



*OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE*

# Fish Passage Task Force

## MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2022

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
PacifiCorp North Umpqua Toketee Control Facility, Oregon

**Attending:**

The following attended all, or part of, the meeting via phone or Teams:

<b><u>FPTF</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>
Zak Toledo	Public-at-Large (Chair)
Ken Bierly	Public-at-Large
Bill Cunningham	Public-at-Large
Denise Hoffert	Fishing and Conservation ( <i>intermittently present</i> )
Fred Messerle	Water Users
Kelly Moore	Fishing and Conservation
April Snell	Water Users ( <i>absent</i> )
Steve Albertelli	Water Users
Terry Turner	Fishing and Conservation

<b><u>ODFW</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Greg Apke	Statewide Fish Passage Coordinator, Salem
Pete Baki	ODFW-ODOT Fish Passage Liaison, Salem
Katherine Nordholm	Fish Screens and Passage Coordinator, Salem
Alan Ritchey	Fish Screens and Passage Program Manager
Evan Leonetti	Assistant District Fish Biologist
Sara Gregory	Umpqua Watershed District Manager
Greg Huchko	District Fish Biologist
Frank Drake	Assistant District Fish Biologist

<b><u>ODOT</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Cash Chesselet	ODOT-NOAA Liaison

<b><u>Public</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
Shane Scott	
Kevin Foreman	
Jim McCarthy	Water Watch
James Fraser	



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MEETING AGENDA

May 19-20, 2022 Meeting

PacifiCorp North Umpqua Toketee Control Facility

## Thursday – May 19, 2022 (PacifiCorp Tour and Local Projects Site Visits)

- ~ 8:00am Welcome - Meeting Overview & Logistics (Greg Apke – ODFW Fish Passage Program Leader)
- ~ 8:10am PacifiCorp Facility Tour and Depart for Multiple Site Visits (*Meals and transportation provided for Task Force Members and staff*)
- ~ 12:00pm --- Lunch Break ---
- ~ 5:00pm Return to PacifiCorp Facility from site visits

## Friday – May 20, 2022 @ 0800 to 1200 hrs. ---- [Click here to join the meeting virtually](#) ----

- ~ 8:00am ----- Call to Order -----
- ~ 8:05 Welcome (Sara Gregory – ODFW Umpqua Watershed Manager)
- ~ 8:10 <sup>a</sup> Review & Approve Agenda and Feb 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes – (*Chair Toledo*)
- ~ 8:15 <sup>a</sup> Task Force Member Updates (*All*) 20 min
- ~ 8:35 <sup>a</sup> Task Force Elections (Chair and Vice Chair) 15 min
- ~ 8:50 <sup>b</sup> Umpqua Watershed Overview, Issues & Priority Passage Projects – (*Greg Huchko*) 40 min
- ~ 9:30 <sup>a</sup> Semi-Annual Report to Legislature – (*Apke*) 10 min
- ~ 9:40 <sup>b</sup> Oregon Administrative Rule Revision Initiative Updates – (*Apke*) 20 min
- ~ 10:00 <sup>b</sup> Environmental Restoration Weir - Program Administration Update – (*Nordholm*) 10 min
- ~ 10:10 <sup>b</sup> Winchester Dam Maintenance Project Update – (*Huchko*) 15 min
- ~ 10:25 --- Break --- 10 min
- ~ 10:35 <sup>b</sup> Jump Creek Exemptions Update – (*Nordholm*) 10 min
- ~ 10:45 <sup>b</sup> ODFW Drought and ARPA Funding – (*Ritchey*) 20 min
- ~ 11:05 <sup>b</sup> ODFW Passage Position Request (Policy Option Package) (*Ritchey*) 5 min
- ~ 11:10 <sup>b</sup> ODFW Exemption Reviews & Update – (*Nordholm*) 10 min
- ~ 11:20 <sup>a</sup> Statewide Barrier Prioritization Effort & Work Committee – (*Apke*) 10 min
- ~ 11:30 <sup>a</sup> Work Plan Development – (*Chair Toledo*) 20 min
- ~ 11:50 --- On Site Lunch --- (*provided for Task Force Members and key staff*)
- ~ 12:30pm <sup>b</sup> Public Comment Period --- *\*Public Testimony: 48-hour Advanced Registration Required --*
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- ~ 1:00 <sup>b</sup> Other Business, Issues, Initiatives (*all*)
- ~ 1:10 <sup>a</sup> Meeting Recap, Actions Items and Next Meeting Agenda Build (Oct. 7)
- ~ 1:15pm \*\*\*\*\* Meeting Adjourn \*\*\*\*\*

