



Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 5, 2014

Location: Best Western Ponderosa Lodge
505 West Highway 20
Sisters, Oregon

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: John Alto

Call to Order & Agenda Approval

Chair Lonnie Johnson called the Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Program Board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and introductions were made.

The Board reviewed the proposed June 5, 2014 meeting agenda.

Administrative Updates

Budgeting Discussion – Cycle 7 / Cycle 1

The Board discussed the idea of a Cycle 7 / Cycle 1 project approval. The project proposal application would be presented once and given prior approval for cross-biennium funding (2 applications approved once). The idea is allow projects the ability to take advantage of in-water work periods that are currently missed due to timing of the biennium. This would allow the applicant to know ahead of time that they have the funds to continue their project. The project budget would need to identify which budget items will be completed during which biennium. The Board agreed to have Kevin Herkamp explore the idea.

Block Grant for State Hatcheries

The Board shared their concerns with approving a block grant for hatchery maintenance. The pros and cons of the concept were discussed. The Board would like to discuss with Scott Patterson.

Funding for Engineering & Administrative Expenses

Greg Silbernagel discussed the draft idea for reviewing various administrative/project management expenses. Budget line items for project management and fiscal expenses will need to be separated out – which would be consistent with OWEB guidelines. It was agreed to start with a guideline of \$2,500 for these types of expenses.

Funding Contingencies

The Board discussed budget items listed as a contingency. It was agreed that a contingency must be identified by category as a line item – with a guideline of five-percent. (example – Supply Contingency)

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to accept the first page of the DRAFT R&E Project Guidance handout. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0. (K. Herkamp will incorporate into the Board Guidelines)

ODFW Internal Review of R&E Projects

The Board discussed the recent changes to the internal review process. K. Herkamp shared that he is trying to get more items distributed prior to the meetings. The Board agreed to remain with the 1 to 5 rating system being used. The Board would like to continue using the ODFW Biologist Comment form in lieu of letters of support.

Meeting Schedule

Kevin Herkamp would like to see the field tours be more engaging. Please submit ideas for meeting locations to K. Herkamp by October.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 6, 2014

Location: Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD
Community Hall
301 South Elm Street
Sisters, Oregon

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Board Member

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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: John Alto

Call to Order & Agenda Approval

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

The Board reviewed the proposed June 6, 2014 meeting agenda.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the March 6, 2014 meeting minutes.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to approve the March 6, 2014 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

Board Reports

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

Program Funding

Lonnie Johnson and Jack Glass participated on the ODFW’s External Budget Advisory Committee (EBAC) representing the R&E Board. The Department’s budget isn’t looking good. Several changes are being proposed to assist in balancing the current & future budget.

K. Herkamp shared that the program's incoming revenue appears to be on track – per our economist. We should have a better idea in October. Emergency account funds are looking good so far.

Board Positions

The possible need for a back-up Vice Chair was discussed by the Board.

Motion: D. Boley motioned to approve Greg Silbernagel as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

Board Operating Guidelines

The Board discussed the option of splitting funding for projects between Sport and Commercial. Currently policy is to fund projects 100% as either Sport or Commercial.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to allow funding of projects to be a 50/50 split between Sport and Commercial as appropriate. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

Project Modifications

13-002 Lower Crooked River Creel Survey (project amendment)

The applicant is requesting to use \$1,300 from unused project funds to cover printing charges for a manuscript – *Effect of Fishing Success on Angler Satisfaction on a Central Oregon Rainbow Trout Fishery: Implications for Establishing Management Objectives*. The article is based on the Lower Crooked River Creel Survey project.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to approve the amendment request for R&E Project 13-002. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

Project Presentations & Funding Recommendations

13-054 Fielder & Wimer Dam Removals Phase 1 (Tabled Cycle 4)

Bob Hunter provided an overview of the project which has been slightly modified. The funds being requested have been reduced. The applicant shared that several of the Board's previous concerns have been addressed. The project has lots of public support by anglers.

