



# Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 12, 2017

**Location:** Inn at Cross Keys Station  
66 NW Cedar Street  
Madras, Oregon 97741

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

### Board Member

Bob Bumstead – Representing Recreational Fisheries  
Rich Heap – Representing Recreational Fisheries  
Cary Johnson – Representing Gillnet Fisheries  
Yancy Lind – Representing Recreational Fisheries

### Board Member

Ray Monroe – Representing Commercial Troll Fisheries  
Kay Brown – Representing the Public  
Rod Moore - Representing Fish Processing Industry

**Members Absent:** none

### 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.

### Meeting Agenda Approval

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting agenda.

Motion: R. Moore motioned to approve the meeting agenda as written. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and approved by the Board 7-0.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the January 13, 2017 meeting minutes.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to approve the January 13, 2017 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by B. Bumstead and approved by the Board 7-0.

### Board Reports

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

### Budget Update

Kevin Herkamp provided a program budget update. Updated handouts distributed today.

The 2017-2019 biennium revenues are projected at \$4.4 million, which becomes the spending limitation. The requested budget did not include an additional \$1 million in unspent program funds. A total of \$3,121,042 was awarded in Cycle 1 which leaves a remaining balance of \$1,278,958 for the biennium.

### Emergency Requests and Modifications

## Emergency Requests

None today

A total of \$20,977 has been awarded by the Program Coordinator since the January 13, 2017 Board meeting. Handout provided.

## Project Amendments

- 15-043 Vernonia Pond Pump Replacement  
Amendment request is for an additional \$18,000 due to an unexpected delay by the contractor and an increase in materials.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to approve the 15-043 amendment request in the amount of \$18,000. The motion was seconded by B. Bumstead and approved by the Board 7-0. (Total grant amount awarded is now \$69,000)

- 15-079 Chub Removal Internships in Deschutes High Lakes  
Amendment request is for an additional \$700 to lease a vehicle for interns to use. The expense was not included on the original application. (Total grant amount awarded is now \$3,300)

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to approve the 15-079 amendment request in the amount of \$700. The motion was seconded by Y. Lind and approved by the Board 7-0.

- 17-008 Chub Removal Internships in Deschutes High Lakes  
Amendment request is for an additional \$1,400 to lease a vehicle for interns to use. The expense was not included on the original application. (Total grant amount awarded is now \$8,464)

Questions/Comments from Board:

K. Brown shared her concern with continuing to fund a project that doesn't have an overall plan for the future.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to approve the 15-079 amendment request in the amount of \$700. The motion was seconded by Y. Lind and approved by the Board 7-0.

## Project Proposal Review & Recommendations

The Board reviewed the following project proposals.

### **17-012 Mid-Columbia District Outboard Motor Replacement**

The total request could be reduced depending on a trade-in credit.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked who has paid for the repairs prior to now. The applicant replied – ODFW.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-012 in the amount of \$18,000 as a 40% commercial and 60% sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

### **17-013 ODFW Angler Access Improvements 2017-2019**

Kevin Herkamp, R&E Program Coordinator shared with the Board that this proposal is not one of the enhancement bundles previously discussed. In order to comply with county requirements they will be using goats to gain control of the vegetation. A couple of the sites are not ODFW property. SFR funding will be used in the next phase.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked why the requested amount is more than the 25-percent match required for federal grants. The applicant replied that the 25-percent is a minimum. Using federal funds for parts of the project would make compliance difficult for staff (weed removal, chemical uses, etc.). The Board asked how these projects were chosen

and how they were grouped together. The applicant replied the sites were chosen by the number of anglers impacted and if the improvements could be completed in two-years. Who will be maintaining the sites? There are several third party agreements with the cities and counties. Several members shared their concern that this bundle was not presented like the Hatchery Maintenance Bundle which was more transparent with where and how the funds would be used.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-013 in the amount of \$109,977 as a sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

#### **17-014 Steelhead Residualism & Harvest in Detroit Lake**

Project withdrawn prior to Board meeting.