**Agenda Item Types:**

- <sup>a</sup> – Business
- <sup>b</sup> – Information
- <sup>c</sup> – Recommendation
- <sup>d</sup> – Work Session

2022 Future Meeting Dates & Locations: Oct 7 (Salem) , Dec 9 (TBD and if necessary)

In-person and virtual TEAMS Meeting Called to Order ----- at 8:22am

~ 8:22am ----- **Call to Order** -----

*Meeting start-time delayed due technical issues with virtual meeting and internet connection.*

Chair Zak Toledo called the meeting to order at 8:22 am. He welcomed the group and announced that the task force was joined by Sara Gregory, the Umpqua Watershed District Manager.

~ 8:25 **Welcome (Sara Gregory – ODFW Umpqua Watershed Manager)**

Gregory introduced herself and thanked the Task Force for the time and energy they put into the site visits the previous day.

~ 8:25 **<sup>a</sup> Review & Approve Agenda and Feb 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes – (Chair Toledo)**

The task force reviewed the agenda and meeting meetings from the February meeting. Ken Bierly moved to approve the meeting agenda and past meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kelly Moore. The motion passed 7-0; there were no objections.

~ 8:26 **<sup>a</sup> Task Force Member Updates (All) 20 min**

The Task Force members introduced themselves and gave member updates.

Kelly Moore- skipped his update to catch up on time lost due to the delayed meeting start.

Denise Hoffert updated the Task Force. OWEB will be interviewing the 11 Focused Investment Partnership (FIP) applicants that applied in June. They expect to award 2-4 for the next biennium.

Terry Turner shared an update on a small dam removal that the local chapter of TU is working on. They are going to bid soon. The Salmon Super-Highway program did nine projects last summer and expect to do the same amount this year. Trout Unlimited has two full time staffers on these projects now.

Steve Albertelli skipped his updates in the interest of making up time.

Fred Messerle skipped his update but shared that he appreciates the face-to-face meeting.

Zak Toledo shared his thoughts on raising public awareness about fish passage issues. He suggested that the future fish passage barrier priority list update includes outreach to owners notifying them that they own a barrier on the list.

Bill Cunningham gave an update on the water park in Bend. The city built the water park for recreation when the Colorado St. Dam was removed. A recent accident at the waterpark led to the death of a young man. This may lead to future scrutiny of such projects.

Ken Bierly shared an update about a recent dam project he visited on the Silvies River.

~ 8:33 **<sup>a</sup> Task Force Elections (Chair and Vice Chair) 15 min**

Chair Toledo shared the timeline for electing chairs to the FPTF and that his term was expiring. He announced the current Task Force members and their length of service on the task force.

Members Cunningham and Toledo have previously served as the chair.

Ken Bierly is the longest-serving member of the task force; his appointment expires in November of 2023. Toledo also noted Terry Turner is serving his second term which will expire in 2025.

Toledo outlined the process for nominating a new chair and a vice-chair and opened the issue for discussion. Albertelli asked if the term expirations dates given were assuming everyone does the second term on the task force. Toledo confirmed that assumption and thought that it would be great for everyone to have the opportunity to serve as chair if they wanted. He asked for Bierly's opinion.

Bill Cunningham nominated Ken Bierly as chair. Turner seconded.

Kelly Moore nominated Terry Turner for either chair or vice-chair. Turner differed the nomination for the chair role to Bierly and indicated that he was open to taking the vice-chair role. Chair Toledo called the vote: Kelly Moore –yes, Denise Hoffert – Yes, Terry Turner – yes, Steve Albertelli – yes, Fred Messerle – yes, Zak Toledo– yes, Bill Cunningham – yes. Passed 7-0. Ken Bierly will be the new chair of the FPTF.

Toledo indicated that there had been an initial nomination for Turner to be vice-chair. Turner has accepted. Albertelli asked for the duties of the vice-chair. Toledo clarified that the vice-chair steps in in the event that the chair was unable to make a meeting. Albertelli seconded Turner’s nomination as vice-chair. Vote for Terry as vice-chair: Kelly Moore- yes, Denies Hoffert– yes, Steve Albertelli– yes, Fred Messerle – yes, Zak Toledo – yes. Bill Cunningham – yes, and Ken Bierly – yes. Passed (7-0). Terry Turner is the new vice-chair of the FPTF. Apke discussed that he does reach out to the chair prior to the Fish Passage Task Force meetings to coordinate.