Dan VanDyke shared that in his opinion there aren't any direct liability issues with this project. ODFW supports the project and the project has received OWEB funding. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done – this is an ODFW priority. Restored habitat will benefit both river and ocean Chinook salmon fisheries.

Questions/Comments from Board:

Soderstrom shared he does not like funding planning for projects. Silbernagel shared his concerns with the liability for the Board and the way the land was acquired. Appears to be a controversial project.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-054 in the amount of \$58,202 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 4-2 (Silbernagel, Soderstrom).

13-065 Klamath Hatchery Road Gravel

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-065 in the amount of \$5,000 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-066 Auto Fish Dual Sorter Upgrade

David Fundak & Trevor Clark were available for questions. The marking trailers are housed at the Clackamas field office.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if it will allow 100% marking of fish – yes a dual sorter will allow 50% more marking – when calculated it could pay for its self in one year. The Board asked what the quality of the mark is – usually runs around 99.9%, more accurate than marking the fish manually.

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-066 in the amount of \$32,500 as a commercial/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-067 Rock Creek Hatchery Raceway Replacement Phase 1

Dan Meyer was available for questions. Steelhead will be raised in these raceways. Currently losing fish in the cracks of the raceways. This will be the first of three phases to replace the 6 raceways. Subsequent phases should be less expensive than this request. This is a very important project to the hatchery – the only hatchery for the Umpqua.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if they have addressed predation concerns – the applicant replied they are currently working on. The Board asked if they would lose production during construction – no they will not – they will be able to shift things around.

Motion: G. Silbernagel motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-067 in the amount of \$190,115 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-068 Bend Discovery Pond Handicap Fishing Docks

Terry Shrader and Dave Dunahay provided an overview of the project to the Board. Great location, only two other urban options in town. The request is for 2 docks. This project site is close to schools and a new housing sub-division. The pond is currently being developed; it's scheduled to be complete this fall. The pond will be stocked with warm water fish this fall to allow spawning for next year. This is a unique opportunity – will be a great family fishery. Once complete it will become property of the City of Bend. This site is much more open than the pond at Shevlin Park.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if this will be open to the public – yes. Silbernagel asked if this would increase home prices in the area – probably. The Board asked if there will be a pond liner – yes and there is well water to address water issues.

Motion: G. Silbernagel motioned to deny R&E Project 13-068. The motion was seconded and the project was denied by the Board 5-1 (Bumstead).

13-069 Klamath Portable Fishing Ponds

Jen Luke and Bill Tinniswood provided an overview of the project to the Board. The District was able to borrow ponds this last February for an event and it was very popular. This was the third year – with approximately 1,200 children participating.

Motion: J. Glass motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-069 in the amount of \$3,500 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-070 Millicoma / Morgan Creek STEP Education & Outreach

Tom Rumreich was available to answer questions. Funding will be used for 11 to 12 signs. The models will be the same as used at Bonneville Hatchery.

Questions/Comments from Board:

Bumstead asked what will be on the signs. The signs will be ones that are currently in place at several other state hatcheries.

Motion: G. Silbernagel motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-070 in the amount of \$23,800 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-071 Port of Siuslaw Fish Cleaning Station Addition

Ron Caputo provided an overview of the project to the Board. Very popular location. The proposed design includes a cover and a chain link fence around the facility that will be lockable.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board confirmed that they will not be using a grinder – correct.

Motion: D. Boley motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-071 in the amount of \$20,380 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-072 Thief Valley Reservoir Culvert

Motion: G. Silbernagel motioned to deny R&E Project 13-072. The motion was seconded and the project was denied by the Board 6-0.

13-073 Adult Salmon Hoist System

Steve Meshke provided an overview of the project to the Board. The project is located at the South Fork Klaskanine Hatchery. Currently it takes 3 staff from Clatsop County Fisheries to do the spawning – this will reduce the need for as much manpower.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if they were sorting for ripeness – yes.

