

Snake River Salmon Recovery Board

Meeting Notes October 23, 2007

Board Members Present:

WWCC (Walla Walla) Gary James, Cathy Schaeffer, Stuart Durfee, Yancey Reser
WWCC (Clarkston) Dick Isaac, Doug Mattoon, Michael Largent, Ed Schultz
SRSRB Office (Dayton) Dick Jones, Dick Ducharme

Others:

WWCC (Walla Walla) Steve Martin, Randal Son (Many Waters Community Development),
Dan Siemann (Ross & Associates), Kevin Scribner (Walla Walla Watershed Alliance), Larry Hooker
(WWCCD)

WWCC (Clarkston) Bradley Johnson (WRIA 35), Anne Chapman

Steve verified the quorum. 9 members

Welcome

Approval of September 11th Board Minutes

Action 1: Steve asked for a motion to approve the September 11th board meeting notes. Motion was made by Yancy Reser, and Seconded by Doug Mattoon to approve the September 11th meeting minutes.

Discussion: Stuart Durfee stated that he was on the phone. (This will be corrected).

Motion carried.

Agenda Additions:

Dick Isaacs – Discussion of the structure of the meetings and how they are run in that he would like to see the Chairman (Co-Chairs) run the meetings. He also asked about elections. Steve reported that there have not been any elections and concurred that we should address these issues.

Dick also expressed a concern about the structure of this meeting, having meeting spots in 3 places. He would rather travel to Dayton and meet in person. Body Language is very important when discussing issues with people. It was expressed that this is purely experimental in structure. Steve will put these issues on the next meeting agenda.

Approve Expenditures to date:

Action 2: Ed Schultz made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling \$4,040.50 expended for August and September in the Lead Entity Budget. Doug Mattoon seconded the motion.

Action 2: Motion carried.

Action 3: Doug Mattoon made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling \$27518.32 expended for August and September in the RCO Budget. Dick Isaacs seconded the motion.

Action 3: Motion carried.

Request Columbia County to fill vacant seat

Action 4: Eric Myers has turned in his resignation to the SRSRB.

Action 4: Yancy Reser made the motion to accept Eric Myers resignation, effective immediately and seconded by Stuart Durfee. Motion carried.

Steve will get on Columbia County Commissioners agenda to start the process to fill vacant seat.

Appoint one Board Member to Project Coordinator Interview Committee

Action 5: Steve reported that there are 6 Applicants for the position. The advertising/application process for this position is now closed and interviews will begin next week. Mark Shuck for the RTT will sit in on the interviews, WWCC Human Resources will have a person sitting in on the interview, and Steve would like to see a SRSRB Member sitting in on that process.

Action 5: Stuart Durfee made the motion to accept Yancy Reser's offer to be on the Project Coordinator Interview committee. Ed Schultz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION

Transition to WWCC update: Steve reported that the transition to WWCC has gone seamlessly. Anne Chapman has contributed to making Steve's job easier. Thanks to both WWCC and Anne.

Intensively Monitored Watershed Program: Steve reported that the request for proposals is complete and it is now posted. It is on the General Administration, State of Washington, website. The RTT has agreed to review RFP's and provide comments to Steve; Glen Mendel will represent in the selection process. Right now the meeting is scheduled to be in Olympia, Steve is trying to get it rescheduled to be in Walla Walla.

First step – Look at all the data

Second step – Develop an experimental design

Third step – Remaining budget will go to Ecology, Fish & Wildlife, The Tribes or whoever this board deems it should go to, to do the implementation of that work.

Conservation Easements: - Steve discussed the possibility of the board developing a Criteria Policy for conservation easements. He reported that it was on the RTT Agenda and Steve distributed a request for folks to provide the top three **minimum requirements** that each would suggest. This will create a list of **minimum requirements** that are important that the board can start working with.

Yancy Reser: Concerned about evaluation of costs of appraisals, etc.... Regulations and restrictions vary from County to County, and from City Limits to County, etc.... The board needs to have barebones evaluation of what the regulation and restrictions are in these areas in order to make educated decisions on how to develop criteria.

Dick Ducharme: There are many different forms of easements, (riparian, watershed, agricultural, wetland, etc...). Need to define which kind of easement addressing.

Doug Matoon: suggested putting together a list of this year's project easements and the criteria that pertained to them.

Gary James: suggested having two stages of criteria:

First: A Minimum Eligibility Criteria to qualify for an easement.

Second: Evaluation criteria after the easements meet the minimum criteria.

Dick Jones: Columbia County Land owners are going to be concerned about regulations that restrict their individual land use rights.

Cathy Schaeffer: Work with local, State and Federal jurisdictions to evaluate restrictions and also to learn how to enforce them.

Steve Martin asked if there is interest in developing a sub-committee for developing the criteria.

Doug Matoon: Would welcome having a regional community ordinance comparison to compare with Critical Areas Ordinance that will be developed by his county in the next year or so.

Cathy Schaeffer: To provide a scientific background and develop criteria that gives landowners the best benefit of their land and also develops habitat is a good role for this board to assume.

Next meetings agenda will contain identifying steps for developing the Criteria Policy for conservation easements and consideration for how to conduct a multi-county review for comparison purposes.