**~ 8:50           <sup>b</sup> Umpqua Watershed Overview, Issues & Priority Passage Projects – (Evan Leonetti with Greg Huchko) 40 min**

Apke introduced Evan Leonetti, the assistant District fish biologist stepping in for Greg Huchko, who is out sick, but joining the meeting virtually. Leonetti presented some fish passage priorities in the Umpqua District, including other hot topics and fish passage issues in the basin.

Leonetti discussed the low numbers of summer steelhead in the watershed last year. The lowest ever recorded. He discussed population monitoring and fish passage in the area and gave examples of fish passage projects. Then discussed some of the priority barriers in the Umpqua Basin, including Winchester dam, the site of the site visit later in the day. Apke asked Leonetti to elaborate on the condition of the fishway and the ownership of the passage structure and the dam. The homeowner’s association owns the dam and the ladder, and ODFW maintains the fishway viewing chamber and components of the fishway, including the lamprey ramp. Leonetti discussed the functionality of the fish ladder; it is old and while fish do pass through the fishway, he noted it does not meet current criteria. Sara Gregory shared that the fish ladder is a high-profile public area with a fish viewing station that receives a lot of visitors. Vandalism has been and continues to be an issue.

Greg Huchko discussed the difference in the change in position of Winchester Dam on the 2019 Statewide Fish Passage Priority List and the considerations that led to the increase in the ranking of the dam as a barrier from 2013 to 2019. The change resulted from habitat considerations and the professional opinion of the delay to fish passage caused by the structure. Albertelli asked about the methods for the 2019 list and how much the dam changed in the ranking. Huchko was uncertain of the specific previous ranking.

Leonetti continued giving an overview of the high-priority barriers in the district. Apke asked about the barriers on the 2019 priority list and if the district thought the 2019 list was a good reflection of the barriers in the district or if there were high priory barriers that are not on the list. Leonetti was unaware of any significant changes he would want to see at this time but indicated that it is a good reminder that they should pay attention to possible new priority barriers. Leonetti shared that there have been recent efforts to inventory tide gates in the district. Huchko agrees that there may not be many new barriers that show up and will be new to the list. He does think there will be a couple of tide gates added to the next priority barrier list.

Leonetti highlighted a tide gate in the lower Smith River with 135 acres of tidal marsh habitat and currently little to no fish passage. Apke asked about the next update to the statewide priory list and discussed the “high priority” barriers in the system. Leonetti thought many smaller barriers have been getting addressed. Apke highlighted the good work done by ODOT to improve barriers under the highways in the district. Bierly asked about coordination with other municipalities (like city and the County). Leonetti and Gregory discussed that

there could be better coordination/relationship with the County, but Leonetti shared some successful bridge projects that the County has complete.

Turner discussed the Salmon Superhighway project as a model that could be duplicated in other areas such as the Umpqua District. Apke discussed coordination methods with road departments and the challenges and benefits of coordination. The group discussed the priority list, ranking, methods, and ways to use the list as a tool to address future fish passage barriers.

Bierly asked how significant the Winchester Dam impacted fish returns for either Chinook or steelhead. Leonetti shared his thoughts that it may play an important role but that the primary factor contributing to the Steelhead population decline is ocean conditions. Downstream passage was also discussed and there is likely fish injury and mortality associated with fish passing over Winchester Dam and falling into areas with limited to no water depth. Lamprey ammocete habitat was discussed, and the issues related to dam maintenance was noted.

**~ 9:47      <sup>a</sup> Semi-Annual Report to Legislature – (Apke) 10 min**

Apke shared the semi-annual report submitted to the legislature in early January. It is time to begin thinking of the next report. ODFW will submit the first 2022 report in June/July. Apke asked the task force members to look over the last report and provide input on the content of the next report to the legislature.

Bierly asked if ODFW had ever gotten any feedback from the legislature report's content. Apke indicated he was unaware of legislative feedback. He will start on the report June 1<sup>st</sup> and would appreciate input from the task force. Moore recommended pictures, graphs, and ensuring that the legislature is reassured that money is spent well.

