



Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 31, 2013

Location: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Commission Room
3406 Cherry Avenue NE
Salem, Oregon 97303

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

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

Members Absent: none

Call to Order & Agenda Approval

Chair Bob Bumstead called the Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Program Board meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and introductions were made.

Welcome to Greg Silbernagel, recently appointed R&E Board member representing the public.

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting agenda.

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

Meeting Minute Approval

The Board reviewed the November 2, 2012 R&E Program Board meeting minutes.

Motion: D. Boley motioned to approve the November 2, 2012 meeting minutes with one 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.

ODFW Program Overview

Rick Hargrave, ODFW Interim Assistant Fish Division Administrator, Ed Bowles, ODFW Fish Division Administrator and Bruce McIntosh, Assistant Fish Division Administrator welcomed the Board. The Department commends the Board for their support and dedication to the Program.

After some discussion the Department assured the Board that all ODFW R&E Program funding requests will be evaluated by program managers prior to submission. Funds will be sought internally prior to submitting requests to the Board.

Everyone agreed that the Board's role is to ensure that angler dollars are spent appropriately and properly accounted for.

Scott Patterson, ODFW Fish Propagation Program Manager provided an overview of the Department's propagation program and facility priorities. These included some larger maintenance projects that need to be conducted at the Clackamas Hatchery (intake pipe), Klaskanine Hatchery, and Cedar Creek Hatchery. The propagation program reviews the R&E Program applications prior to submission to the Board. The first priority is safety. There was discussion on the need for STEP facilities to 100% mark their hatchery fish. Marking fish is vital for program evaluation. An example on recent priorities is the Department has been removing underground fuel tanks and installing predator netting at facilities.

Rick Hartlerode, ODFW Facilities and Engineering Manager and David Sandstrom, ODFW Chief Engineer provided an overview of the Department's engineering section. Projects constructed on state property or using state funding are required to follow Oregon Revised Statutes. The program currently has four engineers, one construction manager and one technician. The design portion of a project assists in getting a more accurate quote and identifying problems prior to implementation.

Emergency Request

Steve Meshke, Clatsop County Fisheries presented the Net Pen Access Pier Repairs at Youngs Bay R&E emergency funding request to the Board. The request is in the amount of \$31,811 to repair damage to the pier which provides access to the acclimation net pens located in Youngs Bay. The pier is currently owned by the City of Astoria and is used by a variety of user groups. If emergency funding is awarded repairs will begin February 14, 2013 and be completed in March 2013. The Board discussed the importance of the program and the need for emergency funding.

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to approve the emergency funding request for repairs to the pier at Youngs Bay in the amount of \$31,881 to be funded through R&E emergency funds (Restoration Emergency account in the amount of \$14,431 and Enhancement Emergency account in the amount of \$17,450). The motion was seconded and emergency funding was approved by the Board 6-1 (Glass).

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 1, 2013

Location: Best Western Mill Creek Inn
- Meeting Room
3125 Ryan Drive SE
Salem, Oregon 97301

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
Greg Silbernagel – Representing the Public
Gary Soderstrom – Representing Gillnet Fisheries

Members Absent: none

Call to Order & Agenda Approval

Chair Bob Bumstead called the Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Program Board meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

Program Budget

Josie Thompson, ODFW R&E Program Coordinator provided an overview of the program budget.

Project Proposal Presentations

11-162 Wallowa District Backcountry Fish Sampling

Kyle Bratcher presented the Wallowa District Backcountry Fish Sampling project proposal to the Board. The area is difficult to access for monitoring. Sharing equipment is difficult due to multiple projects being conducted at the same time.

Questions/Comments from Board:

Like the detailed budget.

11-153 Indian Creek Hatchery Walkways

Jim Freedman presented the Indian Creek Hatchery Walkways project proposal to the Board. This is a STEP facility which is operated solely by volunteers. The repairs are needed for safety concerns.

Dixie Boley declared a potential conflict of interest. Excess fish returning to the hatchery are donated to the local food bank after being processed at Fishermen Direct which she is part owner. There is not a monetary gain, the processing is donated.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board inquired if there was a requirement for ODFW engineering staff to approve the repairs. J. Thompson agreed to confirm if engineering is required.

