Mattoon		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Dick Isaac		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Jay Holzmilller	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes				
Dick Ducharme				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Dick Jones		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Eric Myers	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Gary James	Yes	Yes						Yes				
Virgil Klaveano	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes				
Del Groat	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				
Gary Cole												
Cathy Schaeffer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					
Yancey Reser		Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes				
Stuart Durfee	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes				
Michael Largent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes				
Ed Schultz			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes				

 No meeting was conducted this month.