**Action Item:** Apke will send out a digital copy of the report with a reminder to the task force to review and provide comments by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**~ 9:54      <sup>b</sup> Oregon Administrative Rule Revision Initiative Updates – (Apke) 20 min**

Apke shared an update on the ODFW fish passage rules revision process. He is planning to have a clean draft version of the proposed changes to the rules that have been through review by the ODFW Fish Division. The next step is to get the rules out to the task force and public comment. The current plan is present the proposed rule changes to the ODFW Commission on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Toledo asked about the process and the length of the public comment period. Apke indicated that there would need to be another fish passage task force meeting to discuss this project before the planned October meeting. Bierly asked about the internal review process and changes to the draft rules that came out of the rules development process. Apke indicated that there had been some changes, and he would highlight those in the next version that the task force will see.

**Action Item:** Apke will coordinate with the task force to set up a meeting dedicated to the fish passage rules revision process. This meeting will likely be in July.

**~ 10:05      <sup>b</sup> Environmental Restoration Weir - Program Administration Update – (Nordholm) 10 min**

Katherine Nordholm shared an update on the environmental restoration weir (ERW) program. The ODFW Commission adopted the draft rules with two edits on March 18<sup>th</sup>, and they were effective on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Four public comments were received prior to the Commission meeting. Some comments expressed concern that the rules and application process was too complicated for landowners. Nordholm demonstrated the ERW section of the Fish Passage Website, including reviewing the applications, online help document, and interactive map.

**~ 10:20      <sup>b</sup> Winchester Dam Maintenance Project Update – (Huchko) 15 min**

Apke shared an update and handout on the proposal to repair the Winchester Dam. Jim McCarthy posted in the chat that DSL indicated that a permit was not necessary. Apke shared that the proposed project hoped to

address some of the fish passage issues identified. It appears that the project proposes a structure to shore up the dam and stabilize some of the voids within the dam. Apke shared the details of the proposed project work-plan and expressed ODFW's interests to continue to work cooperatively with the project proponents. Apke noted the thresholds for triggers at dams (30% structural volume) and discussed the requests by ODFW to confirm the project proponent's assumptions that the proposed work falls below this trigger threshold.

~ 10:35      --- Break --- 10 min

~ 10:42      <sup>b</sup> **Jump Creek Exemptions Update – (Nordholm) 10 min**

Nordholm shared an update on the Jump Creek fish passage exemption request. She updated the task force on the history of the Jump Creek Exemption requests and the planned presentation to the Commission during the June Commission meeting. She shared the OWRD would be visiting the area and was planning to report back to ODFW on the results of that trip. Bierly asked if the OWRD determination could be shared with the task force.

**Action Item:** Nordholm to share OWRD determination on Jump Creek.

~ 10:45      <sup>b</sup> **ODFW Drought and ARPA Funding – (Ritchey) 20 min**

Ritchey shared information on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding – \$5 million dedicated to ODFW to implement fish screens and passage projects. Currently, they are working on an agreement between ODFW and DAS. ODFW should have access to the funds early this summer. The funds will need to be obligated by December of 2024 and spent by Dec of 2026.

ODFW expects another \$4.41M from the ODOT CRPA (Culvert Repair Programmatic Agreement) program early this year. ODFW expects to have an RFP early next year. The review team selecting projects from that RFP will include someone from the task force. Apke asked if one project could include funds from both funding sources. Ritchey replied that he thinks so, although ARPA can not be used as a required match for another federally funded project. Neither the ODOT funds nor the ARPA funds have geographic or species requirements. Moore thought that this was an opportunity to be strategic with the use of funds to target projects that have no other funding available.

Ritchey agreed but also discussed that ODFW has some established focal areas to target for fish passage projects. Bierly asked about the rationale for the timing of the RFP. Ritchey discussed that it is a result of the timing of when ODFW expects to receive these funds.

Ritchey discussed the fish passage Drought Funds. ODFW received \$8 million for fish passage barrier removal that must be spent by June 2023. Since most fish passage construction projects are during the summer in-water work window (IWWW), there was a limited time between hearing about the funds and the upcoming IWWW. The department has been able to assist projects that were previously funded and scheduled for construction this year. A lot of funds are also being allocated to design-only projects. The hope is that some of the design-only projects will be able to apply for ODOT CRPA and ARPA funds for implementation.

Bierly asked how the design-only projects were selected. Ritchey indicated that this is a fast-tracked process, and the grant agreements have been slow to get into place. The drought fund timeline has been quick and challenging. Ritchey shared the spreadsheet of the projects that have been selected for drought funds. He reviewed some of the projects, their locations, the type of project, and some of the amount and fish species that will benefit. Bierly asked if Ritchey is confident that the \$8 million will be obligated in time. Ritchey shared a list of potential projects where funds could be shifted if necessary to maximize the use of the drought funds. Bierly stated that it is reassuring to see that there is a strategy to maximize the potential of the funds. He asked

if there was a way to extend the funds and suggested asking to shift them from general funds to a capital expenditure fund which would be available longer.

