



## Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 9, 2016

**Location:** Morgan Creek STEP Facility  
97155 Morgan Creek Lane  
Coos Bay, OR 97420

### 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	

**Members Absent:** Keith Miller

### Call to Order & Agenda Approval

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

Chair Phelps presented today’s proposed agenda for review. R. Bertellotti motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by L. Howell.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the April 28, 2016, STAC meeting minutes.

Motion: T. VanderPlaat motioned to approve the April 28, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by C. Bennett and approved by the Committee 11-0.

### Meeting Schedule

There was discussion of a proposed change of dates for the next meeting.

#### 2016 Meeting Dates Changes

- From December 2, 2016 to December 9, 2016 (Friday) in Salem.

Motion: T. VanderPlaat motioned to approve the changed meeting date. The motion was seconded by K. Range and approved by the Committee 11-0.

### STAC Mini-Grant Application Review

The Committee reviewed and voted on the following Mini-Grant Applications:

- Mini-Grant 15-21 Watershed Rangers Eggs to Fry Release Program
- Mini-Grant 15-34 Pacific Rain Forest to the Sea Outdoor School
- Mini-Grant 15-35 Grande Ronde Fall Broodstock Collection
- Mini-Grant 15-36 Thompson Creek Tributary Restoration
- Mini-Grant 15-37 Water Flume Cover & Gate Valve
- Mini-Grant 15-38 Trask Fishing Access Parking Lot
- Mini Grant 15-39 Youth waders for Small Stream, Urban Stream, and Intermittent Stream outreach programs

Motion: D. Wenzel motioned to approve MG 15-21 through 15-39. The motion was seconded by T. VanderPlaat and the projects were approved by the Committee 11-0.

The board wanted it on record that they normally do not fund meals as requested in 15-35 but in this case they felt the value of the activity, the lack of local resources and options, and the scope of the project justified it. They recommended finding funding from organizations who support Veterans if veterans are a part of this activity.

- Mini-Grant 15-40 Salmon Watch

Motion: T. VanderPlaat motioned to table MG 15-40. J. DeVore moved to have the representative appear at the next meeting and have a discussion about the project. The motion was seconded by C. Bennett and was agreed to table by the Committee 11-0.

### **District Presentation**

Mike Gray, ODFW STEP Biologist for the Coos-Coquille District provided some STEP program highlights.

- Facing issues with staff changes.
- Challenges with community support.
- Recreational access challenges with ownership changes of private timberlands.
- Successful volunteer recruitment.
- Over 300 participated at the family fishing day. More vendors had booths at the event and kids received free fishing poles through donations from various vendors.

### **Volunteer Recognition**

The following individuals/groups were recognized for their contributions furthering the mission of STEP.

- Valerie Pena
- Steve Craig
- Tom Slechta
- Donna Rhodes
- Bob Brewer

### **Administrative Updates & General Business**

- K. Herkamp is working with Western Oregon to integrate egg to fry Common Core concept curriculum. Currently the curriculum (similar to Oregon Stream Scene) is focused on the third grade level with a goal set to be ready by spring 2017, using Monmouth and Independence for Beta testing.
- T. VanderPlaat is continuing to work on STAC goals and objectives. The Board narrowed down common denominators amongst the group and fine-tuned some of the suggestions. Tom will continue to finalize the list for the December meeting.

- K. Herkamp is looking at the policy and recruitment guide for volunteers and how to improve forms, reduce liability issues, create a more efficient way of pulling volunteer information and reports and update volunteer management system. Kevin is working with Darlene Sprecher, the new Volunteer Coordinator for ODFW.
- Kevin will be working to create 2 or 3 videos related to the STEP program. The first showing the history and value of the program. The second will likely highlight the “fun parts” including the activities, actions, projects and events. The board is encouraged to inform Kevin any time there is an event (fin-clipping, salmon spawning) occurring to try and arrange the videographer for filming.
- In efforts to raise awareness of the STEP/R&E programs, K. Herkamp is purposing to create a mobile interactive educational fish display. The display could be used at sportsman shows, schools, museums (i.e. OMSI) and other educational facilities (i.e. Oregon Zoo). The display will be housed at the ODFW headquarters lobby in Salem when not in use by others. Currently design and bids are being worked on.

### **Propagation Renewals**

- Eel Lake Net Pen
- Cunningham Creek Hatchery
- Coos Basin STEP Hatcheries
  - Millicoma Interpretive Center
  - Morgan Creek STEP Facility
  - Noble Creek STEP Hatchery
- Motion: T. VanderPlaat motioned to approve the renewals. The motion was seconded by C. Bennett and approved by the Committee 11-0.

### **December STAC meeting Agenda:**

- Education program update
- MG 15-40 Salmon Watch, having World Salmon Council provide an update on Salmon Watch and partnership with STEP and STEP curriculum.
- STAC goals and Objectives
- MG discussion;
  - Program evaluation: where the money went, types and locations of projects
  - Requesting an increase?
  - Identifying those with the biggest impact vs. highest priority vs.???
  - Developing grant criteria including for Transportation and food
- Conservation Strategy and opportunities for STEP
- ODFW budget and direction; Curt Melcher speak?
- R&E audit and the implications to STEP and state hatcheries
- Reflection of the past year; what would need to change to be more effective in the year ahead.
- Develop project signage to be placed at active project locations

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Fin Marking Trailer and how they work.

### **Public Comment**

Public comment was made regarding the removal of the Hatch Box Programs. Due to the nature of the topic, the public was informed this was not the correct location/group. The public was informed of the correct group and time of meeting to make sure their concerns will be addressed.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

**Thursday September 8, 2016 – Field Tour**

Tour of Morgan Creek STEP Facility 12:45-1:15

**Friday September 9, 2016**

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