



Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 6 - 7, 2017

Location: Clackamas, Oregon

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

Committee Member

Curtis Bennett – Representing Tenmile, Coos, Coquille
 Jeff DeVore – Representing Upper Willamette
 Lin Howell – Representing Lower Willamette
 Brian Hudson – Representing Mid-Coast
 Steve Janego – Representing Eastern Oregon
 James Phelps – Representing Eastern Oregon
 Ken Range – Representing Lower Rogue

Committee Member

Tom VanderPlaat – Representing Lower Willamette
 Don Wenzel – Representing Mid-Willamette
 Deborah Yates – Representing Umpqua

Vacant – Representing North Coast
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Vacant – Representing Upper Rogue

Members Absent: Tom VanderPlaat

Call to Order & Agenda Approval

Jim Phelps, Chair called the April 6, 2017 Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

Today’s Meeting was relocated from the ODFW – North Willamette Watershed District Office to the local Elmer’s Restaurant located at 16087 SE 82nd Drive, Clackamas Oregon.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Motion: D. Wenzel motioned to approve the December 9, 2016 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by K. Range and approved by the Committee 9-0.

STEP Reports

Committee members reported on STEP activities in their Districts.

STAC Mini-Grant Application Review

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

- **MG 15-43 Riparian Restoration & Invasive Plant Removal**
Time sensitive, starts May 2, 2017.

Motion: K. Range motioned to approve funding MG 15-43 for \$325. The motion was seconded and approved by the Committee 9-0.

- **MG 15-44 Camp Millennium**

Application is missing budget details. Several of the items being requested are available in the ODFW Angling Trailers.

Motion: B. Hudson motioned to postpone action on MG 15-44 until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by C. Bennett and postponed by the Committee 8-1 (Yates).

- **MG 15-45 Environmental Science for McKenzie High School**

Great application. Work begins in fall of 2017.

Motion: J. DeVore motioned to approve funding MG 15-45 in the amount of \$1,137 during the 2017-2019 biennium as funds are available after July 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by S. Janego and approved by the Committee 9-0.

- **MG 15-46 Wetlands on the Sprague**

Great project, big win for the local community. Unclear who will be doing the labor and who owns the land.

Motion: K. Range motioned to approve funding MG 15-46 in the amount of \$902.00. The motion was seconded by S. Janego and approved by the Committee 7-2 (Hudson, Yates)

- **MG 15-47 Floy Tags for Recycled Steelhead / Salmon & Holy Water Trout Tagging**

The Committee was unclear if STEP was the appropriate funding for this project. Local area is recruiting more volunteers which is a step in the right direction.

Motion: C. Bennett motioned to postpone action on MG 15-47 until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by J. DeVore and the project was postponed by the Committee 9-0.

- **MG 15-48 Small Dam Removal**

Great project. K. Herkamp will confirm with staff if this project is permissible under SFR funding.

Motion: D. Wenzel motioned to postpone action on MG 15-48 until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by B. Hudson and the project was postponed by the Committee 9-0.

- **MG 15-49 Freezer Ice for Chilling Water**

No action. Project was withdrawn by applicant.

- **MG 15-50 Aerators for Fish Transport Trailers**

Unable to repair equipment. This is a critical component of hatchery operations. There is a possibility of funding in the next biennium if needed per applicant.

Motion: B. Hudson motioned to approve funding MG 15-50 in the amount of \$950 during the 2017-2019 biennium as funds are available after July 1, 2017. The motion was seconded and approved by the Committee 9-0.

- **MG 15-51 Pond Seine Replacement for Rhoades Pond**

Great application. A lot of volunteer match.

Motion: K. Range motioned to approve funding MG 15-51 in the amount of \$1,210. The motion was seconded by C. Bennett and approved by the Committee 9-0.

Cloth Fish & Curriculum Development Proposal

Karoline Herkamp, volunteer for Statewide STEP Coordinator presented the “Creating an Anatomically Correct Salmon for Use in the Classroom” project proposal. The project will create 25 anatomically correct, life-sized fabric salmon for the use in kindergarten classrooms. The project is in two-phases. The first phase will build 25 fabric salmon. The second phase will create a kindergarten curriculum to go along with the fish. Funds for the proposed project will come from the STEP Administrative Budget – not STAC Mini-Grant funds per K. Herkamp. Ms. Herkamp will coordinate the project with local volunteers.

Motion: C. Bennett motioned for the STAC to endorse the project out of the STEP Administrative Budget in the amount of \$1,000. The motion was seconded by D. Wenzel and supported by the Committee 9-0.

Eco-Schools USA Program

Morgan Parks, Oregon Education Coordinator with the National Wildlife Federation provided an overview of the Eco-Schools USA program. There are currently 300 Oregon schools participating in the international K-12 green school program.

Molly Orr, Association of Northwest Steelheaders and the National Wildlife Federation Education Coordinator provided an overview of the work completed the Fish Eggs to Fry Audit and Action Plan program which will be offered through the Biodiversity Pathway of the Eco-Schools USA program. The program is linked to curriculum related to science, mathematics, social studies and technology. The plan is currently still in the rough draft stage and will be piloted it in the fall in the Portland Metro area.

District Presentation & Field Tour

Ben Walczak, Assistant District Fish Biologist for the North Willamette Watershed District Office provided information on various projects within the District.

Tour of Clear Creek Acclimation Pond, Clackamas Hatchery, and sight where Christmas Tree Placement took place to improve habitat conditions in the ??????

Auto Fish Tagging & Marking Trailer presentation at Bonneville Hatchery.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. for the day.

Meeting will continue Friday, April 7, 2017 at the ODFW North Willamette Watershed District Office in Clackamas.

Friday – April 7, 2017

Members Absent: Tom VanderPlaat

Call to Order & Agenda Approval

Jim Phelps, Chair called the April 7, 2017 Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Meeting was located at the ODFW – North Willamette Watershed District Office in Clackamas Oregon.

Administrative Updates

Kevin Herkamp, ODFW STEP Coordinator provided the following updates:

- Army Corp of Engineers, dams and fish hatcheries update
- Leaburg Hatchery is currently the only hatchery going out for contract open competitively
- Angling Access Bundle Grant – partnership with Oregon State Marine Board and R&E to improve fishing access sites and facilities. The goal is to have a statewide approach to provide consistency among the various sites. Will be seeking an R&E Grant in the fall of 2018
- STEP Videos – currently on hold. The video will include program history, what it's like to be a volunteer, what activities are available to a volunteer
- Education Update – Pending final approval of an EPA Grant through Western Oregon University. Will be implemented September 2017 if approved.

STAC Goals

Postponed until next meeting

STAC Territories & Vacancies

K. Herkamp distributed a proposed realignment of STAC member territories. The North Coast District currently has 2 STAC positions. The Committee agreed to form a sub-committee to discuss where it might be more beneficial to move one of the positions.

Motion: L. Howell motioned to remove 1 North Coast STAC position and after determination from the sub-committee move that position to where it is needed. The sub-committee will report back with their decision by June 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by D. Yates and approved by the Committee 9-0.

Volunteer Awards

Dave Liscia award nomination are due by April 30th to Debbi.

Public Comment

No public comment

Field Tour

Marla Chaney and Todd Hanna provided a tour of the Mt. Hood Community College's Fisheries Program which offers an Associate of Applied Science Degree Program in Fisheries Technology.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.