Apke asked about how ODFW has reached out externally to identify the projects. Toledo asked about stockpiling materials or prebuilding passage structures to be used later. Ritchey shared that there are projects where materials will be bought with the funds for a later construction date, but in those cases, the materials are allocated to a specific project. Apke asked what the role of the task force may be in the future, especially if not all the funds are allocated.

Ritchey asked Turner about the NF Eagle Creek project and their recent difficulty in planning that project. Turner shared that a landowner was hesitant to allow equipment onto his property. The group made changes to the project plan and staging, and the project is now back on track. Toledo suggested that Ritchey reach out to Denise Hoffert about ideas for other good projects.

**Action Item:** Ritchey should reach out to Hoffert about potential drought fund projects.

**~ 11:05      <sup>b</sup> ODFW Passage Position Request (Policy Option Package) (Ritchey) 5 min**

Ritchey shared that there has been a policy option package (POP) to request to fill the NRS 3 position previously vacated by Kregg Smith. ODFW will not know if this package is funded until the next legislative session. If passed, this position would start next biennium. Bierly asked what the fish passage task force could do to help. Ritchey shared that the budget and legislative process are open to public comment. Moore asked about the current workload and if the task force could do anything right now to help identify the need for this position. Ritchey shared a few points of contact in the Department that the task force could communicate with. Cunningham asked if the Task Force could draft and sign a letter to share with the Department. Ritchey indicated that that would be possible. Apke indicated that the legislative report was also an avenue to discuss this issue. Ritchey also discussed IJA funds that may be available from other funding sources.

**Action Item:** Task Force will draft a letter in support of the POP to share with the Department.

**~ 11:10      <sup>b</sup> ODFW Exemption Reviews & Update – (Nordholm) 10 min**

Nordholm shared an interactive online map of fish passage exemptions. The map contains points for all the current fish passage exemptions and the year the exemptions are next up for review. Some features on the map have attachments to supplemental documents that can be opened. Not all the exemptions have supplemental information, and some data is incomplete from historic files. ODFW will continue to update the online information as time and workload allow.

**~ 11:20      <sup>a</sup> Statewide Barrier Prioritization Effort & Work Committee – (Apke) 10 min**

Apke shared information on the next statewide barrier prioritization. The rules require a 5-year priority barrier list and the Department will target a new priority barrier list to be presented to the Commission early in 2024. Turner shared that a lot of work went into the model for the last prioritization and that he did not expect that there would be that much work for the next list. Apke discussed some of the ideas to consider for the next round of the prioritization. He encouraged the task force to start thinking about who had time and willingness to participate in the next round of prioritization.

Bierly asked if other people at the agency could take on the role of this effort to alleviate the time and workload on the fish passage staff. Apke indicated that the passage program could reach out to other staff. Moore suggested creating a temporary position and pulling funding to create the NRS 3 position early. Cunningham commented on the public input the task force has received in the past about the priority list and how it is clearly a tool that the public is aware of and that the department uses frequently.

Messerle also commented on the importance of the priority list. Ritchey gave some information on the planned approach to developing the list and discussed the future department habitat prioritization effort. Cunningham discussed his thoughts on the list development happening in two stages. First, the tool update, and the second stage is examining the list. He asked for a post-game analysis of how the previous model works. Have there been any major flaws? What are the successes?

**Action Item:** Prepare an analysis on the results of the previous prioritization list and any major flaws or successes. Apke will provide the 2019 White Paper to the Task Force as a way to get organized and prepared for the upcoming effort. Apke also seeks task force members that have the capacity and are interested to work closely with the Department on the next statewide fish passage barrier prioritization effort.

