



Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 2, 2012

Location: Oregon Department of Forestry
- Meeting Room
3150 Main Street
Springfield, Oregon 97478

Current Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program (R&E) Board Members

Board Member

John Alto – Representing Commercial Troll Fisheries
Dixie Boley – Representing Fish Processing Industry
Bob Bumstead – Representing Recreational Fisheries
Jack Glass – Representing Recreational Fisheries

Board Member

Lonnie Johnson – Representing Recreational Fisheries
Gary Soderstrom – Representing Gillnet Fisheries
Representing the Public – *Vacant Position*

Members Absent: Gary Soderstrom

Call to Order & Agenda Approval

Chair Jack Glass called the Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Program Board meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. and introductions were made.

Welcome to Greg Silbernagel – candidate for R&E Board vacancy representing the public.

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting agenda.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0.

Meeting Minute Approval

The Board reviewed the July 20, 2012 R&E Program Board meeting minutes.

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to approve the July 20, 2012 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0.

Board Member Reports

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

Program Budget & Administrative Updates

Josie Thompson, ODFW R&E Program Coordinator provided the following information:

- The following projects for Cycle 7 have been withdrawn – 11-123, 11-131, 11-139 and 11-141
- There is a possibility that the split between restoration and enhancement funds will need to be adjusted

- R&E Project Application – please forward suggestions to Josie. Some concern was raised of the application becoming too complicated. Has contacted three companies that provide grant tracking software. The Board recommends further research into the options available prior to accepting any bid.
- Hatchery priorities – has requested a list from hatchery staff regarding priorities. The Board is interested in meeting with hatchery staff to prioritize projects. The Board is not interested in providing a lump sum of funds to the department for hatchery repairs/maintenance in lieu of each project coming to the Board. The Board discussed a previous application for a liberation truck which was pulled by the department after the Board recommending funding to the Commission.
- The 2013 STEP Conference is scheduled for April 6th at the Seven Feathers Casino & Resort in Canyonville.

Rhine Messmer, ODFW Recreational Fisheries Manager announced his intent to retire at the end of 2012.

2013 Meeting Dates and Locations

2013 – 2015 biennium meeting dates and locations

- Cycle 1 – April 25-27, 2013 in Medford
- Cycle 2 – July 26-27, 2013 in Lakeview
- Cycle 3 – November 1-2, 2013 in Coos Bay

The February 2014 meeting will be scheduled for Salem and one of the meetings in 2014 will be held in either Joseph or Pendleton.

Vice-Chair Nominations

Bob Bumstead will be R&E Board Chair for 2013

John Alto will be Vice Chair for 2014

District Presentation - McKenzie River Creel Study

Kelly Reis, ODFW Assistant District Fish Biologist provided an overview of the recent McKenzie River creel study conducted.

Project Requests and Modifications

Emergency Request

A request was received by the Alsea Hatchery for emergency funds to repair the upper trap overhead hoist for \$5,000.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to approve the Alsea Hatchery Upper Trap Overhead Hoist Repair project in the amount of \$5,000. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0.

Project Proposal Presentations

The following projects were presented to the Board for consideration.

11-146 Phillips Reservoir Creel Survey 2013

Tim Bailey presented the Phillips Reservoir Creel Survey 2013 project proposal to the Board.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked when and how many fish will be released. The applicant replied that 36,000 unfed fry will be released in May. The Board asked how large these fish will become. The applicant replied there are records of 40 inches long and they live approximately 10-15 years. The Board asked what the chances are of the fish escaping the reservoir. The applicant replied it was unlikely.

11-129 West Fork Smith River Instream Restoration Phase 3

Matthew Ruwaldt presented the West Fork Smith River Instream Restoration Phase 3 project proposal to the Board.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if OWEB funds have been secured. The applicant replied yes. This project would also benefit lamprey.

11-130 Cleawox Lake Fishing Dock

John Spangler presented the Cleawox Lake Fishing Dock project proposal to the Board. There currently isn't any ADA access to the lake. The lake is approximately 94 acres and is stocked with 20,000 trout. This project would improve access and increase participation. The design proposed is similar to the one placed at Lake Lytle except for the rails. The rails would be included on the entire dock at Cleawox.

Questions/Comment from Board:

The Board shared concerns of the dock being a floating dock. Most ADA accessible docks are stable – not floating. The Board asked if the permits have been acquired yet. The applicant replied – no, but if recommended for funding will seek the permits.

11-132 Alsea Winter Steelhead Project Phase 2

John Spangler presented the Alsea Winter Steelhead Project Phase 2 project proposal to the Board on behalf of Derek Wilson.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board commented that scattered plantings would benefit this area.

