



Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 13, 2017

Location: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, Oregon 97302

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

Board Member	Board Member
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Kay Brown – Representing the Public

Bob Bumstead – Representing Recreational Fisheries

Rich Heap – Representing Recreational Fisheries

Cary Johnson – Representing Gillnet Fisheries

Yancy Lind – Representing Recreational Fisheries

Ray Monroe – Representing Commercial Troll Fisheries

Rod Moore - Representing Fish Processing Industry

Members Absent:

Call to Order & Introductions

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

Welcome to Kay Brown as the new R&E Board member representing the public.

Cary Johnson is attending the meeting telephonically.

Meeting Agenda Approval

The Board reviewed today's proposed meeting agenda.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and approved by the Board 7-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the September 16, 2016 meeting minutes.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to approve the September 16, 2016 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by R. Moore and approved by the Board 7-0.

STAC Presentation & Program Funding

Tom VanderPlaat, STAC member provided an overview of STEP (Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program) and highlighted one of the goals of STEP which is to create a pathway from the classroom to the angler to the STEP volunteer. Kevin Herkamp, STEP Coordinator was tasked by STAC to work on creating curriculum to assist teachers in finding ways STEP can fit into the revised national standards.

K. Herkamp provided an overview of the funding requests made through STEP/STAC. For the 2017-2019 biennium STEP funding is being proposed as an administrative line item in the R&E Program Budget managed by the Program Coordinator. The Board discussed their concerns with having the STEP items listed as administrative expenses instead of a grant request as done in the past.

Program Budget Update

K. Herkamp provided a budget update of funds available for the remainder of the 2015-2017 biennium.

2017-2019 Administrative Budget

K. Herkamp provided an outline for the Program Administrative Budget.

Personnel, Supplies & Travel \$490,277
Program Publicity \$50,000
Grant Management System \$15,000
Emergency Account \$100,000 (Restoration & Enhancement combined)
STAC Mini-Grants \$50,000
STEP Education \$30,000
STEP Fish Food \$190,600
Total Admin \$925,877

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board raised concerns with the proposed program administrative budget including the miscellaneous STEP grants. Some members would rather see them listed as their own grant application, while others are comfortable with this approach but it needs some level of vetting. The Program Coordinator will work with the Chair to identify a method to include base funding (like fish feed and education) in a program budget while ensuring costs and program changes have been reviewed and approved. Budget modifications will be brought before the Board at the meeting prior to program budget approval or include the Board during the approval process. Expanded programs do not automatically obtain additional R&E funding.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding the Program administrative budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by R. Moore and approved by the Board 7-0.

Emergency Requests and Modifications

STEP Education Grant Amendment

K. Herkamp submitted a request to amend the STEP Education grant. The original request included \$10,000 to create a teacher training in partnership with Western Oregon University. Curriculum development was delayed for various reasons. The amendment if approved would allow the program to hire a temporary employee to develop the materials. The request is to modify the existing budget items without an increase in grant funds.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if hiring the temporary employee will complete the project with a ready to go product. The response was yes.

Project Proposal Review and Recommendations

The Board reviewed and made funding recommendations on the following project proposals.

15-075 Archibald Creek Fish Habitat & Passage Restoration

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked the applicant if there is angler access at the site. Yes – must obtain Weyerhaeuser Permit. Was the OWEB grant approved? Yes, contingent on receiving R&E funding.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to deny funding R&E Project 15-075 during the 2015-2017 biennium. The motion was seconded and the project was denied by the Board 4-3 (No= Johnson, Moore, Monroe)

Motion: R. Moore motioned to recommend funding the Archibald Creek Fish Habitat & Passage Restoration as project 17-011 in the 2017-2019 biennium in the amount of \$18,426 as a 10% commercial and 90% sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and approved by the Board 7-0.

15-076 NCWD (North Coast Watershed District) Equipment 2016

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked the applicant if the funding request includes items that would be considered S&S (Supplies & Services). The applicant replied that parts could be identified as S&S, the request includes a variety of items to be purchased. The Board discussed concerns on where this fits into the Department's priorities.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 15-076 in the amount of \$11,400 as 40% commercial and 60% sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded by B. Bumstead and approved by the Board 7-0

15-077 John Day & Umatilla Watershed Fish Equipment

Mike Gauvin shared that the District does not have a raft currently, having one located in the district office would assist in standardizing sampling methods.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 15-077 in the amount of \$16,204 as a 50% commercial and 50% sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0

15-078 Liberation Truck Replacement

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board discussed the various options available to fund this project. The purchase would need to be arranged in March to be received by June 30, 2017. There are currently between 25-30 trucks that are slowly being replaced.

Motion:

Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 15-078 in the amount of \$88,000 for the first truck and up to \$80,000 for the second truck from unallocated and returned funds. This is a 5% commercial and 95% sport restoration project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0

15-079 Chub Removal Internships in Deschutes High Lakes

This project crosses the biennium. This application covers the first 4-weeks of the project prior to July 1, 2017 for a total of \$2,600.

Motion: R. Moore motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 15-079 in the amount of \$2,600 as a 100% sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded by Y. Lind and approved by the Board 6-0-1 (Abstain = Brown).

15-080 Phillips Reservoir Tiger Muskie Monitoring & Evaluation

This project crosses the biennium. This application covers the portion of the project prior to July 1, 2017.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked the applicant if Tiger Muskie were doing the job as intended. The applicant replied that it's too soon to determine. The size of fish at release was increased for the last group. It appears that stocking 5 inch fish isn't large enough for survival.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 15-080 in the amount of \$9,350, as modified by the applicant, as a 100% sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded by B. Bumstead and approved by the Board 6-1 (No = Moore).

