

MEETING NOTES – December 13, 2011

Place: SRSRB Office, Dayton, WA

Format: Regular 4pm

Board Members Present: Billy Bowles (GC), Kelly Farnsworth (WC), Roland Schirman (CC), Dick Jones (CC)

On Phone: Del Groat (GC), Bob Johnson (GC), Yancey Reser (WWC), Stuart Durfee (WWC), Michael Largent (WC)

Others: Steve Martin (SRSRB), Anne Chapman (SRSRB), Kris Buelow (SRSRB), Chris Hyland (WWWMP), Brad Johnson (WRIA35), Larry Hooker (WWCCD), Lynn Hatcher (NOAA), Dave Karl (WDFW), Terry Bruegman (CCD).

On Phone: .

Welcome

Vice Chairman Roland Schirman called the meeting to order and verified a quorum (4 present, 5 on the phone. (Total of 9).

Introduction of Guests and Public Comment

Approve October 25, 2011 Meeting Notes:

Discussion:

ACTION 1: Billy Bowles moved to approve the October 25, 2011 meeting notes. Kelly Farnsworth seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve October 2011 Expenses:

RCO	\$25,384.44	IMW	\$93,228.12	Tuc Geo Ass	\$1,101.74
WDFW	\$4,551.43	BPA	\$15,681.11		

Discussion: None

ACTION 2: Kelly Farnsworth made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling \$25,384.44 expended in October 2011 in the RCO Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling \$4,551.43 expended in October 2011 in the WDFW Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling \$93,228.12 expended in October 2011 IMW Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling \$15,681.11 expended in October 2011 in the BPA budget and the invoices/vouchers totaling \$1,101.74 expended in October 2011 in the Tucannon Geo Assess Budget. Billy Bowles seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve November 2011 Expenses:

RCO	\$27,215.63	IMW	\$6,657.89	Tuc Geo Ass	\$933.61
WDFW	\$3,825.80	BPA	\$6,811.58		

Discussion: Explanation of Salaries / Benefits by Anne of Outreach in the HCSR budget, which has already been approved by board for development of video by WWCC staff.

ACTION 3: Kelly Farnsworth made a motion to approve the invoices/vouchers totaling \$27,215.63 expended in November 2011 in the RCO Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling \$3,825.80 expended in November 2011 in the WDFW Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling \$6,657.59 expended in November 2011 IMW Budget, the invoices/vouchers totaling \$6,811.58 expended in November 2011 in the BPA budget and the invoices/vouchers totaling \$933.61 expended in November 2011 in the Tucannon Geo Assess Budget. Billy Bowles seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Voting Board Members: Perry Dozier, Yancey Reser, Stuart Durfee, Dick Ducharme, Dick Jones, Roland Schirman, Harold Beggs, Jay Holzmilller, Bob Johnson, Bill Bowles, Del Groat, Michael Largent, Gary Thorgaard, Kelly Farnsworth, Confederated Tribe of Umatilla Indian Reservation

Agenda Review and Revisions:

Del suggested we review the annual meeting calendar and discuss whether we want to have a meeting per year in Whitman, Walla Walla and Asotin counties plus our regular board meetings in Dayton.

5-year Stock status review check in with NOAA Fisheries:

Discussion: Scott Rumsey and Lynn Hatcher were to talk with us about the process NOAA uses to evaluate ESA-listed salmon stocks, however Scott Rumsey was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. It was explained that the board is interested in a more collaborative, data sharing approach for the next review and that the SRSRB is not trying to influence any conclusions about the status of our populations or the listing factors but rather seek to have better communication and involvement.

Action 4: Dick Jones moved to move the 5-year stock review action item to a discussion item. Kelly Farnsworth seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve Bylaws Version December 2011:

Discussion: Vice Chairman Roland Schirman stated that the bylaws have been reviewed twice this fall. The only changes are (1) executive committee now meets at 4 PM, (2) membership list has been updated, (3) a Consent Agenda has been added, (4) Mileage Reimbursement wording now includes related board trips, (5) Public Communications of Board wording for meeting minutes and (6) SRSRB Staff tasks updated. Unless anyone has additional changes, Roland asked for a motion to approve the December 2011 Bylaws.

ACTION 5: Billy Bowles moved to approve the SRSRB Bylaws Version December 2011. Bob Johnson Seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

IMW Report and Approve Contract for Ecological Research, Inc:

Discussion: Steve reported that the IMW is entering its fourth year with 3 years of baseline data collected in which more than 12,000 juvenile steelhead have been tagged, baseline habitat has been collected and summarized and the treatment restoration plan is being finalized. The proposed contract is for the period of November 1, 2011 through the end of March, 2012 and provides funding to complete the baseline data analysis, restoration plan and to continue collecting data this winter with the hope that additional funding becomes available by the end of March 2012. If no new funding becomes available, then at least we will have all data analyzed and published. Steve reminded the board that we have approved a SRFB grant to start the restoration actions identified in the draft plan. He stated that the good news is we have sufficient funding for the restoration habitat actions and the fish-in and fish-out components, all we are lacking is sufficient funding for the fish and habitat data collection, analysis and reporting.

