



# Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program Board Meeting Minutes



**Date:** March 2, 2018

**Location:** HQ ODFW Office- Phone Conference call  
4034 Fairview Industrial DR SE.  
Salem, OR 97302

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

Board Member	Board Member
Dave Grosjacques – Representing Recreational	Ray Monroe – Representing Commercial Troll Fisheries
Rich Heap – Representing Recreational Fisheries	Kay Brown – Representing the Public
Cary Johnson – Representing Gillnet Fisheries	Susan Chambers - Representing Fish Processing Industry
Yancy Lind – Representing Recreational Fisheries	

**Members Absent:** Cary Johnson

### Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Rich Heap called the Fish Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Program Board meeting to order.

### 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 7-0.

### Budget Updates Cycle 5

Kevin Herkamp gave a budget update. Y. Lind, K. Brown, S. Chambers, D. Grosjacques had just some basic questions on the budget.

### Emergency Request/Modifications

- **17-043, Chetco Bar Fire Juvenile Steelhead Study 2018** - R. Heap gave detailed description on the Chetco Fire and how concerned the district is for the salmon & Steelhead spawning areas where the fire has burned down to the river. K. Brown had questions on how this will help anglers. R. Heap responded that it will affect harvest strategy as some individuals want to eliminate the wild steelhead fishery. R. Monroe had concerned how this might shut down the wild take. Y. Lind inquired about the hatchery to wild ration, response was an estimate of around 6 wild to 1 hatchery. D. Grosjacques wanted to know if any study has been done like this before on fires and damage they do to spawning grounds. K. Brown had concerns if this is appropriate for R/E funding, especially if finding could lead to decreased harvest. Mike Gauvin was on the phone and made comments supporting this project and also stated that this was actually the largest fire in the USA at time. This was a directive from the Governor’s Office and will inform management decisions. Y. Lind had concerns that the benefits to anglers from this project was not defined as well as it should be.

Motion: D. Grosjacques to fund full amount (\$53,443) from the main RE account. The motion was seconded by R.

Monroe and approved 5-1 with K. Brown Voting no. K. Brown indicated she was not convinced this was the best use of RE funds, especially given current financial situation.

- **17-008 Chub Removal Internships in Deschutes High Lakes (Modification)** Request to redirect funds from vehicle to employee wages line items with no increase in funding.

Motion: K. Brown motion to approve modifications to allow funds to be directed to employee wages instead of vehicle. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the board 5-0. Susan was not on phone at that time.

- **17-001 Phillips Reservoir Tiger Muskie Monitoring and Evaluation (Modification)** Request to add \$5,310 for vehicle and fuel costs that was inadvertently omitted from original request. Susan was not on phone at that time.

Motion: D. Grosjacques motion to approve modification. The motion was seconded by Y. Lind and approved by the board 5-0.

### **Program Prioritization Update**

Kevin Herkamp gave overview to the board. Talked about where R&E funds should go for better direction. Board agrees to have a face to face meeting, will submit comments to K. Herkamp to include in next meeting.

### **Rec Fish Project Manager Job Postion**

K. Herkamp & M. Gauvin gave background on this new job position and recommended to the board that they consider funding this new position. The Directors office also gave its approval for this new job position. The board had a few questions and concerns. D. Grosjacques asked what the need for this position is and the funding. K. Herkamp gave reasons that this position is needed and how the position would work with districts, volunteers, help prioritize projects, designing, technical assistance, etc. M. Gauvin also explained that this position would be for Rec Fish only and it was a rare opportunity and they also have approval from the Directors office. Members liked the idea of consistency and standardized designs but thought that timing was off as board has not had opportunity to complete long term planning yet. Board Members had some general questions on this position and want to revisit this approval or denial next meeting

Motion: R. Heap Supports and motion to support concept of position and make final decision at the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting in Klamath Falls. The motion was seconded by Y. Lind and approved by board 5-0.

### **2019 Legislative Session Planning**

Draft concept to review at May meeting.

### **May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting Klamath Falls**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tour of various projects around district and Klamath Hatchery.

