



# Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 11, 2019  
**Location:** Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
- Commission Room  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem, Oregon 97302

## Current Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program (R&E) Board Members

Board Member	Board Member
Dave Grosjacques – Representing Recreational Fisheries	Ray Monroe – Representing Commercial Troll Fisheries
Rich Heap – Representing Recreational Fisheries	Kay Brown – Representing the Public
Cary Johnson – Representing Gillnet Fisheries	Susan Chambers - Representing Fish Processing Industry
Yancy Lind – Representing Recreational Fisheries	

### Members Absent:

### Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Rich Heap called the Fish Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Program Board meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. and introductions were made.

Susan Chambers is attending the meeting telephonically.

### Meeting Agenda Approval

The Board reviewed today’s proposed meeting agenda.

Motion: C. Johnson motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 7-0.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the September 14, 2018 meeting minutes.

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to approve the September 14, 2018 meeting minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by C. Johnson and approved by the Board 7-0.

### Board Reports

Board members reported on fishery activities in their area.

### Discussion with Division Leadership & Director’s Office

Discussion with Shannon Hurn, ODFW Deputy Director, Curt Melcher, ODFW Director and Ed Bowles, Fish Division Manager. A sea lion removal status update was provided for both the Willamette Falls and Bonneville Dam. Bonneville Dam is currently predominately Stellar sea lions now, the predation on Sturgeon is tragic.

The Department has been involved with changes of scheduled spills at Bonneville Dam. Hells Canyon Dam is currently accepting public comment for relicensing.

Kay Brown will be working with the Director's Office on program legislation. The R&E Program sunset extension is in SB42.

There was discussion on the maintenance needs at Willamette Falls Fish Ladder along with maintenance needs at all ODFW properties. The Department's supplies and services budgets continue to decline each biennium, which doesn't keep up with maintenance needs.

### **Board Business & Administrative Updates**

Kevin Herkamp completed a 10-year program review and the Board provided comments.

Yancy Lind would like to see more emphasis on non-anadromous species. R&E program funding is provided by the sales of fishing licenses and the most sought after species are non-anadromous.

In the future Board packets will only include the project application and ODFW Internal Review Team's comments. Board members have access to the project application attachments electronically as needed.

Budget Update - Kevin Herkamp provided a budget update.

### **ODFW Fish Division Program Updates**

Anna Pakenham-Stevenson, ODFW Water Program Manager presented an overview of the concerns related to allocations of water in the state.

Ken Loffink, Fish Screening Program Manager provided an overview of the Fish Screens and Passage program's accomplishments. The Screens and Passage program has 51 employees, with a budget of approximately \$7 million. In the 2017-2019 biennium, 55 projects were completed with nine more to be completed by the end of the biennium. Since 2000, a total of 1,500 fish screens have been installed.

Scott Patterson, Fish Propagation Program Manager answered questions the Board had related to the repairs needed at the Willamette Falls Fish Ladder. This is a high priority project. This is a great time to get some of the repairs completed. This project takes priority at this time with staffing levels right now.

### **Electronic Licensing System Presentation**

Jenny Newhouse provided an overview of the Department's new licensing system. Lots of discussion.

### **Lunch Hour Presentations**

Chris Orsinger, Executive Director of Friends of Buford Park provided an update to the Turtle Flats project in Eugene.

Leif Rasmuson, ODFW Marine Fishery Research Project Leader provided an update on Black Rockfish.

### **Emergency Requests and Project Modifications**

No emergency requests at this time.

### **Project Amendment**

#### **R&E Project 17-048 (Wildhorse Creek Fish Passage Project)**

An amendment request was received to modify the existing project budget; funds will be shifted from in-stream material to bridge expenses. No increase in funding is requested. The grant was awarded for a total of \$54,808.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to approve the amendment request for R&E 17-048. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

## **Project Proposal Review & Recommendations**

The Board reviewed the following project proposals.

### **2017-2019 Biennium – Cycle 7 Projects**

#### **17-060 Equipment for the Umpqua Watershed**

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-060 in the amount of \$6,271. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 7-0.

#### **17-061 Big Creek Subbasin Instream Restoration Helicopter**

Questions/Comments from Board: Some discussion on what the benefit of the project is. Does not appear to have a way to evaluate its success.

