

Meeting Minutes of the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program Board

Date: November 4, 2011
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Location: Douglas County Library
1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd
Roseburg, Oregon 97470

Type of Meeting:	Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program Board
Board Members Present:	Bob Bumstead, Jack Glass, Lonnie Johnson, John Alto, Gary Soderstrom, Dixie Boley, Bill Lovelace
ODFW Staff:	Phil Simpson, Hal Boldt, Dave VanAmburgh, Tim Bailey, Shannon Hurn, Adriana Morales, Shahab Farzanegan, John Weber, Ryan Battleson, D. Wolfe Wagman, Laura Jackson, Tom Stahl, Joe Watkins, Bob Buckman, Rich Kilbane, Rhine Messmer, Josie Thompson, Debbi Farrell
Public:	Jim Yuskavitch, Mike Brochu, Jon Atkinson, Bill Payne, Rod Brobeck, Richard Heap, Len Volland, Jon Kurtz, Bessie Joyce

Agenda

Friday, November 4, 2011

- Call to Order, Introductions, Agenda Approval
- Approval of August 2011 Meeting Minutes
- Board Member Reports
- 2012 R&E Board Meeting Schedule
- Vice-Chair Nominations
- Program Budget & Administrative Updates
- Project Requests & Modifications, Emergency Requests
- Cycle 3 Project Proposal Presentations
- Public Comment
- Project Recommendations

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Tour of Winchester Dam and Rock Creek Hatchery

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Dixie Boley called the Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Program Board meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. and introductions were made.

Welcome to John Alto, newly appointed R&E Board Member representing Troll Fishing.

Mike Brochu, Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) Advisory Committee Chair thanked the Board for their continued support of STEP.

Meeting Agenda

The Board reviewed the proposed agenda. A request to include introductions prior to project presentations was made.

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to approve the agenda with the proposed addition. The motion was

seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the August 12, 2011, meeting minutes. One correction made to page 3 under the “South Twin Rotenone – Bullhead Removal” Emergency Funding Request.

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to approve the August 12, 2011 meeting minutes with correction. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

Board Member Reports

Board members reported on restoration and enhancement activities in their area.

Bob Bumstead – Representing Recreational Fisheries
Jack Glass – Representing Recreational Fisheries
Lonnie Johnson – Representing Recreational Fisheries
John Alto – Representing Commercial Troll Fisheries
Gary Soderstrom – Representing Gillnet Fisheries
Dixie Boley – Representing Fish Processing Industry
Bill Lovelace – Representing the Public

The Board discussed the need for a state wide focus on education. There are several programs currently in place, no need to re-do the work already completed. Rhine Messmer shared that Kevin Herkamp is currently working on this project with ODFW Information & Education Section. There were several concerns shared by the Board related to the need of organizing the educational programs offered state wide. B. Bumstead will contact K. Herkamp regarding the various educational programs.

Board Member Vice-Chair Nominations

Jack Glass will rotate to the Board Chair position for 2012.

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to nominate Bob Bumstead for Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

2012 R&E Board Meeting Schedule

The Board Meeting schedule for 2012 is as follows:

February 3, 2012 – Salem
April 20, 2012 – Ontario
July 20, 2012 – Clatskanie
November 2, 2012 – Eugene

Program Budget & Administrative Updates

Rhine Messmer, ODFW Recreational Fisheries Manager announced that Josie Thompson has accepted the R&E Program Coordinator position. Please contact him if you have any ideas on enhancing the program. He will attempt to attend all Board meetings as his schedule allows.

Josie Thompson, R&E Program Coordinator shared the following:

- Kevin Herkamp, ODFW STEP Coordinator inquired into the possibility of the R&E Program providing a grant to provide transportation costs for school children attending STEP activities. The Board discussed the pros and cons of offering funds for

- Currently working with the R&E Program ODFW Economist to determine the predicted revenue figures for the program. The final amount of returned funds will be available in December, which could add to available funds.
- Discussed the use of state vehicles during meetings and field trips. R. Messmer will look into the state policy.
- The R&E Application website – looking into getting some changes/updates made. The Board requested that the list of past projects listed on the application also list the amount of the grant requested.
- R&E General Guidelines – everyone review to discuss at next meeting. Please contact J. Thompson with any suggestions.

The Board discussed the possibility of fish food being manufactured in the USA.

The Board discussed the requirements of the Public Meetings Law. D. Farrell will distribute information to the Board regarding the laws.

Project Requests & Modifications, Emergency Requests

None at this time.

Presentation – South Coast Fish Pump

Ryan Battleson provided a short presentation on the newly purchased fish pump used by the ODFW South Coast District which was purchased through the R&E Program recently.