ACTION 6: Kelly Farnsworth moved to approve the presented contract/scope of work with Ecological Research, Inc. Billy Bowles Seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

Approve sending letter to WDFW Director Phil Anderson requesting an equitable distribution of Columbia basin salmon sport/recreational harvest allocation.

Discussion: At the last Board meeting staff presented a draft letter for us to consider sending to WDFW director Phil Anderson requesting a more balanced distribution of allowable catch to sport fishermen for spring Chinook in the Columbia basin. At that meeting we made it very clear that this request pertains only to recreational sport fishing allocations and that as a board we have no opinion regarding the tribal and commercial harvest allocation. Steve has prepared the letter in our booklet for us to consider approving.

Brad Johnson suggest that the last paragraph in the letter is being to nice. (“This letter is concerning the **inequitable** sport Allocation”). In the Third paragraph “as shown by the ACTUAL Catch totals.” Brad stated that we need to request that they need to specifically answer why this can’t be done. A statement stated that our board has attended the North of Falcon meeting for several years with no results and that there have been promises made and not followed through.

Kelly Farnsworth also stated that an additional sentence stating that the reason this board is writing this letter is that it is making it difficult to recruit landowners for responsible stewardship when there are no end results. Many other comments were then discussed.

ACTION 7: Billy Bowles moved to approve the letter to WDFW Director Phil Anderson requesting an equitable distribution of Columbia basin salmon sport/recreational harvest allocation, Steve should work with Brad Johnson and Kris Hyland to finalize the letter. Billy Bowles further moved to give authority to Del Groat, SRSRB chairman to sign letter and then send the finalized letter. Dick Jones seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried by consensus.

5-year Stock status review check in with NOAA Fisheries:

Discussion: Steve stated that Scott Rumsey and Lynn Hatcher were planning on talking with us about the process NOAA uses to evaluate ESA-listed salmon stocks. However do to unforeseen circumstances; Scott was unable to attend tonight. Steve stated that Scott still would like to come and talk to us, and his suggestion was to have him come in the Spring. Lynn Hatcher then briefly talked to the board about some of the projects that Scott is interested in seeing. (Terry Bruegman’s Tucannon dike set back, Dave Karl’s LWD Project for example). Lynn stated that Scott heard very clearly that the RTT was very distressed with the fact that the stock status review had not been shared with them. NOAA is very interested in a more collaborative, data sharing approach for the next review.

Vice Chairman Roland Schirman stated that open communications is what everyone wants.

Plan Revision Update:

Discussion: Steve reported that the full plan has been updated and posted to the SRSRB website and sent to NOAA . The Plan Summary is ready for review. Steve asked that comments on this shorter, 80-page summary be submitted to him by January 5th, 2012 so that it can be approved at the January SRSRB meeting. Anne will email a notice to the board and participants with a link when summary is posted to the website so that all can review.

Lynn Hatcher was asked about the name for our newly revised Plan, he suggested that the name be The “Updated Management Unit Plan for SE Washington”.

A short discussion followed about the process for the approval of our revised management unit plan and how it will be reflected in the overall ESU/DPS plan for the entire Snake. Lynn replied that our management unit plan will be incorporated into the ESU/DPS wide-plan as an appendix, just like was done for the Middle Columbia DPS-wide plan. NOAA is still working with Oregon and Idaho on getting their plans done. Glen Mendel requested collaboration with Oregon and Idaho particularly for the hatchery chapters and for those watersheds that span state lines. Steve reported that he is on the Snake ESU/DPS coordinating committee and that Lynn and he will do their best to ensure coordination among the plans.

Task 1: Anne – Post ex summary to website, notify board and other participants of link.

NOAA Fisheries Video report and Outreach Video progress (WWCC)

Discussion: Steve reported that the NOAA videographers were out here for 4 days in November to video some of our habitat work, interview landowners, meet with business owners and talk to fishermen about salmon recovery. The intent is for NOAA to publish a 10-minute video to be used as outreach for us and others. The video will be in “you-tube” format that we can post to our website and make available for others to show.

In addition to NOAA work, the WWCCC videographer has collected a few years worth of video that he and his staff are pulling together to showcase the work in our region.

Both of these videos should be available in early spring and Steve will keep us posted. The good news in addition to this being completed is that combined the two videos will cost us less than \$2,000.

Task 2: Anne - Link to NOAA Website Videos (Send to All)

Interest in Stewardship Award – acknowledging exceptional landowner or individual:

Discussion: Steve stated that we all know the high level of interest and hard work that key participating landowners are demonstrating regarding our habitat protection and restoration work but I don't think the general public recognizes the role these landowners have – they allow us to do work that may be unfamiliar or uncomfortable, the work takes lots of time meeting with them and then they are often required to provide some form of cost share. None of them have to do this work or allow it on their property. Steve asked if the board would like staff to seek nominations of landowner steward of the year and develop a feature story about them and the work, plus recognize them at a Board meeting and honor them with a plaque.

