



Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 10, 2020

Location: Telephonic

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

Committee Member	Committee Member
Brent Collier – North Coast	<i>VACANT</i> – Lower Willamette
<i>VACANT</i> - Northern Mid Coast	Morgan Parks – Lower Willamette
Deborah Yates – Southern Mid Coast/Lower Umpqua	<i>VACANT</i> – Mid Willamette
David Grosjacques – Umpqua	Jeff DeVore – Upper Willamette
Curtis Bennett – Tenmile, Coos & Coquille	<i>VACANT</i> - Northeast
Ken Range – Lower Rogue	<i>VACANT</i> – Central Eastern
Carl Cole – Upper Rogue	

Call to Order & Agenda Approval

Jeff DeVore, Chair called the April 10, 2020 Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee (STAC) telephonic meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Introductions were made and member roll call was completed.

Chair DeVore presented today’s proposed agenda for review.

Don Wenzel recently resigned from his position on the Committee; everyone will miss him.

Motion: C. Bennett motioned to approve the agenda as proposed. D. Grosjacques seconded the motion and the agenda was approved by the Committee 8-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the December 4-5, 2019 STAC meeting minutes.

Motion: B. Collier motioned to approve the December 4-5, 2019 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Committee 8-0.

Camp Polk Whychus Creek Acclimation Facility Project

Taylor McCroskey provided an overview of the acclimation facility located near Sisters on Whychus Creek. The goal of the project is to improve hatchery spring Chinook salmon and summer steelhead smolt survival and adult returns for the upper basin.

Questions/Comments:

With the current health crisis, we will not be using any volunteers. However, the project has multiple partners.

This tactic will be used in multiple spots in the future. Those requests will be coming back to the Committee for review and public comment.

Public Comment:

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to support the Camp Polk Whychus Creek Acclimation Facility Project. The motion was seconded by C. Bennett and approved by the Committee 8-0.

STAC Mini-Grant Application Review and Approvals

The Committee voted on the following Mini-Grant Applications:

- Mini-Grant 19-19 Portable Pond Water Filter
Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to approve MG 19-19 in the amount of \$500 to purchase an aeration and filtration system. The motion was seconded by C. Bennett and was approved by the Committee 8-0.
- Mini-Grant 19-20 Students in the Watershed: All-Weather Restoration Projects
Motion: C. Bennett motioned to approve MG 19-20 in the amount of \$1,920 to purchase waterproof bibs and coats. The motion was seconded by B. Collier and approved by the Committee 8-0.
- Mini-Grant 19-21 Volunteer Based Fish Sampling – Electrofishing Nets
Motion: C. Cole motioned to approve MG 19-21 in the amount of \$894 to purchase fish sampling equipment and supplies. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Committee 8-0.
- Mini-Grant 19-22 Broodstock Capture Enhancement Equipment
Motion: C. Bennett motioned to approve MG 19-22 in the amount of \$2,000 to assist with the construction of a fyke net. The motion was seconded by C. Cole and approved by the Committee 8-0.
- Mini-Grant 19-23 Completion of Educational Videos
Concern this falls in the same category as transportation costs.
Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to approve MG 19-23 in the amount of \$2,000 to assist with completing educational videos. The motion was seconded by C. Cole and approved by the Committee 6-2 (N= Range, Yates)
- Mini-Grant 19-24 Chetco Angler Caught Broodstock Program
Motion: C. Bennett motioned to approve MG 19-24 in the amount of \$2,000 to purchase equipment and supplies. The motion was seconded by B. Collier and approved by the Committee 8-0.
- Mini-Grant 19-25 Hatchery Equipment Needs
Motion: C. Bennett motioned to approve MG 19-25 in the amount of \$494 to purchase supplies and materials. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Committee 8-0.
- Mini-Grant 19-26 Whiskey Creek Hatchery Vane Compressor & Kits

Motion: D. Yates motioned to approve MG 19-26 in the amount of \$1,955 to purchase a vane compressor and repair kits. The motion was seconded by K. Range and approved by the Committee 8-0.

- Mini-Grant 19-27 Munsel Creek Trap & Green Creek Trap Repair

Motion: B. Collier motioned to approve MG 19-27 in the amount of \$2,000 to purchase materials. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Committee 8-0.

Volunteer Management System Update

Email distributed

General Business

Fish Division Updates: Bruce McIntosh provided an update to the current budget situation. Multiple funding sources have seen drops. STAC is funded through SFR (Sport Fish Restoration) which has seen funding dropped for multiple years now. With the current health crisis, lottery funding, general funds and our license sales have seen drastic reductions. With those items in mind, it is the time to discuss restructuring STAC size. These changes would be needed for the upcoming October 2020-September 2021 funding year.

Kevin Herkamp provided an overview of a possible reduction in members from 13 to 7 along with redistributing STAC areas to align with the local watershed districts. The Committee currently has seven vacancies, which would assist in reducing members. The change would also incorporate one meeting at ODFW headquarters in Salem, 1 meeting in the field (no more than 2 nights lodging) and 1 meeting by telephone. Video conferencing could also be an option.

Committee members shared concerns with the proposal. Would prefer a face-to-face meeting to telephone. The volunteers are the face of ODFW the savings from this proposal is very small in the big scheme of things does not seem worth it. Volunteers are very dedicated and generate a lot of support for the Department. The Committee shared they did not have time to review the materials and would like time to go back and discuss among themselves.

B. McIntosh shared that there did not need to be any decisions made today. The Department would like to see the Committee supportive of the proposal.

Public Comment

Brian Hudson shared he feels that STAC and the STEP Biologists should continue meeting together to keep things going. Also a STAC member should be involved with the Department's EBAC meetings.

Karen Hans shared with the group how invaluable Don Wenzel has been to her over the years. He has helped her out with everything from her first days in the position. Would like to see us get together in December to wish him well.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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“Sign-In Sheet”

- Curt Bennett, STAC member
- Deborah Yates, STAC member
- Carl Cole, STAC member
- Dave Grosjacques, STAC member
- Ken Range, STAC member
- Brent Collier, STAC member
- Jeff DeVore, STAC member
- Morgan Parks, STAC member
- Emma Garner, ODFW
- Mike Gauvin, ODFW
- Bruce McIntosh, ODFW
- Evan Leonetti, ODFW
- Ron Rehn, ODFW
- Karen Hans, ODFW
- Jeremy Romer, ODFW
- Kevin Herkamp, ODFW
- Debbi Farrell, ODFW
- Taylor McCroskey
- Brian Hudson