Project Presentations

The following project proposals were presented to the Board for funding consideration:

11-066 Phillips Reservoir Fishery Restoration Phase 2

Tim Bailey presented the Phillips Reservoir Fishery Restoration Phase 2 project proposal to the Board. Perch were introduced 20 years ago.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked how many Tiger Trout would be stocked. The applicant replied 1,600. The Board asked what the reproductive rate was of those perch left behind. The applicant replied that there is a chance that the perch can compensate for the drop in population. The applicant commented that there might be some uncertainty, however the removal will at least keep the population at bay until a more effective plan is determined. A proposal will be presented to the Commission regarding stocking Tiger Musky Trout. The Board asked how deep of water do perch spawn? The applicant replied it can be anywhere from 5 to 30 feet.

11-055 Phillips Reservoir Creel Survey 2012

Tim Bailey presented the Phillips Reservoir Creel Survey 2012 project proposal to the Board. The survey would evaluate stocking success based on size and growth of stocked fish.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if the parameters of the survey would be the same as the last one. The applicant replied yes.

11-064 Spawning & Rearing Habitat on East Birch Creek

Adriana Morales presented the Fish Habitat for Angling Opportunities project proposal to the Board. This proposal is for Phase 1 of the project which would be to hire an engineer. The project includes six landowners, which would improve approximately five miles of East Birch Creek habitat.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if the landowners would be required to set up fences to limit livestock access. The applicant replied yes for 15-years. The Board asked if there were any fish barriers along the creek. The applicant replied yes, four of them are currently being worked on.

11-072 Juniper Lake Water Development

Shannon Hurn presented the Juniper Lake Water Development project proposal to the Board. There are not any native fish in the water body. A creel hasn't been completed since the 1980's. The lake is stocked every other year.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked about public access to the lake. One side of the lake is on private land while the other side is owned by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The applicant replied there are a couple public access roads. The Board asked if the road improvement portion would be on private land. The applicant replied yes, but the road is used by ODFW liberation trucks. The Board asked where the majority of the anglers come from that use the lake. The applicant replied mostly central Oregon. The Board commented that they would like to see the access road improvements completed on public land.

11-073 Nehalem Hatchery Emergency Generator Replacement

Joe Watkins presented the Nehalem Hatchery Emergency Generator Replacement project proposal to the Board. The generator dates back to World War II. In the last 18 years there were 186 emergencies requiring the use of the generator. Two times in the last 15 years it failed. Staff has approximately ½ hour to 1.5 hours to get the generators up and running to get water going again. If a new generator is purchased the old one would be used as a back-up.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked how many of the fish from this hatchery benefit commercial fisheries. The applicant replied a small portion.

11-065 Hood River Research Program PIT Tag Antenna System

Phil Simpson presented the Hood River Research Program PIT Tag Antenna System project proposal to the Board.

11-054 Chetco River Chinook Salmon Coded Wire Tag Study

Rich Heap and John Weber presented the Chetco River Chinook Salmon Coded Wire Tag Study project proposal to the Board. This is one of many projects that Oregon South Coast Fishermen (OSCF) works with ODFW. This project would continue the efforts started last year. Current sampling numbers show a stray rate of 10%. Without the help of the OSCF the District wouldn't have the staffing to accomplish the study. The local Guides also are assisting with the work being done.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked how rough/dangerous the bar is. The applicant replied it is one of the safest. The Board asked how many commercial boats there are. The applicant replied not sure. The Board asked what's considered a stray. The applicant replied a combination of location,

spawning beds and broodstock composition.

11-056 Rogue River Green Sturgeon Movement & Spawning

Ryan Battleson presented the Rogue River Green Sturgeon Movement & Spawning project proposal to the Board.

11-061 Clackamas Hatchery Intake Pump Repair

Dave VanAmburgh presented the Clackamas Hatchery Intake Pump Repair project proposal to the Board. The hatchery relies on five pumps that have been in use for over 30 years. Repairs need to be completed by a contractor; hatchery staff is only able to do preventative maintenance. The hatchery relies on the pumps for all its water; they run four pumps at a time. It costs around \$75 a day per pump.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if they had any match. The applicant replied no.

11-069 St. Louis Ponds Site Plan

Rod Brobeck presented the St. Louis Ponds Site Plan project proposal to the Board. The ponds have approximately 7.3 miles of shore line available to anglers.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked what the timeline is for the plan. The applicant replied the project will start in December 2011. The Board commented that they prefer not to spend money on plans.