Motion: J. Glass motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-073 in the amount of \$14,600 as a commercial/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-074 Camp Sherman Hatchery Property Enhancement

Jen Luke and Chip Dale provided an overview of the project to the Board. The current condition of the site is a potential liability issue. The site is approximately 15 miles upstream from Wizard Falls Hatchery.

Questions/Comments from Board:

Silbernagel commented that it seems to be a high price for a survey. The applicant replied that they are seeking to obtain a detailed survey.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-074 in the amount of \$25,000 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-075 Boat Storage Facility

Motion: D. Boley motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-075 in the amount of \$10,000 as a sport/enhancement project (condition that the Corp provides a letter approving the use). The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-076 South Santiam Adult Holding Pond Conversion

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-076 in the amount of \$33,631 as a sport/restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-078 Coastal Wild Coho Fisheries Creel Surveys 2014

Robert Bradley provided an overview of the project to the Board.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked the applicant how much longer we will need to do these surveys – unsure at this time.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-078 in the amount of \$97,410 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-079 Town Lake Dam Restoration

Robert Bradley provided an overview of the project to the Board. Very popular fishery south of Tillamook.

Questions/comments from Board:

The Board asked what the average depth of the lake is – unsure but is 15 feet some spots. The Board asked if there were any fish passage requirements – the applicant replied they will be meeting next week with the Fish Passage Task Force. The applicant doesn't anticipate an issue due to an impassable waterfall.

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-079 in the amount of \$89,875 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0-1 (Silbernagel abstained due to a potential professional conflict).

13-080 LCM PIT Tag Antenna Coho Monitoring

Motion: J. Glass motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-080 in the amount of \$4,943 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-081 Sport Fishing Mobile App – Regulation & Mapping

Mike Gauvin provided an overview of the project to the Board.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked how they are going to keep the app updated. The applicant replied they are developing a way to automate updates.

Motion: J. Glass motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-081 in the amount of \$25,200 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-082 Performance of Triploid Summer Steelhead

Marc Johnson was available to answer questions.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if Skamania stock was being used – yes. The applicant confirmed that one year’s worth of information has been gathered – this will add to the data being collected.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-082 in the amount of \$24,160 as a sport/enhancement project (funding provided for the Santiam portion of the study only). The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-083 North Fork Nehalem River Steelhead Enhancement Project

Robert Bradley provided an overview of the project to the Board.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked what is being creeled – they started marking 3 years ago, will be evaluating the area the fish was caught and which ones were caught.

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-083 in the amount of \$11,853 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-084 Recovering Coded Wire Tags in the Sandy Basin

Questions/Comments from Board:

Any data collected for the Sandy River will be valuable.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-084 in the amount of \$11,250 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

13-085 Sullivan Gulch Bottomland Restoration

Matt Swanson provided an overview of the project to the Board. The project site is south of Coos Bay. Part of the land agreement is to continue providing livestock grazing.

Motion: G. Soderstrom motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-085 in the amount of \$40,000 as a commercial/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 5-0-1 (Boley abstained due to a potential personal conflict of interest).

13-086 Camp Creek Phase 2

Matt Ruwaldt was available to answer questions.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The applicant confirmed that OWEB funding was received April 29, 2014. The Board asked why the request increased. The applicant replied that they have added additional miles to the project site.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 13-086 in the amount of \$52,400 as a sport/enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 6-0.

Other Business

Board Recruitment – applications are currently being accepted for the upcoming R&E Board vacancies.

L. Johnson shared his concern that the warmwater fisheries won’t be represented upon his departure.

Would like to see a warmwater fishery advocate recruited.

Hatchery Block Grant – B. Bumstead shared his concern with authorizing a large amount of funding for staff to use as they choose. Would like to see Scott Patterson provide oversight of the funds. The block funding could assist with changes in priorities throughout the biennium.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday June 7, 2014 – Field Tour

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tour - Head of the Metolius, Spring Creek site, Wizard Falls Hatchery and Wizard Falls Free Fishing Event