17-001 Phillips Reservoir Tiger Muskie Monitoring & Evaluation

This is a continuation of 15-080 for the 2017-2019 biennium.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-001 in the amount of \$27,258 as a 100% sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded by B. Bumstead and approved by the Board 6-1 (No = Moore).

17-002 Hatchery Maintenance Bundle 2017-2019

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-002 in the amount of \$2,068,150 as a 15% commercial and 85% sport restoration project. The motion was seconded by B. Bumstead and approved by the Board 7-0.

17-003 West Fork Millicoma River Fish Passage Improvements 2017

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if OWEB funding has been awarded. The applicant replied no it is still pending – final notice should be received in March or April 2017. A clear connection to angler benefit was not made and it appears the road department could do the project without R&E funding.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to deny funding for R&E Project 17-003. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and the project was denied by the Board 7-0.

17-004 South Fork John Day Riparian Re-Vegetation

Questions/Comments from Board:

A clear connection to angler benefit was not made.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to deny funding R&E Project 17-004. The motion was seconded by R. Moore and the project was denied by the Board 7-0.

17-005 Evaluating Tillamook Chinook with Radio Telemetry

Project proposal was withdrawn prior to meeting.

17-006 Diamond Lake Monitoring & Invasive Species Removal

The applicant explained to the Board that the insurance and lodging might not be needed. If not needed the funding amount requested for those items will be returned to the Board.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board discussed the impact of invasive species to fisheries. It seems to be a problem that won't be fixed. The Department is trying to stay ahead of the problem. The Department is required to act due to state fish management plans. The Board commented that R&E should not be a permanent funding source for this project.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-006 in the amount of \$66,660 as a 100% sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded by Y. Lind and approved by the Board 7-0.

17-007 Statewide Tag Reward Study

Due to District staff recommendations the program will be implemented in Pine Hollow Reservoir not Lost Lake.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked how these sites were chosen. The applicant replied that these sites were chosen to monitor the release strategies already implemented to determine success.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-007 in the amount of \$16,607 as a 100% sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded by R. Moore and approved by the Board 7-0.

17-008 Chub Removal Internships in Deschutes High Lakes

This is a continuation of 15-079.

Motion: R. Moore motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-008 in the amount of \$7,064 as a 100% sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded by Y. Lind and approved by the Board 7-0.

17-009 Mill Park Enhancement Toilet & Picnic

Withdrawn prior to meeting.

17-010 Mill Park Ramp Restoration Project

Withdrawn prior to meeting.

Public Comment

Board Member Reports

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

Board Business

- Board Elections for Vice Chair

Motion: R. Moore motioned to amend the Board's Operating Guidelines to show that the Chair and Vice-Chair positions will be chosen yearly with no term limits for either position. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

B. Bumstead nominated Yancy Lind as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by R. Moore. Yancy Lind was voted as Vice-Chair unanimously by the Board 7-0.

- 2017 R&E Board Meeting Schedule
 - May 12-13, 2017 will be held in Madras
 - September 8-9, 2017 will be held in Portland
 - January 5-6, 2018 will be held in Salem
 - May 4-5, 2018 will be held in Reedsport
 - September 2018 (Date to be determined) will be held in Klamath Falls
- R&E Program Videos - Two videos have been recorded and are in the process of being edited.
 - Board comments:

- Too much salmon and anadromous footage; need Bass and trout
 - Add kids and education programs
- Strategic Planning Update – process was delayed. Board Operating Guidelines are being revised and will be presented to the Board in May for final approval.
 - Board Self-Assessment – draft almost completed needs to be made into an online survey with 30 questions. Will be sent to the Board by the end of January 2017.
 - AFS Sponsorship – Mike Gauvin provided an overview of the upcoming AFS (American Fisheries Society) meeting scheduled for February 28 – March 3, 2017 in Bend. With a \$500 sponsorship the program receives recognition in the Program along with a complimentary registration.
Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to approve providing the Oregon AFS Chapter with \$500 sponsorship. The motion was seconded by R. Moore and approved by the Board 7-0.
 - The Integrated Water Resource Strategy presentation is rescheduled for the May 2017 meeting.

Department Update and Overview

Curt Melcher, ODFW Director discussed the upcoming 2017 Legislative Session and possible impacts to the Department. Approximately 8% of the Department’s budget is provided through the State’s General Fund. The Governor’s Recommended Budget shows a 10% reduction in General Funds.

Sales have been higher in 2015 and 2016. The Commercial Fish Fund is being financed mainly through shrimp and crab landings.

Bruce McIntosh, Assistant Administrator of Inland Fisheries provided an overview of the Inland Fisheries program priorities established last year.

- Conservation Plan implementation across all 6 programs
- Angling regulation simplification
- Be a leader to de-list species
- Make fishing better – more and bigger
- Address the top 4 fish barriers in the state
- Get ahead of hatchery/facility maintenance

Ed Bowles, Fish Division Administrator provided an overview of some of the division’s goals. Our Inland Fisheries need more research to offer more warmwater and trout fisheries. Need to bring more attention to climate change along with the consequences and effects related to ocean acidification. We need to be leaders in the various science discussions along with making decisions that make us resilient to the changes.

Saturday – Field Tour

8:00 am to 3:30 pm Tour of Alsea River boat ramps, Alsea Hatchery and the Oregon Hatchery Resource Center