11-053 Sandy Hatchery Replacement Liberation Truck

Hal Boldt presented the Sandy Hatchery Replacement Liberation Truck project proposal to the Board.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if this was on the Priority List provided by Scott Patterson. The applicant replied no. The applicant replied that if a new truck isn't purchased they will work with what they have. The applicant also shared that the price of trucks has gone up 20% in the last two years. The applicant shared that this truck would also be traded-in towards the purchase of a new one.

11-052 Black Rockfish PIT Tagging

Wolfe Wagman presented the Black Rockfish PIT Tagging project proposal to the Board. Approximately 66,000 fish were landed last year. There is an estimated 96% survival rate in the tagging process.

11-071 Alsea Winter Steelhead Project

Robert Buckman presented the Alsea Winter Steelhead Project proposal to the Board.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked what caused the drop in numbers. The applicant replied not sure, but it appears to be related to smolt survival. J. Glass commented that the guides in the area are concerned with the possible impact of this study- if there's a possibility that this could take away from the fishery why support it? The Board asked if this could cause a drop in hatchery releases. The applicant replied not in the Alsea River.

11-057 ODFW Angler Education Bobber Kits

Shahab Farzanegan presented the ODFW Angler Education Bobber Kits project proposal to the

Board. The kits would be distributed through the various angling education programs and STEP. Over 10,000 people attend these events every year. This project would purchase enough kits for the remainder of the 2011-2013 biennium.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board requested if the project was approved that the R&E logo be included.

11-060 Facilitation for Coastal Plan Development

Tom Stahl presented the Facilitation for Coastal Plan Development project proposal to the Board. The goal is to accomplish this plan in two-years.

Questions/Comments from Board:

A lot of money for a facilitator. The Board asked how the stakeholders would be chosen for the workgroup. The applicant replied that it hasn't been decided; however the habitat aspect will be completed by a technical team. The Board asked if travel expenses for the workgroup would be offered/provided. The applicant replied no. The Board commented that a commercial fishing aspect wasn't mentioned along with landowner stakeholders – need to get everyone's opinion. The applicant commented that the stakeholder groups will have a hatchery and harvest interest.

11-068 Coastal Fish Management Public Survey

Tom Stahl presented the Coastal Fish Management Public Survey project proposal to the Board. The Department feels this process is necessary to obtain the public's opinions; there could be some groups who have been quiet.

11-062 Coos Master Watershed Stewards Program for Youth

Bessie Joyce presented the Coos Master Watershed Stewards Program for Youth project proposal to the Board. Students will receive service credits for completion of the program. The Watershed is currently seeking college credits for the program through South West Oregon Community College and Oregon State University (OSU). The program exposes youth to the various organizations and fields of study along with involvement with STEP.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked how many kids this would include. The applicant replied 20 per semester which equals 12 Fridays. The Board asked how the participants would be chosen. Participants would be chosen through several avenues (parents, teachers, school grades). The Board asked how this fits into the OSU Watershed Education Program. The applicant replied that they are working with the OSU Watershed Education Program Coordinator; the program would evolve state wide.

11-063 Drews Valley Ranch Passage & Screening Project

Rich Kilbane presented the Drews Valley Ranch Passage & Screening Project proposal to the Board. This project isn't a requirement due to any trigger event; the Department has been working with the landowner for the last seven years. This would be used during non-irrigation time.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked when the diversions are put in place. The applicant replied May through September/October. The Board asked if there was enough water left for the fish to survive. The applicant replied that there are several pools where the fish hold up. The Board commented that this could set a precedent. B. Lovelace asked if this has been reviewed by an attorney. The applicant replied it's been approved by ODFW but it didn't receive a legal review. The Board asked if this project was a Department priority – are there more pressing sites that would involve

protected species. The Board asked if this area provides a fishery to anglers. The applicant replied it's used but not heavily.

11-067 Steamboat Fish Ladder Passage Improvement

Laura Jackson presented the Steamboat Fish Ladder Passage Improvement project proposal to the Board. The Department has been working on this since 2009; this isn't the result of any trigger event.

Public Comment

Bill Payne of the Middle Rogue Steelheaders shared with the Board the recent activities their group has been involved with which were in part funded through the R&E Program. The grant assisted in funding transportation for school children to visit Lake Selmac. For \$1,000 the group was able to teach 549 youth the fun of fishing and the importance of water safety.

Project Presentations

The Board took action on the following project proposals presented today.

11-052 Black Rockfish PIT Tagging

Great match. Great project.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend project 11-052 in the amount of \$9,880 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-053 Sandy Hatchery Replacement Liberation Truck

The Board has funded several of these trucks. The area this will serve is where the majority of revenue is generated for the program. The Board shared concern on why this project wasn't listed on the priority list provided to them by the Department, this puts the Board in a difficult situation. This is a lot of money.