11-165 John Day District Spring Chinook Creel

Jeff Neal presented the John Day District Spring Chinook Creel project proposal to the Board. There are not any hatchery releases in the John Day River. In order to have a fishery a creel must be conducted. Having dedicated staff improves the process, otherwise there isn't staffing to conduct the survey.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if a person would be hired to conduct the creel. The applicant replied no, current staffing can be used if there are dedicated funds.

11-166 Williamson River Trophy Redband Trout Habitat

Jared Bottcher presented the Williamson River Trophy Redband Trout Habitat project proposal to the Board. Funding would be used to fund production of the gravel so it is available in August. Trees are available now funding would be used for transportation.

11-158 Grande Ronde Watershed Monitoring Equipment

Tim Bailey presented the Grande Ronde Watershed Monitoring Equipment project proposal to the Board. This project includes the La Grande and Wallowa District.

11-159 2013 Northeast Oregon Spring Chinook Creel Surveys

Tim Bailey presented the Northeast Oregon Spring Chinook Creel Surveys project proposal to the Board. There was not a fishery in this area from 1979 to 2000, the seasons are adjusted on actual run and harvest numbers.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board commented on the economic benefits of this fishery.

11-151 Phase 2 Wizard Falls Starter & Reuse Supply Ponds

Doug Curtis presented the Phase 2 Wizard Falls Starter & Reuse Supply Ponds project proposal to the Board. The Wizard Falls Hatchery rears multiple species. A tremendous amount of time is spent in keeping the facility running smoothly. Having the ponds repaired will conserve water and staff time. Funding Phase 3 would equate to money savings due to the contractor already being on site.

11-171 Elk River Hatchery Tractor Replacement

Mark Bushman presented the Elk River Hatchery Tractor Replacement project proposal to the Board. The original funding request has been modified from \$40,000 to \$30,000. The current tractor has multiple problems and is over 40 years old.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if a used tractor was looked for. The applicant replied that they had looked at multiple sources for a used tractor.

11-167 Umatilla Fish District Electronarcosis

Tim Bailey presented the Umatilla Fish District Electronarcosis project proposal to the Board on behalf of Bill Duke. This technique doesn't use any drugs and is currently being used in parts of Washington.

11-152 Klamath Hatchery Maintenance Bundle

Greg Lipsiea presented the Klamath Hatchery Maintenance Bundle project proposal to the Board. The current pump was built in 1974. The impeller is causing fish damage. The hatchery raises trout and needs three egg incubation trays replaced that were created for salmon, which is too large of screen for trout.

11-163 Coos Coquille Tenmile District Cycle 8 Request

Tom Rumreich presented the Coos Coquille Tenmile District Cycle 8 Request project proposal to the Board on behalf of Gary Vonderohe. The handheld radios would allow staff to remain in constant contact with personnel in remote areas.

11-178 Millicoma / Morgan Creek STEP Education & Outreach

Tom Rumreich presented the Millicoma/Morgan Creek STEP Education & Outreach project proposal to the Board. The facility attracts participants from the entire state. The applicant agreed this project could be postponed.

11-176 Rogue District Fisheries Management Equipment

Peter Samarin presented the Rogue District Fisheries Management Equipment project proposal to the Board. The inflatable boats are easier to carrier and they don't require a boat ramp. The electrofishers are also used for fish salvage efforts when the smaller streams run dry. The netting would assist in monitoring illegal introductions.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked why two boats were necessary. The applicant replied it was for safety reasons.

11-168 Deschutes Basin River & Lake Monitoring

Ryan Carrasco presented the Deschutes Basin River & Lake Monitoring project proposal to the Board. Inflatable kayaks are easier to use when access is a problem.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked how long they had been using paint for marking fish. The applicant replied that the technique has been in use with marking warmwater species for approximately six years.