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to deny funding for R&E Project 17-061. The motion was seconded by Y. Lind and the project was denied funding by the Board 7-0.

#### **17-062 Deschutes Watershed District Flow Meter**

Questions/Comments from Board: The Project has a direct angler benefit. The District is doing various projects.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-062 in the amount of \$850. The motion was seconded by C. Johnson and approved by the Board 7-0.

#### **17-063 Deschutes Watershed District Outboard Motor Purchase**

Questions/Comments from Board: What is the horsepower of motor staff are requesting to purchase? It's a 4-stroke, 90 horsepower

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-063 in the amount of \$13,500. The motion was seconded by R. Monroe and approved by the Board 7-0.

#### **17-064 Deschutes Watershed District Water Quality Monitor**

Motion: C. Johnson motioned to deny funding R&E Project 17-064. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and the project was denied funding by the Board 7-0.

#### **17-065 Lower Rogue Spring Chinook Genetic Sampling 2019**

Questions/Comments from Board: There's been a modification to the application, an error occurred when calculating staff time. Who will fund future creels? Not sure

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-065 in the amount of \$23,180. The motion was seconded by S. Chambers and passed by the Board 5-2 (Lind, Brown)

#### **17-066 Sauvie Island Fish Screen for Gilbert River**

Applicant was able to lower the grant request due to recent design changes. The updated grant request is for \$40,600.

Motion: C. Johnson motioned to deny funding R&E Project 17-066. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and the project was denied funding by the Board 5-2. (Brown, Monroe)

#### **17-067 South Willamette Watershed District Equipment Purchase**

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-067 in the amount of \$23,472. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and was approved by the Board 7-0

#### **17-068 Upper North Santiam Side Channel Reconnection**

Motion: K. Brown motioned to deny funding R&E Project 17-068. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and the project was denied funding by the Board 7-0.

**17-069 South Fork Smith / Halfway Creek Instream Restoration**

Questions/Comments from Board: Is the applicant confident they can complete the work this biennium? If not, they will push the project to the next biennium.

Motion: C. Johnson motioned to deny funding R&E Project 17-069. The motion was seconded by S. Chambers and the project was denied funding by the Board 7-0.

**17-070 Opal Springs Fish Passage Vaki Camera System Purchase**

Questions/Comments from Board: Unsure why R&E should fund this project.

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to deny funding R&E Project 17-070. The motion was seconded by C. Johnson and the project was denied funding by the Board 7-0.

**17-071 Rogue Chinook Inventories Huntley Park Boat Purchase**

Questions/Comments from Board: This is an important site for forecasting runs – it assists in fishery management decisions.

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-071 in the amount of \$31,000. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and approved by the Board 7-0.

**17-072 Internships for Invasive Fish Removal in High Lakes**

Questions/Comments from Board: Trout project. Feel this is taking on a long-term commitment. If we stop the removal, the number of invasive fish increase.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-072 in the amount of \$973. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and was approved by the Board 7-1. (Heap)

**17-073 South Fork Little Butte Creek Flow Restoration Project**

These opportunities do not happen very often. Water flow is an important factor in the Rogue.

Questions/Comments from Board: Question on when OWEB (Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board) funds would be granted. The applicant replied it would be reviewed by OWEB in April.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-073 in the amount of \$2,500. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 7-0.

**17-074 Wallowa Lake Food Web Modeling**

Project withdrawn by applicant prior to Board meeting

**17-075 Limiting Factors of Klamath Juvenile Redband Trout**

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-075 in the amount of \$17,376. The motion was seconded by R. Monroe and approved by the Board 7-0.

**17-076 Sandy Salmon Floodplain Reconnection**

Motion: K. Brown motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 17-076 in the amount of \$59,500. A second motion was not made. The motion dies.

Motion: C. Johnson motioned to deny funding R&E Project 17-076. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and the project was denied funding by the Board 6-1. (Brown)

2019-20121 Biennium Cycle 1 Projects

**R&E Program Administrative Budget Total \$1,176,219**

- R&E Admin Budget \$495,909
- Construction Project Manager \$236,810

- Program Publicity \$50,000
- Electronic Application Support & Maintenance \$22,500
- Emergency Grant (Restoration and Enhancement combined each \$50,000) \$100,000
- STEP - STAC Mini-Grant Program \$50,000
- STEP – STEP Education Program \$30,000
- STEP – STEP Fish Food \$191,000

Questions/Comments from Board:

Some concern on funding the Construction Project Manager, do not see the cost savings. Report to Board during the biennium to provide a status update.