#### **17-015 Arizona Pond Sediment Removal 2017**

They have all the permits and are ready to go.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked why this wasn't included in the 17-013 bundle of projects. K. Herkamp replied that this project didn't meet the criteria for the bundle. How many anglers use the site? It's a popular site for families – there's always someone fishing. It's fished from March to June due to high water temperatures.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-015 in the amount of \$36,306 as a sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

#### **17-016 Spring Creek Acclimation & Youth Angling Pond Phase 2**

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked the applicant why they will not be spending the entire grant amount awarded in the current biennium. The applicant replied that they are hoping to at least complete the boring which will be approximately \$45,000.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-016 in the amount of \$137,250 as a sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

#### **17-017 Nehalem Watershed Rapid Bioassessment**

Project withdrawn prior to Board meeting.

#### **17-018 Alsea River Steelhead Angler Vulnerability Study**

They are currently using angler caught wild broodstock so the results won't necessarily impact this program. Not sure what implications there could be department wide. Very popular program with the fishing guides and public – it allows participation without consumption.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-018 in the amount of \$122,648 as a sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

#### **17-019 Necanicum River Winter Steelhead Evaluation Project**

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if this grant will be enough to complete the evaluation. Unable to answer until the data is obtained which will be 2019-2020. When was the last creel completed? Unsure that one has ever been completed. The Board asked if an acclimation pond was feasible. The site is too far from the office for staff to monitor and maintain (2 hours from office).

Motion: R. Moore motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-019 in the amount of \$60,250 as a sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

#### **17-020 Sandy River Restoration & Recreation Guide**

Multiple user groups, materials would include access points, maps and community events. Public would have the ability to print their own materials from the website.

Questions/Comments from Board:

Have the graphics been completed. Have a contract with a local company who has completed other projects in the area. The Board asked if the applicant has contacted the Oregon State Marine Board. The applicant has not.

Motion: R. Moore motioned to deny R&E Project 17-020. The motion was seconded and the project was denied for funding by the Board 7-0.

### **17-021 Pine Hollow Reservoir North Boat Ramp**

No operable restroom currently. The ramp was originally constructed 45 years ago and has been unusable for five years. The reservoir is stocked and provides a year round fishery. ODFW currently holds a water right to a portion of the reservoir.

Questions/Comments from Board:

Y. Lind asked the applicant if the R&E funds would be enough to complete the project. The applicant responded that yes they would be able to get the boat ramp replaced. The Oregon State Marine Board grant application has not been reviewed yet. It's scheduled to be reviewed July 6, 2017.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-021 in the amount of \$93,750 as a sport enhancement project contingent on receiving Oregon State Marine Board's involvement on the project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

### **17-022 Beeson Robison Fish Passage Project**

ODFW Screens & Passage staff have been working with the applicant. The project is a mid-range priority with ODFW staff.

Questions/Comments from Staff:

Y. Lind asked what the angler benefit of the project would be. There currently isn't any angling allowed in Wagner Creek. Steelhead have been observed at the ladder upstream from the project site. What are the water levels? This section has a large range from high in the winter to very low in the summer. Concern with the lack of angler benefit.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to deny R&E Project 17-022. The motion was seconded and the project was denied for funding by the Board 6-1 (N=Heap).

### **17-023 Comparison of Trout Stocks at Howard Prairie Phase 3**

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-023 in the amount of \$9,000 as a sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

### **17-024 Coquille Working Landscapes Project China Camp Creek (C3P) Tidegates**

Several species will benefit from this project. There will be 400 acres of tidal area influenced, with a total impact to another 1,400 acres. This area has had several opportunities for a wild Coho salmon fishery since 2009 due the ongoing work in the area.

Questions/Comments from Board:

What are the recreational fisheries benefit? There's a large Coho salmon component.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-024 in the amount of \$200,000 as a 25% commercial and 75% sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

### **Public Comment**

None at this time.

## **Other Business**

- Review of R&E Program videos
- No new information on the federal hatchery changes – Leaburg Hatchery seems to be the only remaining unresolved facility at this time
- Hatchery Bundle Update – letter provided. Scott Patterson will be available at the September meeting to provide an update.
- Board Operating Guidelines

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to adopt the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board’s Granting Process and Board Operating Procedures dated May 4, 2017. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

- Board Self-Assessment – Will plan on repeating every two years
- Board Priority Workgroup – no more than 3 members to discuss program priorities and return to the full Board with recommendations
- R&E Program reauthorization in 2019, will need to discuss how to proceed with marketing/support of the program
- Field Tour of Opal Springs and Round Butte

## **Saturday May 13, 2017 – Field Tour**

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tour of Mirror Pond, Shevlin Pond, Spring Creek Youth Pond, Wizard Falls Hatchery