



Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 28, 2016

Location: Hilton Garden Inn
425 SW Bluff Drive
Bend, Oregon 97702

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

Committee Member

Curtis Bennett – Representing Tenmile, Coos, Coquille
Richard Bertellotti– Representing North Coast
Jeff DeVore – Representing Upper Willamette
Lin Howell – Representing Lower Willamette
Brian Hudson – Representing Mid-Coast
Steve Janego – Representing Eastern Oregon
L. Keith Miller – Representing Upper Rogue

Committee Member

James Phelps – Representing Eastern Oregon
Ken Range – Representing Lower Rogue
Gary Stover – Representing North Coast
Tom VanderPlaat – Representing Lower Willamette
Don Wenzel – Representing Mid-Willamette
Deborah Yates – Representing Umpqua

Members Absent: Jeff DeVore

Call to Order & Agenda Approval

Jim Phelps, Chair called the April 28, 2016 Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Welcome to our new Eastern Oregon STEP representative Steve Janego.

Chair Phelps presented today’s proposed agenda for review. A few administrative items will be added.

Motion: D. Wenzel motioned to approve the agenda with modifications. D. Yates seconded the motion and the agenda was approved with modifications 12-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the December 3, 2015 STAC meeting minutes.

Motion: T. VanderPlaat motioned to approve the December 3, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by R. Bertellotti and approved by the Committee 12-0.

Meeting Schedule

There was discussion related to field tours and location of meetings. K. Herkamp shared concern that the meeting and field tour locations should continue to be STEP related. The Committee shared the importance of having locations state-wide to support and promote the program.

2016 Meeting Dates Changes

- September 8, 2016 (Thursday) in Coos Bay with a field tour that includes Reedsport
- December 2, 2016 (Friday) in Salem

2017 Meeting Schedule (Meetings to be on Thursdays)

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

STAC Mini-Grant Application Review

The Committee voted on the following Mini-Grant Applications:

- Mini-Grant 15-18 Save the Illinois Valley Salmon
Motion: L. Howell motioned to deny MG 15-18. The motion was seconded by B. Hudson and the request was denied by the Committee 12-0.
- Mini-Grant 15-20 Chetco River Angler Caught Broodstock Program
Motion: L. Howell motioned to approve MG 15-20 in the amount of \$1,980. The motion was seconded by K. Miller and the request was approved for funding by the Committee 12-0.
- Mini-Grant 15-21 Watershed Rangers Eggs to Fry Release Program
The group discussed concerns that this request included transportation and aquariums. K. Herkamp will confirm if there are any aquariums available through the existing Aquarium Grant.
Motion: T. VanderPlaat motioned to table MG 15-21 to allow staff to research available supply of aquariums. The transportation expenses will not be considered due to established guidelines. The motion was seconded B. Hudson and the request was tabled by the Committee 12-0.
- Mini-Grant 15-22 Interpretive Signs for Youth Watershed Council Projects
Motion: K. Range motioned to deny MG 15-22. The motion was seconded by C. Bennett and the request was denied by the Committee 12-0.
- Mini-Grant 15-23 Linn-Benton Salmon Watch
The Committee discussed the need for STEP recognition on the materials provided through the Mini-Grant program.
Motion: T. VanderPlaat motioned to approve MG 15-23 in the amount of \$1,971. The motion was seconded by L. Howell and the request was approved for funding by the Committee 12-0.
- Mini-Grant 15-24 Monofilament Line Collection Stations (KORC) Rogue Watershed District
Motion: R. Bertellotti motioned to approve MG 15-24 in the amount of \$1,906. The motion was seconded by K. Range and the request was approved for funding by the Committee 12-0.
- Mini-Grant 15-25 Sand Creek Winter Steelhead Acclimation Facility
Motion: K. Range motioned to approve MG 15-25 in the amount of \$675. The motion was seconded by K. Miller and the request was approved for funding by the Committee 12-0.
- Mini-Grant 15-26 Trask Hatchery Pumps & Heaters

The Committee discussed why this request was being presented to STAC and not funded through ODFW District funds.

Motion: C. Bennett motioned to approved MG 15-26 in the amount of \$690. The motion was seconded by K. Range and the request for funding was approved by the Committee 11-1 (Hudson).

- Mini-Grant 15-27 Warrenton High School RV Pad & Water Tower Stabilization

Motion: L. Howell motioned to approve MG 15-27 in the amount of \$1,500. The motion was seconded by S. Janego and the request for funding was approved by the Committee 12-0.

- Mini-Grant 15-28 Astoria High School Aquatic Biology Program Aquarium Chillers

Motion: L. Howell motioned to approve MG 15-28 in the amount of \$2,000. The motion was seconded by C. Bennett and the request for funding was approved by the Committee 12-0.

