



Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 3, 2015

Location: Best Western – Mill Creek Inn
3125 Ryan Drive SE
Salem, Oregon 97301

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

Committee Member	Committee Member
Curtis Bennett – Representing Tenmile, Coos, Coquille	Ken Range – Representing Lower Rogue
Richard Bertellotti– Representing North Coast	Gary Stover – Representing North Coast
Jeff DeVore – Representing Upper Willamette	Tom VanderPlaat – Representing Lower Willamette
Lin Howell – Representing Lower Willamette	Don Wenzel – Representing Mid-Willamette
Brian Hudson – Representing Mid-Coast	Deborah Yates – Representing Umpqua
L. Keith Miller – Representing Upper Rogue	Dave Dunahay – Representing Eastern Oregon
James Phelps – Representing Eastern Oregon	

Members Absent: Lin Howell

Call to Order & Agenda Approval

Tom VanderPlaat, Chair called the December 3, 2015 Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Chair VanderPlaat presented today’s proposed agenda for review.

Motion: K. Range motioned to approve the meeting agenda as written. The motion was seconded by D. Dunahay and approved by the Committee 10-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the September 24, 2015 STAC meeting minutes.

Motion: R. Bertellotti motioned to approve the September 24, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by the Committee 10-0.

Area STEP Reports

STAC members reported on activities in their area.

Information & Education Program Presentation

Shahab Farzanegan, ODFW Angler Education Coordinator provided an overview of the Angler Education Program. Several new programs including implementing an opportunity for angler instructors to be

available at local parks to assist with angling. The Department is putting together the logistics for the Angling Event Permit. The permit is intended to assist in those circumstances where school aged children 12 to 14 (when attending an event) are now required to have an angling license. This would allow an exception to those youth for the event. The permit is not intended to be used for individuals over the age of 18 or for fishing events.

Chris Willard, Statewide Recruitment & Retention Coordinator provided a brief overview of programs being offered statewide. Creating a Marine Education program that would have instructors available on local docks to assist with crabbing, fishing etc.

Volunteer Recognition

Nominations for the Dave Liscia Volunteer Award are due to be in the Director's Office by May 2, 2016. Deborah Yates, Ken Range and Curt Bennett volunteered to coordinate submitting STAC nominations.

The Committee discussed the options with volunteer recognition items. S. Farzanegan shared with the Committee that the Information & Education Division obtained an exemption to the \$50 yearly limit for gifts.

General Business

- STEP Propagation Proposals are reviewed every 5 years for renewal. Kevin Herkamp will provide a one-page overview to the Committee for review. STAC is required to review applications for STEP Projects as part of the approval process.
- Volunteer Risk Management – everyone was reminded to complete the volunteer condition forms for all volunteers with a job description attached. Duties should have a job hazard analysis completed to determine safety issues. There should always be an emergency plan including having emergency numbers available for everyone involved.
- STAC will continue with 3 meetings for the 2016 calendar year. Kevin Herkamp will coordinate the meeting with local area activities. The April 2016 meeting will coincide with Kokanee Karnival and the September 2016 meeting will be held during the Coos Salmon Derby.

STEP Project Review

Spring Creek Acclimation & Youth Angling Pond

The Department is proposing a STEP project titled "Spring Creek Acclimation & Youth Angling Pond" located in Camp Sherman along Spring Creek in Jefferson County. The pond will be focused on youth education and acclimation. The proposal is to develop facilities for public education, which includes raising awareness of Oregon's aquatic resources and the environment. Facilities will include a half-acre pond, parking and turn around for vehicles and busses, a covered meeting area, picnic facilities and vault toilets.

The site is owned by ODFW and was previously operated as the Metolius Hatchery until 1967 when it was closed. The pond is located on 15 acres along Spring Creek. The site would be open for public access during the summer months (May to October). The site will be managed by ODFW staff and volunteers. ODFW volunteer hosts would be available to oversee the property.

Motion: R. Bertellotti motioned to approve the Spring Creek Acclimation & Youth Angling Pond STEP Project as proposed. The motion was seconded by C. Bennett and approved by the Committee 11-0.

STAC Mini-Grant Application Review

The Committee reviewed the following STAC Mini-Grant Applications for approval.

- Mini-Grant 15-14 Youngs Bay Temp Monitoring
Motion: D. Wenzel motioned to approve MG 15-14 in the amount of \$2,000. The motion was seconded by B. Hudson and was approved by the Committee 11-0.
- Mini-Grant 15-15 Salmonberry Temp Monitoring
Motion: B. Hudson motioned to approve MG 15-15 in the amount of \$2,000. The motion was seconded by K. Miller and approved by the Committee 11-0.
- Mini-Grant 15-16 Family Fish Camp
Motion: D. Dunahay motioned to approve MG 15-16 in the amount of \$2,000. The motion was seconded by K. Range and approved by the Committee 11-0.
- Mini-Grant 15-17 Slip Tank Improvements
Motion: J. Phelps motioned to approve MG 15-17 in the amount of \$1,391. The motion was seconded by R. Bertellotti and approved by the Committee 11-0.
- Mini-Grant 15-18 Save the Illinois Valley Salmon
Motion: K. Range motioned to table MG 15-18. The motion was seconded by C. Bennett and the project was tabled by the Committee 10-1 (Dunahay)

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.