~ 11:50 --- **On Site Lunch** --- *(provided for Task Force Members and key staff)*

~ 12:30 pm <sup>b</sup> **Public Comment Period** --- *\*Public Testimony: 48-hour Advanced Registration Required*

Chair Toledo started the public comment period by calling on Jim McCarthy (WaterWatch of Oregon), who had indicated that he wanted to provide public comment. Mr. McCarthy shared comments to express appreciation to the ODFW team and Task Force for their work on this project and the work to tee up the information on the barrier prioritization project. He expressed hope to continue the process on the barrier prioritization. He reiterated the need for more staffing to deal with the workload of ongoing projects and the projects coming in from these additional funding sources. He shared that we do not have control over ocean conditions, but barriers and habitat availability are somethings that we have control over. He discussed the public process around summer steelhead and how many anglers pointed to Winchester Dam as an issue for summer steelhead. The dam presents a challenge because of the amount of water going through the dam and the difficulty of passage for fish. Especially during summer flows when summer steelhead are migrating, the water through the dam is a false attraction leading to difficulty of fish to find the fish ladder entrance. WaterWatch has documented fish jumping at the corner against the leaky area. He indicated that the planned repairs would address the safety issues but not all the false attraction issues. He also encourages people to look at the “fallback” of fish over the dam from the reservoir to the rock shell 14-16 feet below. He encouraged the Task Force to think about summer steelhead when they are out at their site visit at the dam.

There were no additional public comments.

~ 12:38 <sup>a</sup> **Work Plan Development** – *(Chair Toledo) 20 min*

Chair Toledo has proposed a “rolling work plan” agenda item. This agenda item would capture work planning for members of the task force and would outline the upcoming task force issues. Toledo indicated that he would draft the first plan for the incoming chair. Cunningham suggested adding four task force meetings in a year and making two of the meetings virtual to save money. Moore discussed the importance of an in-person meeting adding value to seeing and understanding others.

Messerle discussed the task force’s previous discussions for fish passage guidance documents. He thinks that a plan for guidance documents needs to be an outcome of the rules process. Toledo indicated that would be a good item for the work plan. Cunningham asked about a combined task force meeting with the screening task force. Fish screens are a large component of the passage question in many situations.

Moore suggested adding the task force letter to ODFW Fish Division to the work plan. He discussed that the awareness of these issues even within the agency might not be appreciated. Apke asked how to bridge the gap. Moore suggested outreach for the awareness of what has been done and the importance of what could be done with more support. Messerle thought that user groups are aware of the problems, but many are unaware of the scope of rules, such as Oregon’s historic fish passage rules. He suggested outreach to the user groups; telling the story is an important component of this. Moore asked what the pathway is for field staff to raise the subject to HQ for the issues they see.

**Action Items:** Add a Work Plan agenda item. Toledo will send out the list of items he reviewed during the meeting.

**~ 1:00      <sup>b</sup> Other Business, Issues, Initiatives (all)**

Nordholm invited the fish passage task force to the June fish screening task force meeting. She will email out the fish screening task force agenda when it is finalized.

**Action Item:** Nordholm will email the FPTF the agenda for the FSTF meeting.

Albertelli asked why there were two task forces when screening and passage are so integrally connected. The Department replied that it was the way the statutes were written.

Albertelli reminded the public and the task force about the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project federal mitigation fund administered by the Forest Service and available for potential award to proponents of projects, including fish passage, screening, or habitat enhancements, on federal lands (e.g., Forest Service or BLM) within the North Umpqua River watershed.

**~ 1:10      <sup>a</sup> Meeting Recap, Actions Items and Next Meeting Agenda Build (Oct. 7)**

Apke mentioned the fish passage website and the need to update the information online. That could be added to the work plan for the task force. Apke reviewed the meeting agenda and action items.

- Apke will send out a digital copy of the Semi-Annual Legislative Report with a reminder to the task force to review and provide comments by June 1st.
- Apke will coordinate with the task force to set up a meeting dedicated to the fish passage rules revision process. This meeting will likely be in July.
- Nordholm to share OWRD determination on Jump Creek.
- Ritchey should reach out to Hoffert about potential drought fund projects.
- Task Force will draft a letter to share with the Department in support of additional staffing and the POP.
- Prepare an analysis on the results of the previous prioritization list and any major flaws or successes.
- Distribute the 2019 Statewide Fish Passage Barrier Prioritization Methods – White Paper.
- Add a Work Plan agenda item. Toledo will send out the list of items he reviewed during the meeting.
- Nordholm will email the FPTF the agenda for the FSTF meeting.

Cunningham suggested that the letter should be drafted and distributed quickly and moved to authorize the chair to draft, circulate, and with a consensus of all members, sign and send to the director's office. Turner seconded. The task force voted, and the motion passed 7-0.

Chair Toledo and ODFW thanked PacifiCorp and the Umpqua Watershed for hosting the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled meeting is for October 7<sup>th</sup> in Salem.

**~ 1:10pm      \*\*\*\* Meeting Adjourn \*\*\*\***