Discussion concerning who do you give it to first, when does it start/stop, who might get feelings hurt or feel slighted, how many do you give out, criteria to be used, etc... then ensued. Discussion of Project of the Year vs. an outstanding Landowner award. The goal would be to recognize who has gone above and beyond to promote our cause. It was suggested that this item stay on the agenda for discussion for the next few meetings. One suggestion was to have a potluck type celebration to discuss project accomplishments, etc, in the hopes of bringing people together and educating them about the recovery process.

Report on Touchet River Landowner Meeting:

Steve reported that two different meetings had been coordinated to try and meet landowners on the Touchet River. There has been only two landowners that have been cooperative and have met with Steve and GEO and been receptive. Others are not receptive or may be against the project. Steve reported that it is very distressing that some have reached conclusions and will not listen to plans for this project. Again the necessity of outreach was brought up and the education of landowners.

Kelly Farnsworth asked how strong the buy-in on the Tucannon and its landowners are. He further asked if there is a way to utilize the landowners there to educate landowners on the Touchet with their knowledge? Terry Bruegman stated that the Touchet and Tucannon rivers are two entirely different systems and vary greatly on the amount of landowners per mile. Discussion then followed.

2012 Lead Entity 13th Project Grant Round Schedule

Steve reported that at the SRFB meeting last week the SRFB approved the 12th Grant Round project list (\$1.6) One of our approved projects made the top 4 statewide. (The bridge to bridge project).

Kris Buelow directed the boards attention to the meeting booklet and the LE 13th Round Calendar. (page 49). Kris stated that there will be a LE meeting in January to approve this Calendar. Terry Bruegman stated that the SRFB sets certain dates and this makes our calendar set dates accordingly, because of this, he highly doubtful that the LE will adjust any of these dates.

Confirm, January 24th, 2012 Board Meeting, Pomeroy – Suggested 4pm start:

Discussion: Roland stated that our next meeting is scheduled to be in Pomeroy at the USFS Building, the start time is suggested to be at 4pm. Kelly Farnsworth stated that 5pm would be preferable.

ACTION 8: Billy Bowles made a motion that the next meeting will be at USFS Building in Pomeroy at 5pm on January 24th, 2012. Yancey Reser seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:50 pm.

Tasks & Actions

Review of Tasks					
TASK 1: Anne – Post ex summary to website, notify board and other participants of link. TASK 2: Anne - Link to NOAA Website Videos (Send to All) TASK 3:					
Review of Actions					
Action Title	Motion	Second	Consensus	Vote	Pass
Action 1: Motion to approve the October 25, 2011 meeting notes	Bill Bowles	Kelly Farnsworth	Yes		
Action 2: Motion to approve October 2011 Expenses (HCSR, HCFW, HCS1, HCB1, HCP1)	Kelly Farnsworth	Bill Bowles	Yes		
Action 3: Motion to approve November 2011 Expenses (HCSR, HCFW, HCS1, HCB1, HCP1)	Kelly Farnsworth	Bill Bowles	Yes		
Action 4: Motion to move the 5-year stock review action item to a discussion item	Dick Jones	Kelly Farnsworth	Yes		
Action 5: Motion to approve SRSRB Bylaws Revision December 2011	Bill Bowles	Bob Johnson	Yes		
Action 6: Motion to approve the presented contract/scope of work with Ecological Research, Inc.	Kelly Farnsworth	Bill Bowles	Yes		
Action 7: Motion to approve the letter to WDFW Director Phil Anderson requesting an equitable distribution of Columbia basin salmon sport/recreational harvest allocation, Steve should work with Brad Johnson and Kris Hyland to finalize the letter. Billy Bowles further moved to give authority to Del Groat, SRSRB chairman to sign letter and then send the finalized letter.	Bill Bowles	Dick Jones	Yes		
Action 8: Motion that the next meeting will be at USFS Building in Pomeroy at 5pm on January 24 th , 2012.	Bill Bowles	Yancey Reser	Yes		

Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Date: _____

Signed By: _____

Del Groat, Chairman SRSRB

Attendance

Name	Attendance for July 2011 – June 2012												
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
*Harold Beggs			Yes										
Jay Holzmillier	Yes												
Jerry Hendrickson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes									
*Dick Jones	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes								
Dick Ducharme	Yes			Yes									
Roland Schirman	Yes	Yes	Yes	-Yes	Yes								
*Bob Johnson				Yes	-Yes								
Del Groat	Yes		Yes	Yes	-Yes								
Billy Bowles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes								
*Perry Dozier	-Yes			-Yes									
Yancey Reser	-Yes		-Yes	-Yes	-Yes								
Stuart Durfee		Yes	-Yes		-Yes								
*Michael Largent	Yes	Yes		-Yes	-Yes								
Gary Thorgaard		Yes	Yes										
Kelly Farnsworth			Yes	Yes	Yes								
Gary James				-Yes									
Gerry Middell													
Jed Volkman		Yes											
Jonathan Thompson		Yes											

*County Commissioner

! First Meeting as board Member

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- Call In