



Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 9, 2016

Location: ODFW – Salem Headquarters
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, Oregon 97302

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

Committee Member	Committee Member
Curtis Bennett – Representing Tenmile, Coos, Coquille	James Phelps – Representing Eastern Oregon
Richard Bertellotti– Representing North Coast	Ken Range – Representing Lower Rogue
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
Steve Janego – Representing Eastern Oregon	
L. Keith Miller – Representing Upper Rogue	Vacant – Representing North Coast

Members Absent: Don Wenzel

Call to Order & Introductions

Jim Phelps, Chair called the December 9, 2016 Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Fish Division and Director’s Office Updates & Discussion

Ed Bowles, Fish Division Administrator and Curt Melcher, ODFW Director provided an overview of the 2017-2019 Agency Budget update, 2017 Legislative Session update and overview of the Alternate Funding Task Force recommendations.

STEP Planning

Kevin Herkamp provided an overview of the STEP Annual Report

STAC Mini-Grant Application Review

The Committee reviewed for approval the following Mini-Grant Applications:

Mini-Grant 15-40 (Salmon Watch)

Matt Burke provided a program overview to the Committee. The Committee discussed the Salmon Watch program and how it relates to the STEP Education work being created.

Motion: T. VanderPlaat motioned to approve MG 15-40 in the amount of \$1,000 (\$750 for curriculum updates was not approved for funding). The motion was seconded by J. DeVore and approved by the Committee 9-2 (No= Howell, Yates)

Mini-Grant 15-41 (Fishing Rods for Family Fishing Events)

Motion: T. VanderPlaat motioned to approve MG 15-41 in the amount of \$2,000. The motion was seconded by B. Hudson and approved by the Committee 11-0.

Mini-Grant 15-42 (Coho HO)

Motion: C. Bennett motioned to approve MG 15-42 in the amount of \$867 (\$100 for fuel was not approved for funding). The motion was seconded by K. Range and was approved by the Committee 9-2 (No=Yates, VanderPlaat).

Note: The following Committee members left the meeting early (Bennett, Phelps & Janego)

Mid-Coast STEP Project Propagation Reviews

John Spangler, ODFW District Biologist provided an overview of the STEP projects requesting renewal.

Depoe Bay Coho Salmon Supplementation

Community event – great group to work with. Program provides benefits with no risk.

Motion: R. Bertellotti motioned to approve the Depoe Bay Coho Supplementation project with the Depoe Bay Salmon Enhancement Commission. The motion was seconded by T. VanderPlaat and approved by the Committee 8-0.

Munsel Creek Coho Salmon

Long running program focused on education.

Motion: T. VanderPlaat motioned to approve the Munsel Creek Coho Salmon project with the Florence STEP Group. The motion was seconded by R. Bertellotti and approved by the Committee 8-0.

Letz Creek Winter Steelhead

Long running program. Low returns. Facility is attracting more support and volunteers.

Motion: T. VanderPlaat motioned to approve the Letz Creek Winter Steelhead project with the Northwest Steelheaders, Emerald Empire Chapter. The motion was seconded by B. Hudson and approved by the Committee 8-0.

Public Comment

Ken Johnson, Northwest Steelheaders Emerald Empire Chapter provided additional information on the work completed at the Letz Creek Fish Rearing Facility recently and was available to respond to Committee questions.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the September 9, 2016 STAC meeting minutes.

Motion: R. Bertellotti motioned to approve the September 9, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by K. Range and approved by the Committee 8-0.

Meeting Schedule

2017 Meeting Schedule (Meetings to be on Thursdays)

- April 6, 2017 in Gresham
- September 21, 2017 in Medford
- December 7, 2017 in Salem

District Presentation

STEP Biologists and STAC members provided an overview of projects in each of the STEP Districts.

Administrative Updates & General Business

- Gary Stover, North Coast STAC member resigned.
- K. Herkamp discussed the possibility of modifying the current STEP District as it related to STAC representatives. The Committee agreed that he will research how difficult this will be.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.