Fishing Regulation Revisions:

Action 6: - The Fish and Wildlife Commission has accepted revisions to the bass fishing limits. The current limit was 5 per day. They have now posted them for public comment. Glen Mendel has reported that there are competing recommendations that the Fish and Wildlife Commission has; one recommendation from the District Fish Bio (7) and another from the State Headquarters (10). He would like to see the SRSRB write a letter of support for the statewide recommendation of 10 bass per day.

Action: 6

Dick Jones moved to write a letter of support for the statewide recommendation of 10 bass per day. Michael Largent seconded the motion.

Gary James opposed to commenting on actual fish management, pertaining to specific harvest regulations and bag limits as the Board has acknowledged that fish management is addressed in other venues.

Motion carried with 1 opposed.

Discussion:

3 Year Implementation Work Plan: Steve would like to see a 3 year work plan in place before the next round of projects are presented. There needs to be a report, reporting those projects that are complete, along with a plan for *suggested* projects. Project ideas will be asked for so that a 3 year implementation work plan can be developed. These ideas will be presented to the board at the next board meeting.

Update the board on the council program for next board meeting.

Walla Walla Watershed Shared Governance/Water Management Initiative – willingness to explore alternatives to current organizational structures(s) with other organizations.

Doug Matoon: After several of us attended the meetings a month or so ago in Walla Walla attending as WRIA 34 and WRIA 35 representatives only, we came away with the impression that it really is a WRIA 32 issue, not a salmon board issue. Because of how many different groups that are involved in WRIA 32, they need to all get together first and drive these discussions. The board certainly can monitor the discussions, but should not be driving them. The salmon board staff (Steve) really should not be using their resources at this time on this issue.

Dick Ducharme: Agreed with Doug Matoon on this matter. The Salmon Board should focus strictly on the Recovery of Salmon maintaining its regional presence/perspective, which is separate from what the Watershed Governance/Water Management is trying to do at this time.

Michael Largent: There may be an opportunity for the Salmon Recovery Board to find areas of common interest and synergy once the Walla Walla Basins get all their groups together on one page. Once they get that done there will be opportunities to look for cooperation, integration and efficiency as stated in Steve's Memo.

Dick Jones: If the Salmon Recovery Board stays separate from this entity, they may maintain more control than if they would combine with them.

Kathy Schaffer: Would the Board consider submitting a letter of support for the direction WRIA 32 is headed, making it clear that the Salmon Recovery Board would not be interested integrating with them, but supportive of their direction?

Steve Martin: Summary of what the board is stating: The Board supports the WRIA 32's water management efforts to integrate and develop local government mechanisms and all the issues they are talking about.

Kevin: Discussion about how much time Steve and Brad should contribute to this topic then followed.

Doug Matoon: The board supports both Steve and Brad attending meetings and monitoring or supporting the direction the Shared Governance is going.

Gary pointed out that the letter/memo should really have the word *habitat* inserted in the statement. ("This memo is to ask the board to explore the notion of shared responsibilities and integrating water and recommended fish *habitat* management at the WRIA level while retaining a regional perspective.")

Steve will put together a *DRAFT* letter of support & define exactly what it is the board is supporting. He will then present it at the next board meeting. In the letter it should be stated that the board wants to *monitor* not lead WRIA32 and the other entities in its integration. The board does see the value in integrating watershed management and salmon restoration entities, but at this time they only want to *monitor*. After all the entities have integrated it would then be an opportunity for the Salmon Recovery Board to interface with that integrated entity and coordinate their efforts.

Kevin Scribner expressed his thanks to Brad and the board for the support.

Next Board Meeting

Action 6: Next Board Meeting will be December 4th, 2007 at 6pm. WWCC Campus (Clarkston and Walla Walla). ITV Room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Review of Tasks

Task Title

Task 1: Review Meeting Structure, Chairman responsibilities, etc.

Task 2: Col County fill vacant board member seat

Task 3: Identify steps for developing Criteria Policy for conservation easements for next meeting.


Task 4: Update board on council program next meeting.

Task 5: Walla Walla Watershed Shared Governance - Submit letter of support & define exactly what it is the board is supporting for approval.

Review of Actions

Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Meeting Minutes- September 11 th , 2007	Yancy Reser	Doug Matoon	Yes		
Approve Lead Entity Vouchers totaling \$4040.50 expended for August/September.	Ed Schultz	Doug Matoon	Yes		
Approve RCO Vouchers totaling \$27518.32 expended for August/September.	Doug Matoon	Dick Isaacs	Yes		
Accept Eric Myers resignation from the SRSRB effective immediately.	Yancy Reser	Stuart Durfee	Yes		
Appoint Yancy Reser to Project Manager Interview Committee	Stuart Durfee	Ed Schultz	Yes		
Write a Letter of support for the statewide recommendation of 10 bass per day to the Fish and Wildlife Commission.	Dick Jones	Michael Largent		9-1	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	Yes	Yes		
Dick Isaac		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Jay Holzmilller	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes			
Dick Ducharme				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		
Dick Jones		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Eric Myers	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Gary James	Yes	Yes						Yes	Yes	Yes		
Virgil Klaveano	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes				
Del Groat	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			
Gary Cole												
Cathy Schaeffer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		
Yancey Reser		Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Stuart Durfee	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Michael Largent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes		
Ed Schultz			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		

 No meeting was conducted this month.