11-161 Diamond Lake Creel 2013

Laura Jackson presented the Diamond Lake Creel 2013 project proposal to the Board on behalf of Greg Huchko. Department funds that were previously used for monitoring efforts are no longer available. Surveys are showing that approximately 31-45% of the fish being caught are released. Ice fishing is becoming popular with the year-round fishery.

11-177 ODFW Mid Coast Field Equipment & Supplies

Evan Leonetti presented the ODFW Mid Coast Field Equipment & Supplies project proposal to the Board. The original funding request has been reduced to \$2,680.

11-157 Saltwater Fishery News Alerts & Descending Devices

Patrick Mirick presented the Saltwater Fishery News Alerts & Descending Devices project proposal to the Board. These devices improve survival rate tremendously. If catch limits are exceeded it could close all fisheries. The devices would be sent to boats that have recently been ocean fishing. The text and email notification doesn't duplicate Department efforts, the current notifications distributed through I&E are for inland fisheries.

11-154 Town Lake Dock Replacement

Robert Bradley presented the Town Lake Dock Replacement project proposal to the Board. The lake is near the town of Pacific City and is a popular fishery. The floats left over from the changes at Lake Lytle will be re-used at Town Lake. During the spring there are anglers at the lake every day.

11-174 NCWD & TRH Equipment

Ron Rehn presented the NCWD and TRH Equipment project proposal to the Board. The tilt trailer would allow the transportation of the hatchery tractor. Using interchangeable equipment isn't always the best – it doesn't allow multiple people to do various jobs.

11-164 Springfield Field Office Project Supplies

Shannon Richardson presented the Springfield Field Office Project Supplies project proposal to the Board. The district currently doesn't have a field camera. The smaller size of kayaks makes it easier to transport and having two is for safety reasons. There is a price reduction of 10% from the boats through state contract.

11-170 Portable Fish Cleaning Station for Fishing Events

Shannon Richardson presented the Portable Fish Cleaning Station for Fishing Events project proposal to the Board on behalf of Kelly Reis. The tables are clean and efficient – great for large events. They had 600 participants at the event at Alton Baker Canal last year. Leaburg Hatchery staff will put the tables together.

11-173 Cheadle Lake ADA Fishing Platform Access Trail

Rodney Sell presented the Cheadle Lake ADA Fishing Platform Access Trail project proposal to the Board. The lake is approximately 106 acres with over three miles of shoreline. The city opened the park to the public in 2008.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked what the status is of the western pond turtles and if areas would be left alone for the turtles. The applicant replied that there will be parts of the park that will be undeveloped.

11-175 2013 Fish Camp at Camp Angelos

Rod Brobeck presented the 2013 Fish Camp at Camp Angelos project proposal to the Board. There are kids at the camp year round. The Fish Camp is a week long for 90 youth.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board commented that this project has been funded multiple times in the past.

11-155 Salmonid Life History Research & Monitoring

Benjamin Clemens presented the Salmonid Life History Research & Monitoring project proposal to the Board. Sharing equipment isn't logistically feasible. Several other programs are interested in having this available.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked how much time this would save from the current timeline of receiving test results. The applicant replied it would save months. The Board asked if this would require more personnel. The applicant replied that no additional staffing would be required.

11-160 Warmwater Fish Habitat Structures

Gary Galovich presented the Warmwater Fish Habitat Structures project proposal to the Board. This project focuses on drawn down reservoirs. They have found that natural materials tend to cause problems

with infrastructure. The spider blocks work well in most scenarios. The structures appear to stay in place year round. Great volunteer project.

11-150 Lofton Reservoir Rotenone Treatment

Dave Banks presented the Lofton Reservoir Rotenone Treatment project proposal to the Board. The reservoir is located approximately 30 miles west of Lakeview with a campground that is used all summer.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if this was a fall project. The applicant replied yes – will be purchasing the materials prior.

Public Comment

Ron Mason shared his support for R&E Project 11-157 – this project has a positive impact on stocks while maintaining opportunity. The ocean fishery has a large economic impact to the coastal communities. The group is committed to change attitudes – users will increase.

Edmund Keene shared his support for R&E Project 11-157 – this project supports fish identification, release techniques and is good for the economy and fishermen.

