



Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14, 2021

Location: STAC Zoom Meeting

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

Committee Member

Brent Collier – North Coast
VACANT - Northern Mid Coast
 Deborah Yates – Southern Mid Coast/Lower Umpqua
 David Grosjacques – Umpqua
 Curtis Bennett – Tenmile, Coos & Coquille
 Carl Cole – Upper Rogue

Committee Member

VACANT – Lower Willamette
 Morgan Parks – Lower Willamette
VACANT – Mid Willamette
 Jeff DeVore – Upper Willamette
VACANT - Northeast
VACANT – Central Eastern

Call to Order & Agenda Approval

Jeff DeVore, Chair called the May 14, 2021 Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee (STAC) Zoom meeting to order at 9 am

Introductions were made and member roll-call was completed. B. Collier- off, Carl Cole- Off.

Chair DeVore presented today’s proposed agenda for review. A revision was discussed earlier today to add the following - public comment, Budget item from D. Grosjacques and J. DeVore discussion on volunteer hours/volunteer numbers for 2019-2020.

Motion: C. Bennett motioned to approve the agenda as modified. D. Grosjacques seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved with modifications 5-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the February 25, 2021 STAC meeting minutes.

Motion: C. Bennett motioned to approve the February 25, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Committee 5-0.

Updates on Rock Creek and Klamath hatchery re-building

Scott Patterson discussed fire damage to hatcheries from around the region from fires in September 2020. Rock Creek complete loss. Klamath Hatchery hatch house/office/shop complete loss. DAS insurance and FEMA Funds to help mitigate for future disasters. Working on negotiations with DAS for buildings. Insurance seems low estimate at current building prices. Scott discussed building designs for Klamath that would include two designs. Rock Creek hatchery currently trying to get 2 houses on the site so they can get some occupancy at the property. D. Grosjacques and E. Leonetti discussed Anti-hatchery Vs. Pro-hatchery and what that may mean for rebuilding in the current areas. Scott has ODFW's support in rebuilding the hatcheries at their current locations.

STAC Reports

N/A

STAC Mini-Grant Application Review and Approvals

The Committee voted on the following Mini-Grant Applications:

MG 19-30 Porta Potties to Protect Salmon River Water Quality

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to deny MG 19-30. C. Bennet seconded the motion and MG 19-30 was denied by the Committee 4-1.

STAC Discussion/Updates on STAC recruitments

The committee discussed interviews for currently vacant positions and for future upcoming due to term limits. Wanted to know the process and who was conducting the interviews.

J. DeVoure Discussion on Volunteer hours/numbers 2019-2020

J. DeVoure discussed that the hours and numbers have dropped drastically in the period of 2019-2020 it appears that COVID-19 has been the culprit to this downward trend. The committee has strong concerns if this will hurt keeping volunteers in the future. Committee wanted to thank the STEP Biologist for their hard working in handling this.

D. Grosjacques Budget Discussion

D. Grosjacques discussed a budget concern. The main concern was if the committee is not currently using the budgeted monies for in person meetings due to COVID-19 what is happening to these funds. K. Herkamp explained that the federal funds will go back into the money pot and gets reallocated to other projects and goes to STEP program to fund projects/equipment needs as needed.

Astoria and Warrenton HS Propagation Renewals/Approval

K. Herkamp discussed and gave updates and discussed. Hatcheries in these school settings is vital and is the center to everything they do and to the school's programs they currently have. These two schools would like to have funding to help of the rebuilding of the hatcheries and bring much needed updates and repairs to make them more modern and up to current safety standards. They also stressed importance to make the hatcheries ADA accessible.

Public was asked for input

N/A

Motion: C. Bennett motioned to approve the propagation renewals/Astoria rebuild project. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and was approved by the Committee 5-0.

Introduction to Glendale High School Hatchery Program/Approval

Evan Leonetti discussed with committee on the details of the needs of the Glendale High School Hatchery Program. Committee discussed the importance of this project. The committee went back and forth on what is allowed or not allowed to approve this for funding at this time. K. Herkamp explained that the committee has authority to do a one-time exception to projects like this with left over funds. Committee had discussion and D. Yates suggested to fund this project for \$2000, committee agreed and decided to fund for \$2000 and held a vote.

Motion: D. Yates motioned to approve funding of Glendale High School Hatchery Program needs for \$2000. The motion was seconded by C. Bennett and approved by the Committee 5-0.

Proposed STEP Rule Making

L. Kingsley discussed updates to Oregon laws/Authorities/rules and need or desire for change. As an agency ODFW is directing Fish Division to handle going through all programs and the need for changes/updating of language or new rules. For this Program some items that will be looked at are- STAC committee rules, operations, clarifying membership, roles and definitions. Committee discussed STEP/STAC defining rules for both programs. Committee found this change very promising and generally like these new changes coming.

STAC area reports

Karen Hans discussion on trees that were damaged from fires and how they were being marked for removal and to be used in streams for fish habitat. Some issues with dedicating them for fish habitat, storage, hazard trees vs non removal, etc. Forest Service have some issues and needing to give them to tribal first. BLM can't give trees but can loan the trees, so several layers of bureaucracy to deal with. Emma Garner discussion says some learning needs to take place on working with the multiple agencies but seems to be going fine. Sorting equipment above Leaburg dam is working good sorting wild/hatchery fish. Lamprey project will be testing soon and working with several groups. Others gave updates/concerns/relationships around the region.

Next Meeting

Oct 22, 2021

Future Agenda Item

Committee wanted to get back to meeting in person.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