11-133 Sandy Hatchery Replacement Liberation Truck

Hal Boldt presented the Sandy Hatchery Replacement Liberation Truck project proposal to the Board. ODFW Fish Division supports this project. It's almost impossible to find a used truck. Was informed that some specifications will be changed in January – if order the truck now those additional specifications won't be required. The department has received a request for an additional 800,000 fish released in the Columbia River area.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked what the life expectancy is for the truck. The applicant replied approximately 20 years – the larger engine will be easier on wear & tear of the vehicle.

11-134 Bandon Hatchery Adult Holding Pens

Samuel Woods presented the Bandon Hatchery Adult Holding Pens project proposal to the Board. The project will replace the wooden pens currently used with aluminum ones.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if there are fish at the facility now. The applicant replied yes – fall Chinook salmon – will finish up in March or April.

11-135 Fish Map Spatial Data Development

David Lane presented the Fish Map Spatial Data Development project proposal to the Board. The goal of this project is to have an online application created for fishing regulations – goal is to have it available for the 2014 year. This portion of the project is vital.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board commented about the importance of keeping the information updated and the need to include commercial fishing seasons/regulations. The Board asked about the maintenance. The applicant replied that the company that creates the application will be responsible for the maintenance.

11-136 Lofton Reservoir & Lake Rotenone Treatment

Dave Banks presented the Lofton Reservoir & Lake Rotenone Treatment project proposal to the Board. The reservoir is approximately 30 miles from Lakeview and 60 miles from Klamath Falls.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if there were any inlets or outlets. The applicant replied there is 1 outlet which is the spillway and is closable. The Board asked what the depth is of the reservoir. The applicant replied the deepest is 19 feet with an average of 10 feet deep. There was discussion on a previous project to purpose Rotenone and if there was any left that could be used for this project. The reply was there is only a small amount left and it will be used at this site but isn't enough for the project. The Board asked about the water rights. The applicant replied there are two owners – one is ODFW and the other is a private landowner who has given permission to do the treatment.

11-137 Equipment for Statewide Fishery Restoration

Kevin Herkamp presented the Equipment for Statewide Fishery Restoration project proposal to the Board. The Statewide Strategic Plan is still being drafted and the department determined that having an amount on hand isn't possible due to regulatory restrictions for storage. There were things identified during the South Twin Lake treatment that will need to be addressed for future projects.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked where this will be stored. The applicant replied that they are seeking to purchase an enclosed utility trailer to store equipment which will be parked at the ODFW Bend District office. The Board shared that safety is a high priority. The Board shared concerns with the way the budget was outlined. The Board stated concerns that there isn't a plan in place as previously stated by the applicant.

11-138 Ferguson Creek Cutthroat Habitat Enhancement at Bradshaw's

Jed Kaul presented the Ferguson Creek Cutthroat Habitat Enhancement at Bradshaw's project proposal to the Board. This project will also benefit juvenile spring Chinook salmon.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board requested clarification for the line items identified for spray and fiscal administration.

11-140 Sandy River Fishing Access Plan

Rich Faith presented the Sandy River Fishing Access Plan project proposal to the Board. The goal is to identify and answer several questions in regards to location and best use of space. This site is currently vacant and overtaken by blackberry bushes. This project is separate from the one related to the trail system being developed. This site will also have bus service available to improve access.

11-142 Increasing Catch of Steelhead by Scatter Planting

Cameron Sharpe presented the Increasing Catch of Steelhead by Scatter Planting project proposal to the Board. This project would fund the on-the-ground staffing. The project has numerous letters of support from the public and local groups.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked how the information would be gathered. The applicant replied they would use pen and paper since the internal review team raised concerns with the request for PDAs.

11-143 Lower Crooked River Creel Survey

Tim Porter presented the Lower Crooked River Creel Survey project proposal to the Board. The area has become a premier fly fishing area but anglers claim the fish are becoming smaller due to bait fishing. The department is lacking data to confirm or deny the anglers comments. They aren't seeing hatchery fish above Bowman Dam.

11-144 Hood River Winter Steelhead Escapement Monitoring

Phil Simpson presented the Hood River Winter Steelhead Escapement Monitoring project proposal to the Board. This is a co-managed basin with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon.

11-145 Broadway Park Fishing Access Improvement

Melyssa Graeper and Justin Cutler presented the Broadway Park Fishing Access Improvement project proposal to the Board. This project would provide more access and opportunity. Important fishery for the community and would provide an outdoor activity. Improving this site could possibly assist in having the department review the possibility of the moving the current deadline along the river. The city has received funds from the Hood to Coast funds which are focused on recreational uses.