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to recommend funding the entire amount requested by staff for Program Administration. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and approved by the Board 7-0.

**19-001 ODFW Restoration Bundle – Willamette Falls Fish Ladder**

Questions/Comments from Board: There was discussion on what the possibilities are of acquiring other funding. Some members feel this is not a good use of R&E funds. A lot of money.

Motion: R. Monroe motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 19-001 in the amount of \$1,999,400. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 4-3. (Brown, Johnson, Lind)

**19-002 ODFW Statewide Trout Stock Evaluation (Tag Reward Program)**

Motion: K. Brown motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 19-002 in the amount of \$135,780. The motion was seconded by R. Monroe and approved by the Board 6-1. (Grosjacques)

**19-003 Diamond Lake Monitoring & Invasive Species Removal**

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 19-003 in the amount of \$59,019. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 7-0.

**19-004 Pine Hollow North Boat Ramp**

Questions/Comments from Board: Some discussion on water levels, it does have year-round fishing opportunities. Oregon State Marine Board votes on the project January 22, 2019.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 19-004 in the amount of \$150,000. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and approved by the Board 7-0.

**19-005 Peterson Point Property Acquisition**

Questions/Comments from Board: Will the District be able to do maintain the site? Yes, staff will absorb it with their other duties. Staff anticipates it being low maintenance, there is roadside parking. It will be an unimproved access site. The location is south of Seaside.

Motion: R. Monroe motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 19-005 in the amount of \$69,450. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and approved by the Board 7-0.

**19-006 Necanicum River Winter Steelhead Monitoring & Evaluation**

Questions/Comments from Board: This will complete the project. Should allow some management decisions to be made.

Motion: R. Monroe motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 19-006 in the amount of \$122,600. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and approved by the Board 6-1. (Grosjacques)

**19-007 Grande Ronde Volunteer Broodstock Collection**

Questions/Comments from Board: Does staff anticipate good returns? Not sure, last two years have not been great. Do not see the benefit of the project.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to deny funding R&E Project 19-007. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and the motion did not pass with a Board vote of 2-5. (Heap, Johnson, Chambers, Monroe, Lind)

Motion: R. Monroe motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 19-007 in the amount of \$28,077. The motion was seconded by S. Chambers and approved by the Board 5-2. (Brown, Grosjacques)

**19-008 Internships for Invasive Fish Removal in High Lakes**

(This project is a continuation of 17-072 from the 2017-2019 biennium.)

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding for R&E Project 19-008 in the amount of \$28,621. The motion was seconded by R. Monroe and approved by the Board 7-0.

**19-009 South Fork Little Butte Creek Flow Restoration Project**

(This project is a continuation of 17-073 from the 2017-2019 biennium.)

Motion: D. Grosjacques recommended funding R&E Project 19-009 in the amount of \$93,000. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and approved by the Board 7-0.

**19-010 Wallowa Lake Food Web Modeling**

Applicant would like to do work before the dam and sockeye reintroduction is started. Several groups are doing work and are interested in the information.

Questions/Comments from Board: Do not see benefit. What sort of management decision would this assist? Carrying capacity of lake, spawner information, etc. What dams are on the Wallowa? At Wallowa Lake.

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to deny funding R&E Project 19-010. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and the project was denied funding by the Board 4-3. (???)

**19-011 Limiting Factors of Klamath Juvenile Redband Trout**

(This project is a continuation of 17-075 from the 2017-2019 biennium.)

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding R&E Project 19-011 in the amount of \$57,600. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 7-0.

**19-012 Sandy Salmon Floodplain Reconnection**

(This project is a continuation of 17-076 from the 2017-2019 biennium.)

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to deny funding R&E Project 19-012. The motion was seconded by R. Monroe and the project was denied funding by the Board 6-1. (Heap)

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, January 10, 2019 – Board Field Tour**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Board visited the Willamette Falls Fish Ladder, Clackamas River Acclimation Ponds and Clackamas Hatchery