Project Proposal Recommendations

11-150 Lofton Reservoir Rotenone Treatment

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to recommend project 11-150 in the amount of \$18,661 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-151 Phase 2 Wizard Falls Starter & Reuse Supply Ponds

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend project 11-151 in the amount of \$84,500 as a sport/restoration project (funding for Phase 2). The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-152 Klamath Hatchery Maintenance Bundle

Motion: D. Boley motioned to recommend project 11-152 in the amount of \$20,500 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-153 Indian Creek Hatchery Walkways

Motion: D. Boley motioned to recommend project 11-153 in the amount of \$14,000 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-154 Town Lake Dock Replacement

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend project 11-154 in the amount \$7,327 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-155 Salmonid Life History Research & Monitoring

Motion: D. Boley motioned to deny project 11-155. The motion was seconded and the project was denied by the Board 7-0.

11-157 Saltwater Fishery News Alerts & Descending Devices

Requiring the use of the device would be hard to enforce and possibly alter the data as it is collected. Several west coast organization are providing outreach and education on release techniques.

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend project 11-157 in the amount of \$28,291 sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-2 (Bumstead, Glass).

11-158 Grande Ronde Watershed Monitoring Equipment

Motion: G. Silbernagel motioned to recommend project 11-158 in the amount of \$8,600 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-159 2013 Northeast Oregon Spring Chinook Creel Surveys

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to recommend project 11-159 in the amount of \$8,530 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-160 Warmwater Fish Habitat Structures

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend project 11-160 in the amount of \$11,400 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-161 Diamond Lake Creel 2013

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend project 11-161 in the amount of \$5,621 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-162 Wallowa District Back Country Fish Sampling

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend project 11-162 in the amount of \$6,205 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-163 Coos Coquille Tenmile District Cycle 8 Request

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to recommend project 11-163 in the amount of \$3,600 as a sport/enhancement project (radio purchase only). The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-164 Springfield Field Office Project Supplies

Motion: J. Glass motioned to recommend project 11-164 in the amount of \$3,840 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-165 John Day District Spring Chinook Creel

Motion: G. Silbernagel motioned to recommend project 11-165 in the amount of \$11,500 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-1 (Johnson).

11-166 Williamson River Trophy Redband Trout Habitat

Good match. Doesn't have permits secured.

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend project 11-166 in the amount of \$16,992 as a sport/enhancement project contingent upon receiving required permit from DSL. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-1 (Glass).

11-167 Umatilla Fish District Electronarcosis

Motion: G. Silbernagel motioned to recommend project 11-167 in the amount of \$500 as sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-168 Deschutes Basin River & Lake Monitoring

Motion: G. Silbernagel motioned to recommend project 11-168 in the amount of \$13,050 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-170 Portable Fish Cleaning Station for Fishing Events

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend project 11-170 in the amount of \$1,100 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-171 Elk River Hatchery Tractor Replacement

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend project 11-171 in the amount of \$30,000 as a sport/restoration project contingent upon proving that they find the best deal and looking into whether the State has a contract agreement with John Deere. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-173 Cheadle Lake ADA Fishing Platform Access Trail

The Board shared concerns that the area would be over developed.

Motion: D. Boley motioned to recommend project 11-173 in the amount of \$11,000 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-1 (Johnson).

11-174 NCWD & TRH Equipment

Motion: D. Boley motioned to recommend project 11-174 in the amount of \$6,700 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-175 2013 Fish Camp at Camp Angelos

Motion: G. Silbernagel motioned to recommend project 11-175 in the amount of \$4,500 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-176 Rogue District Fisheries Management Equipment

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to recommend project 11-176 in the amount of \$8,640. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-177 ODFW Mid Coast Field Equipment & Supplies

Motion: D. Boley motioned to recommend project 11-177 in the amount of \$2,680 as a commercial/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

11-178 Millicoma / Morgan Creek STEP Education & Outreach

Motion: L. Johnson motioned to deny project 11-178. The motion was seconded and the project was denied by the Board 7-0.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.