Motion: J. Glass motioned to recommend project 11-053 in the amount of \$140,000 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-054 Chetco River Chinook Salmon Coded Wire Tag Study

Great presentation, strong project.

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend project 11-054 in the amount of \$29,450 as a commercial/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-055 Phillips Reservoir Creel Survey 2012

Not sure this will add much to the information gained from the last survey. Once the Tiger Trout are released it will make it more difficult to identify what tactic is making a difference.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to deny project 11-055. The motion was seconded and the project was denied for funding by the Board 7-0.

11-056 Rogue River Green Sturgeon Movement & Spawning

J. Glass commented that there isn't any commercial or sport fishery benefit. A lot of money is already dedicated to the study of Green Sturgeon, have concerns with this. This money could be combined on money already dedicated.

Motion: J. Glass motioned to deny project 11-056. The motion was seconded and the project

was denied for funding by the Board 5-2 (Johnson, Boley).

11-057 ODFW Angler Education Bobber Kits

Would like to see the R&E logo added to the packaging.

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend project 11-057 in the amount of \$16,200 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-060 Facilitation for Coastal Plan Development

A lot of money, several concerns. Not very balanced with stakeholders. There's going to be some controversy.

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to deny project 11-060. The motion was seconded and the project was denied for funding for the Board 7-0.

11-061 Clackamas Hatchery Intake Pump Repair

This will keep things going. Concern this isn't on the Department's Deferred Maintenance list.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend project 11-061 in the amount of \$19,500 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-062 Coos Master Watershed Stewards Program for Youth

G. Soderstrom impressed with the topics covered by the program. Need a comprehensive look at statewide education programs, lots of variations. Difficult to continue funding all of them. The request is mostly staffing expenses; isolated small group impacted by the program.

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend project 11-062 in the amount of \$19,725 as a commercial/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-1 (Lovelace)

11-063 Drews Valley Ranch Passage & Screening Project

A lot of money. Small amount of angler benefit. Department of Agriculture should be funding some of these projects.

Motion: J. Glass motioned to deny project 11-063. The motion was seconded and the project was denied for funding by the Board 7-0.

11-064 Spawning & Rearing Habitat on East Birch Creek

Design work. Not all the match funds have been secured. A lot of work, without seeing an immediate benefit to sport fishery. If it was actually work on the ground, would be more likely to support funding. Would prefer to fund the implementation portion of the project.

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to deny project 11-064. The motion was seconded and the project was denied for funding by the Board 7-0.

11-065 Hood River Research Program PIT Tag Antenna System

Large amount of match funds.

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to recommend project 11-065 in the amount of \$6,917 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-066 Phillips Reservoir Fishery Restoration Phase 2

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend project 11-066 in the amount of \$18,463 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-067 Steamboat Fish Ladder Passage Improvement

Great fly-fishing area –known world wide. Would improve passage; 25% of the fishery uses this ladder.

The applicant commented that if approved for funding the Department would go out for bid in February 2012. Most of the details have been finalized.

B. Lovelace asked if this is a result of a trigger event. The applicant replied no. After some discussion the Board requested that staff provide the Board a letter from the ODFW Screens and Passage Program acknowledging they've reviewed the project prior to review by the Board.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend project 11-067 in the amount of \$100,000 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-068 Coastal Fish Management Public Survey

A lot of money to create survey questions. There will be a lot of diverse and emotional opinions which will make it difficult coming to a consensus. Not sure that the R&E Program is the appropriate funding source.

Rhine Messmer commented that ODFW staff would work on the questions prior to going out to a contractor. This is an important management project for the Department and time sensitive.

The applicant commented that these amounts are estimates; it was difficult determining amounts for the work.

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to recommend project 11-068 in the amount of \$60,000 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-1 (Glass).

11-069 St. Louis Ponds Site Plan

This would be funding a study. Benefits the public.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend project 11-069 in the amount of \$25,200 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-071 Alsea Winter Steelhead Project

Have heard complaints about this fishery; need to gather data to assist in making some determinations related to the management of the fishery. Concern that this could impact other fisheries. There is a group of people that do not support this project. There's fear this could shut down hatchery operations like it has in the past.

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to recommend project 11-071 in the amount of \$6,110 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-1 (Glass).

11-072 Juniper Lake Water Development

Contingent on improved access provided from the Bureau of Land Management side of the lake.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend project 11-072 in the amount of \$27,277 as a sport/enhancement project with the condition that an accessible boat launch be available from

the BLM side and that boaters have access to the entire lake with the ability to bank angle the entire lake. The Board would also require a long-term access agreement. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-073 Nehalem Hatchery Emergency Generator Replacement

Well thought out. Very important.

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to recommend project 11-073 in the amount of \$40,000 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.