



## Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 9, 2014

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

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### Current Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee Members (STAC)

Committee Member
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Reese Bender – Representing Tenmile, Coos, Coquille
Richard Bertellotti– Representing North Coast
<i>Vacant</i> – Representing Umpqua
David Dunahay – Representing Eastern Oregon
Patrick Gefre – Representing North Coast
Ken Range – Representing Lower Rogue
Lin Howell – Representing Lower Willamette

Committee Member
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Brian Hudson – Representing Mid-Coast
L. Keith Miller – Representing Upper Rogue
James Phelps – Representing Eastern Oregon
Tom VanderPlaat – Representing Lower Willamette
<i>Vacant</i> – Representing Upper Willamette
Don Wenzel – Representing Mid Willamette

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**Members Present:** Reese Bender, Rich Bertellotti, Dave Dunahay, Pat Gefre (telephonic), Lin Howell, Brian Hudson, Keith Miller, Jim Phelps (telephonic), Tom VanderPlaat, Don Wenzel, Ken Range (telephonic)

### Call to Order & Agenda Approval

Tom VanderPlaat, Chair called the January 9, 2014 Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chair VanderPlaat presented today’s proposed agenda for review. The agenda was approved by the Committee 11-0.

Roy Elicker, ODFW Director welcomed the Committee and thanked them for their service.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the September 20, 2013 meeting minutes.

Motion: R. Bertellotti motioned to approve the September 20, 2013 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded and approved by the Committee 11-0.

### STAC Recruitment

Kevin Herkamp, ODFW STEP Coordinator provided an update to the recruitment efforts of the Umpqua and Upper Willamette STAC member positions. Hoping to have new members in place for the March 2014 meeting.

## **2014 Meeting Schedule**

The 2014 meeting schedule will be the same as the R&E Board to cut down on staff travel.

## **STEP Annual Report**

Kevin Herkamp, Program Coordinator provided a brief overview of the annual report. Please forward your suggestions for the 2013 report to K. Herkamp as soon as possible – by mid-February. The group agreed that one of the high school projects should be highlighted along with a couple projects that were funded through mini-grants.

- D. Wenzel – will provide some information and photos from the camp out/ casting clinic.
- B. Hudson – will provide some information on the rod lockers, Schooner Creek trap modifications and fish inventory.
- R. Bender – will provide some photos from the Egg-to-Fry program.
- The Rhoades Pond project would also be a good project to highlight.
- A goal of the program to include is to migrate from paper data collection to electronic collection. Also, we need to become more involved with the various communication options out there – social media to assist with youth recruitment.

## **STAC Mini-Grant Application Review**

The Committee reviewed the following Mini-Grant Applications.

### **Mini-Grant 13-11 Fish and River Club**

Jessica Pietrok, Keizer Boys and Girls Club presented the proposal to the Committee. They would like to do some stream restoration work along Claggett Creek where the kids release their fry. The club has approximately 120 kids per day. The club has transportation available for the field trip but need additional staffing when off-site.

Motion: R. Bender motioned to approve MG 13-11 in the amount of \$1,200. The motion was seconded and approved by the Committee 11-0. (The \$200 was not funded for the field trip to the hatchery and fish release)

### **Mini-Grant 13-12 Field Guide to Common Fish of the Willamette Valley Floodplain**

Josh Williams, OSU provided an overview of the proposal. The document has been created; the request is for printing costs only. The intention is to give away the guides. The Committee discussed concerns with public access to the document and copyright of the document.

Motion: R. Bertellotti motioned to approve MG 13-12 in the amount of 2,000. The motion was seconded and approved by the Committee 11-0. (Condition - the guides will be given away for free and that the program has access to the document.)

### **Mini-Grant 13-09 2013 Update to 50 Places to Fish within 60 Miles of Roseburg**

Motion: R. Bertellotti motioned to approve MG 13-09 in the amount of \$1,198. The motion was seconded and approved by the Committee 9-2 (Howell & Dunahay).

### **Mini-Grant 13-10 Whetstone Creek Riparian Restoration**

Nice to see request for restoration work. The blackberries have already been removed.

Motion: D. Dunahay motioned to approve MG 13-10 in the amount of \$1,980. The motion was seconded and approved by the Committee 11-0.

### Mini-Grant 13-13 Oxygen Supplementation Unit for Noble Creek STEP Hatchery

The group would like to see more of the fish caught.

Motion: R. Bertellotti motioned to approve MG 13-13 in the amount of \$1,100. The motion was seconded and approved by the Committee 11-0.

### 2014 STEP Biologist Meeting

The STEP Biologist meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 4, 2014. The following topics were identified.

- Coastal Multi-Species Conservation & Management Plan
- Capacity issue with Egg-to-Fry aquariums
- What can STAC do to assist the STEP Biologists
- Expand data collection efforts with students “citizen scientists”

### Education Programs

Lin Howell provided an update to the Creeks and Kids program. The R&E Board chose not to fund the program. There have been approximately 500 participants over the years. There isn't one scheduled for this year due to no funding. Usually each year there are 30 participants. The program needs \$15,000 each year. The Committee discussed the possibility of STEP funding.

### Agency Budget

Rick Hargrave, Acting Fish Division Deputy Administrator provided an overview of the Department's budget. The Department has implemented several cost saving policies – hiring freeze, travel restrictions and the elimination of non-essential spending. The last fee increase was scheduled to last six-years – we've come to the end of that schedule and funds have become tight. The Department only receives approximately 6% of general funds. Please be patient as we work through these challenges.

### Coastal Multi-Species Conservation & Management Plan Update

Tom Stahl, Conservation & Recovery Program Manager provided an update on the plan. A draft version was released for public comment and review. Responses can be submitted by email or in writing. There are several public meetings scheduled along the coast. The plan will go through a two-step approval process. The first step being public comment and the second will be the request for the Commission to approve. This is the last of the large management plans that needed to be completed. Habitat restoration is addressed in the plan.

D. Wenzel shared that the Siletz River boundary shouldn't be changed again – it's a very controversial topic.

D. Dunahay asked if there were any impacts to any of the STEP hatcheries. There are no plans to close any hatcheries – some programs will be shifting releases of fish.

### Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at Noon.

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