



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program Board Meeting Minutes



Date: September 8, 2017

Location: Medford ODFW Office- Conference Room
1495 E Gregory Rd.
Central Point, OR 97502

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
Vacant - Representing Fish Processing Industry

Members Absent: Both Ray Monroe & Cary Johnson attending the meet via telephone. Yancy Lind was 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.

Meeting Agenda Approval

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting agenda.

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the May 12, 2017 meeting minutes.

Motion: B. Bumstead motioned to approve the May 12, 2017 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and approved by the Board 5-0.

Priority Conservation Areas and other information/tools related to selecting habitat/passage projects

Kevin Goodson gave presentation on guidelines to use for selecting the most appropriate habitat/passage projects. The Board discussed the value of this approach and suggested the department host a Salmon/Warmwater summit in near future.

OHRC and conservation/fisheries monitoring

Kevin Goodson gave a presentation on the latest happenings at OHRC and several monitoring proposals that may be brought to RE for funding. The Board discussed the concepts and their value to fisheries management.

Board Reports

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

Budget Update

Kevin Herkamp provided a program budget update. Board asked a few questions. Funding every project this cycle would only leave \$165K for future projects, as long as the Board feels it is a worthwhile project, the Board will have enough funds to cover it. However, if the Board is not successful in getting a \$1 million limitation increase in February things may be very tight for the last four cycles. Without the \$1 million in limitation, the R vs. E balance is slightly off, this is acceptable and will help offset some underspending in the last few years. The proportion of project benefit to sport and commercial projects is right on track.

Emergency Request/Modifications

- Modification request for Pine Hollow to move forward to October meeting pending state funding. B. Bumstead Motion to approve & K. Brown seconded. Board voted 5-0 approval.

Project Recommendations

17-027 Cape Meares Fishing Dock

- Ron Rehn gave reasons for project to be funded. R. Rehn stressed that Cape Meares fishing dock would help with safety issues with parking that is currently presenting a problem with cars parking all over highway and causing roadway hazards in the fog/Etc. B. Bumstead discussed need for ADA access and recognized limitations at this site. K. Brown mentioned she was not excited about having a dock where parking is not plentiful. R. Monroe mentioned that there is a lot of use including drop off and bike use.

17-028 Coquille Docks Redesign and Replacement

- Kevin Urban from City of Coquille gave reasons for the Coquille docks redesign and replacement they have the Corp of Engineers approval and also worked with Kevin Herkamp. B. Bumstead requested an explanation of transient dock. K. Brown requested more information on the types and amount of use.

17-029 Irrigon Marina Parking Lot Expansion Project

- Nobody in person or on phone to discuss this project. Kevin Herkamp provided a quick overview. K. Brown noted that the funding was not secure.

17-030 Bowman Pond Sediment Removal 2017

- Evan Leonetti provided an overview of value of this pond and proposal. The board requested more information about the user groups and how they are able to secure access. K. Brown noted that this was a costly investment when looked at per fish. There was also discussion on sedimentation, disposal and project life span. The Board was concerned about not having a contract to allow public access if something was to happen to owners.

17-031 Singleton Park Angling Platform Improvement

- Deb Pack, Rocky Houston, Jason Brandt were on the phone and provided background on the project. B. Bumstead inquired about when they would know about the park funding, the applicants responded that it would be reviewed in September and they would know by November

Board votes on projects-

- 17-027- Motion by R. Monroe to recommend full funding of the project & Seconded by B. Bumstead. K. Brown was concerned with parking. The motion passed 5-0.
- 17-028- Motion by B. Bumstead to **recommend full funding of the** project & Seconded by R. Monroe. The motion passed 5-0.
- 17-029- Motion by B. Bumstead and seconded by R. Monroe to deny. Board then discussed the project and reason for denial. Board voted 5-0 to deny. The board cited the large cost and collection of expenses that may not directly relate to angling given the multiple uses at this location. The applicant had not clearly defined angler use and how much of this project was directly associated with angler access.
- 17-030- Motion by K. Brown recommend full funding of the project conditional on the landowner and ODFW developing a long term agreement that will provide the current level of access , regardless of ownership changes, through the expected life of this RE funded project (20 years). The motion was seconded by R. Monroe and passed by a vote of 5-0.
- 17-031- Motion by B. Bumstead recommend full funding of the project conditional upon securing funding for the access trail. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and passed by a vote of 5-0.

Board Strategic Planning

Chair Heap and K. Herkamp presented the recommendations from the workgroup for strategic planning and ORS revisions. In general, the Board concurred with the recommendations and advised the workgroup to bring back a more refined plan to the next meeting for further review and adoption.

For recommendation 2A the board requested that the work group continue to develop the criteria but want it presented as more of a guideline and not as directive that would preclude or limit future board control or decisions.

- Within recommendation 2A(a), the board wanted to add references to include improving habitat

- for warm water species where appropriate.
- 2A(c) needs to be moved left.
- The criteria need to be reworked to target projects that have a tangible benefit to fishable populations of trout, warm water, and native fish in addition to projects that could help with delisting of Coho.

For recommendation 2B(2(b) make sure this is more limited to salmon recovery and restoration projects.

The Board wishes to eliminate recommendation 2C as it will increase staff workload, increase burden on applicant, and lead to an overly complicated process.

The Board would like to add or amend a recommendation to include a focus on acquiring water (purchase or instream) especially focused on trout and native fish in areas where water availability is a limiting factor.

For the ORS recommendations the board concurred on recommendations 1 through 3. For recommendation 4 the board would like to see the board make up stay the same with the clarification that there are three commercial representatives with a preference, not requirement, to have one representative each from troll, gillnet, and processing.

The Board also discussed that idea of having the Commission or Designee be able to approve RE recommendations. There were questions whether the Commission could delegate that or if ORS needed to be changed. The Board felt delegating only the ability approve was prudent to prevent agency “veto” as well as providing an option to allow the director or Board to push to Commission if controversial or sensitive.

Board Calendar

Motion by B. Bumstead to approve & Seconded by K. Brown. Board approved 5-0 and agreed on the following meetings and places for 2018

- January 5th Salem HQ
- March 3rd via Telephone
- May 18th Reedsport
- September 14th Klamath Falls

January meeting build

The board would like to meet with:

- Ryan McCormick and Scott Patterson to get and update on deferred maintenance, engineering, and the 2107 hatchery bundle.
- Alan Ritchey and staff about options to develop some sort of screening and passage bundle grant.
- Curt Melcher, Ed Bowles, and Bruce McIntosh about agency budget, 2019 Legislative session and RE reauthorization.
- Marine Resources staff to start discussion on possible marine projects for 2019-21.

Public Comment

Mike Gauvin gave a recap on some of the challenges this year that ODFW has faced as an Agency, with fires causing early releases from our hatcheries, closing Steelhead B runs because of low numbers, Bass/Walleye being caught in Deschutes River, turnover rates high with lots of retirements, lots of new District Biologists.

Administration/Other Business

- New information on the federal hatchery changes Corps funded Willamette Hatcheries – Leaburg Hatchery seems to be the only remaining unresolved facility at this time
- Hatchery Bundle Update – Scott Patterson provided letter.
- B. Bumstead last meeting. He was presented with an award for 8 years of service and presented with a cake. Took some pictures.

Saturday September 9th, 2017 – Field Tour

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Tour of various projects around district and Cole Rivers Hatchery.