11-147 Rock Creek Hatchery Entrance Road Repair

Dan Meyer presented the Rock Creek Hatchery Entrance Road Repair project proposal to the Board. Without road improvements they will experience problems with getting trucks in and out of the hatchery. The bottom section of the road is the worst – he has broken the road into four sections. The department doesn't have any funds available for maintenance in the current budget.

11-148 Umpqua Steelhead Juveniles Pathogen Free H2O

This application was withdrawn by the applicant today.

11-149 RCH Old Raceway Fall Protection / Predator Control

Dan Meyer presented the RCH Old Raceway Fall Protection / Predator Control project proposal to the Board. The hatchery has been told by OSHA that they need at least a 3 foot high railing around the raceways. They are considering chain link fencing which could possibly assist with predation problems from otters and would provide structural support for netting above the ponds.

Project Proposal Recommendations

11-129 West Fork Smith River Instream Restoration Phase 3

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend project 11-129 in the amount of \$75,000 as a commercial/enhancement project (removing funding for administrative costs & project management). The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0.

11-130 Cleawox Lake Fishing Dock

Receives a lot of use. Should be solid construction not floating.

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to recommend project 11-130 in the amount of \$72,812 as a sport/enhancement project (funding is for solid construction – not floating dock). The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0.

11-132 Alsea Winter Steelhead Project Phase 2

Motion: D. Boley motioned to recommend project 11-132 in the amount of \$9,150 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0.

11-133 Sandy Hatchery Replacement Liberation Truck

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to recommend project 11-133 in the amount of \$140,000 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0.

11-134 Bandon Hatchery Adult Holding Pens

Would like to see if Shutter Creek Correctional Institute has the staffing available to do the work. This hatchery has a large STEP component.

Motion: D. Boley motioned to recommend project 11-134 in the amount of \$25,585 as a commercial/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0.

11-135 Fish Map Spatial Data Development

Concerns with the amount identified for administration. This technology is the future. Commercial fisheries should be included.

Motion: D. Boley motioned to recommend project 11-135 in the amount of \$22,609 as sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 4-1 (Johnson).

11-136 Lofton Reservoir & Lake Rotenone Treatment

Good project – just not ready.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to deny project 11-136. The motion was seconded and the project was denied by the Board 5-0.

11-137 Equipment for Statewide Fishery Restoration

Training and safety important – should be done properly. Concern that the budget is a guess.

Motion: D. Boley motioned to recommend project 11-137 in the amount of \$59,300 as a sport/enhancement project (funding is not included for the generator, signs/barriers and the trailer skin). The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 4-1 (Johnson).

11-138 Ferguson Creek Cutthroat Habitat Enhancement at Bradshaw's

The increase in the number of plantings makes sense. Good match funds.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend project 11-138 in the amount of \$11,773 as a sport/enhancement project (minus fiscal administrative & project management expenses). The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 4-1 (Glass).

11-140 Sandy River Fishing Access Plan

There isn't any ADA access currently along the Sandy River. Usually don't like funding plans/designs.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to deny project 11-140. The motion was seconded and the project was denied by the Board 4-1 (Glass).

11-142 Increasing Catch of Steelhead by Scatter Planting

Electronic collection of data is better than paper.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend project 11-142 in the amount of \$19,705 as a sport/restoration project (funding is for current biennium and \$549 to purchase notebooks as discussed). The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0.

11-143 Lower Crooked River Creel Survey

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to recommend project 11-143 in the amount of \$10,436 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0.

11-144 Hood River Winter Steelhead Escapement Monitoring

Good match funding. With the dams removed unable to get fish counts.

Motion: D. Boley motioned to recommend project 11-144 in the amount of \$20,350 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0.

11-145 Broadway Park Fishing Access Improvement

Deadline change wouldn't happen for 4 years. Would the use be by non-anglers? Would like to see more focus on the angling opportunities.

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to recommend project 11-145 in the amount of \$40,000 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 4-1 (Glass).

11-146 Phillips Reservoir Creel Survey 2013

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend project 11-146 in the amount of \$9,630 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0.

11-147 Rock Creek Hatchery Entrance Road Repair

Appreciate the applicant's willingness to compromise.

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to recommend project 11-147 in the amount of \$57,000 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0.

11-149 RCH Old Raceway Fall Protection / Predator Control

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend project 11-149 in the amount of \$14,000 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0.

The Board agreed unanimously to transfer \$200,000 from restoration funds to enhancement funds.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday November 3, 2012 – Field Tour

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tour of multiple sites along the McKenzie River, McKenzie Fish Hatchery, Leaburg Fish Hatchery and University of Oregon Environmental Leadership Program.