- Mini-Grant 15-29 NCWD Trailer Tires

Lengthy discussion on the need for the Department to budget for mandatory supplies/equipment for staff. STAC will draft a letter to the Department stating concerns.

Motion: K. Range motioned to deny MG 15-29. The motion was seconded by D. Yates and the request was denied by the Committee 12-0.

- Mini-Grant 15-30 GRWB STEP Hatchery Electrical Upgrades

Motion: R. Bertellotti motioned to approve MG 15-30 in the amount of \$2,000. The motion was seconded and the request for funding was approved by the Committee 12-0.

- Mini-Grant 15-31 MHCC Building & Maintenance of Circular Holding Tanks at NWWD

Motion: R. Bertellotti motioned to approve MG 15-31 in the amount of \$1,000. The motion was seconded and the request for funding was approved by the Committee 12-0.

- Mini-Grant 15-32 Beaver Creek Interpretive Sign

Motion: L. Howell motioned to deny MG 15-32. The motion was seconded by K. Range and the request was denied by the Committee 12-0.

- Mini-Grant 15-33 Letz Creek Hatchery Facility Upgrades

Motion: T. VanderPlaat motioned to approve MG 15-33 in the amount of \$1,540. The motion was seconded by R. Bertellotti and the request for funding was approved by the Committee 12-0.

Committee Business

- STEP Annual Report – The final report will be presented to the Fish & Wildlife Commission on August 5, 2016.
- Education Program Update presented by K. Herkamp – Still working with Western Oregon University on curriculum. Have not located funding for the Creeks & Kids Program.

Education Permit - Several concerns discussed related to the Education Permits being issued by ODFW for angling education programs. General consensus was this is not assisting in getting kids fishing – instead it is inhibiting those efforts.

Motion: D. Wenzel motioned that STAC submit a letter of concern to ODFW related to the negative impacts of the new educational permit. Tom VanderPlaat to draft a letter for review by STAC. The motion was seconded by K. Miller and approved by the Committee 12-0.

- Volunteer Recognition Update for Dave Liscia Award – 2016 nominations are being submitted. For 2017 it is requested that nominations be completed by the December STAC meeting in order to allow the time needed for final recommendations at the following meeting.
- ODFW response to STAC’s request to be involved in staff recruitment.
- STAC Goals and Objectives – submit top 4 goals to T. VanderPlaat
- June 1, 2016 the Department will be hosting a meeting of the External Budget Advisory Committee (EBAC) – Great avenue to raise Department funding concerns

STEP Project Renewals

Ron Rehn provided an overview of the Astoria High School and Warrenton High School Fish Propagation Projects. Both facilities are considered an actual hatchery and are on the Department’s production schedule. The fish feed company donates the food for these two programs.

- Warrenton High School
Fall Chinook salmon, Coho salmon and Winter Steelhead
Upper classmen at the high school perform all the duties necessary to maintain the facility. This small facility focuses more on propagation.

Public Comment - No public comment at this time.

Motion: T. VanderPlaat motioned to recommend approval of the Warrenton High School’s Fish Propagation Project renewal. The motion was seconded by L. Howell and approved by the Committee 12-0.

- Astoria High School
Coho salmon, Fall Chinook salmon and Rainbow Trout
This facility focuses more on education which includes a variety of projects. Students conduct experiments related to all species of fish including amphibians.

Public Comment - No public comment at this time.

Motion: T. VanderPlaat motioned to recommend approval of the Astoria High School’s Fish Propagation Project renewal. The motion was seconded by L. Howell and approved by the Committee 12-0.

Volunteer Recognition

Dave and Sandy Dunahay were recognized for their many contributions to Oregon’s youth and natural resources.

District Presentation

Terry Shrader, ODFW Pelton-Round Butte Mitigation Coordinator provided a project update.

Jenn Luke, Eastern Oregon STEP Biologist provided an overview of the various projects throughout the District.

An update was also provided regarding the Spring Creek Acclimation & Youth Angling Pond project. The designs have been modified to address citizen concerns. The R&E (Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program) grant application will be presented to the R&E Board at their upcoming meeting in Enterprise on May 20, 2016.

UAV Project Update

Dan Avery, ODFW Coastal Implementation Coordinator provided an overview of the various benefits that UAV's could have in Department monitoring activities.

The UAV will be used for a variety of uses assisting the department with monitoring shellfish, fish and wildlife. The Committee was very interested in the various uses of the UAV and look forward to hearing back from the department.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Friday April 29, 2016 – Field Tour

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Kokanee Karnival at Shevlin Park