



Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 9 – 10, 2019

Location: Holiday Inn Express & Suites
- Meeting Room
204 West Marine Drive
Astoria, Oregon 97103

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	

Thursday May 9, 2019 – Field Tour

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Joint Field Tour with STAC (Salmon Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee) of Fishhawk Fisheries, Columbia Maritime Museum, Astoria High School Fish Hatchery, Warrenton High School Fish Hatchery, Young’s Bay Net Pens

Members Absent: none

Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Richard Heap called the Fish Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Program Board meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

Meeting Agenda Approval

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting agenda. Agenda modified to postpone Board Reports to after project reviews and move administrative business items prior to project reviews. The Water Program presentation was moved to first thing this morning.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to approve the meeting agenda with the proposed modifications. The motion was seconded by R. Monroe and approved by the Board 7-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed and approved the January 11, 2019 meeting minutes.

Water Program Proposal Presentation

Anna Pakenham Stevenson, ODFW Water Program Manager provided an overview of the importance of water to fish. The goal is to obtain Instream Water Rights (ISWR) in priority areas where there remains unallocated water, set flow targets for species needs, and ensure new water withdrawals do not impact the recovery listed species. Summer water is already allocated to out-of-stream uses; we will need to work collaboratively with communities to restore some of that flow to rivers so they do not run dry in summer. The department will be seeking funding for a

biological assessment and economic analysis to identify these priority areas. The department needs to determine minimal flow requirements for each water body. This information will be used as our base.

Discussion regarding the legal aspects of water allocation and the impacts of climate change. Not sure if the R&E Board is the right funding source for an economic analysis.

Program Budget & Administrative Update

Kevin Herkamp provided the following program updates:

- Program Fund Update – there are more requests than funds available for Cycle 2. The Board discussed concern over the lack of funds and what options they might have in locating additional funds.
- Provided an overview of some future project funding requests and information on funds spent in the last 10 years (hand out provided)
- Construction Project Manager – Charls Morales is on rotation as the Construction Project Manager, his appointment to the position took longer than originally planned. The angler access bundle projects did not work out as planned, but are designing some standard designs for kiosks, benches and docks to be used. It is projected that the position will save the R&E Program approximately \$100,000 in the current biennium. Provided an overview of the 2019-2021 angler access project list.

The Board discussed concerns over the need of a Construction Project Manager position and what the projected savings will be. K. Herkamp provided an update to the original angler access bundle plan, which was partially funded by SFR, but those funds were not available so using the R&E funds to finish up some of the projects. Savings should be seen if the 2019-2021 Angler Access Improvement project is funded.

- Senate Bill 42 (R&E reauthorization bill) is currently in Ways and Means. If passed, the meeting schedule will need to be reviewed along with the process of reviewing projects. With the changes, the Board will have the opportunity to evaluate the process of project review.
- Distributed the findings from a review of STAC Mini-Grants for the last 10 years.

Project Proposal Review & Recommendations

The Board reviewed the following project proposals.

19-013 ODFW Angler Access Improvements 2019-2021 Phase 3

Holly Huchko, ODFW was available telephonically and provided an overview of this multi-year project to improve angler access across the state. This proposal is for Marr Pond in Wallowa County.

Questions/Comments from Board:

Discussion on the cost of trashcans, they are expensive. The Board asked if the proposal could be revised to lower the costs. The applicant replied that if the proposal is modified it would cause an actual increase in costs since the plans would need to be modified, could double the price. The Board discussed if the Construction Project Manager position could find ways to reduce the costs.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding for 19-013 in the amount of \$309,008 as a sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded by R. Monroe. The Board discussed funding at a lower amount. K. Herkamp replied that the CPM could possibly save \$80,000.

Motion: S. Chambers motioned to amend the motion and recommend funding for 19-013 in the amount of \$270,000 as a sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board 7-0.

19-014 Upper Phillips Dam Passage & Ditch Efficiency

Julie Cymore was available telephonically to answer questions. They are working towards a 2020 implementation date. This proposal is for passage.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked what the status was of the OWEB grant. The applicant replied that the application was resubmitted and is in review now.

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to recommend funding for 19-014 in the amount of \$48,816 as a sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded by C. Johnson and approved by the Board 6-1 (N=Lind).

19-015 Upper Sunshine Creek Habitat

Withdrawn by applicant prior to Board meeting

19-016 Port of Bandon ADA Fishing Pier

Jeff Griffin, Port of Bandon was available to answer questions.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked the applicant for clarification on the budget. The applicant replied that a lot of the work is being done by in-house staff. The budget was difficult to split out since they have not gone out to bid yet. The Board asked about ADA access and restrooms. The Board asked if the applicant could lower the amount requested. The applicant replied this portion of the project is vital to the overall project, could possibly lower.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to recommend funding 19-016 in the amount of \$150,000 as a sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 5-2 (N=Lind, Monroe)

19-017 Genetic Assessment of Klamath Redband Trout

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to recommend funding 19-017 in the amount of \$33,830 as a sport enhancement project. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 5-2 (N=Brown, Monroe)

19-018 Chewaucan River Fish Screening Upgrades

Ken Loffink, ODFW was available telephonically to answer questions.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if it was possible to only fund one of the diversions. The applicant replied yes. Which of the two is a priority. The applicant replied Paisley would be the higher priority of the two.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to recommend funding for 19-018 in the amount of \$15,000 as a sport enhancement project to fund only the Paisley portion of the project. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 6-1 (N=Heap).

19-019 Sandy Salmon Floodplain Reconnection

Steve Wise was available to answer questions. Jim Brick was available telephonically to answer questions. This proposal is for the second phase of the project.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked how much habitat this includes. The applicant replied this portion is a one-mile stretch, the largest of the areas. The Board asked about landowner support. The applicant replied that they generally support the project, most of the land is publicly owned.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to deny funding project 19-019. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and the project was denied by the Board 5-2 (N=Heap, Monroe).

19-020 Elk River Telemetry Study Year 2

Marc Johnson was available telephonically to answer questions. Shannon Richardson was also available. This information would be the baseline information to be used prior to treatment to determine results. This proposal is to purchase tags for the next two fall seasons. The results of the study could be used elsewhere. They have several partners working on the project.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if more R&E funds would be requested in the future. The applicant replied yes, the goal is to have a report completed by 2025. The Board asked if the department considered contracting out the work. The applicant replied that it would be best for staff to conduct the study for multiple reasons.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to deny funding project 19-020. The motion was seconded by R. Monroe and the project was denied funding by the Board 7-0.

19-021 Surveying Oregon's Nearshore Semi-Pelagic Rockfish

Leif Rasmuson was available to answer questions.

Questions/Comments from Board:

The Board asked if there could be negative impacts from the information. The applicant replied possibly, the department lacks the data to determine now. We know very little about the numbers of nearshore species. This project is a high priority for the department. If this study is not completed it could also have negative impacts to the commercial fisheries.

The Board discussed their frustration with the lack of funds, which is causing some great projects to go unfunded.

Motion: S. Chambers motioned to recommend funding 19-021 in the amount of \$250,000 as a 75% sport and 25% commercial enhancement project. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and approved by the Board 5-1-1 (N=Lind, Johnson abstained due to conflict of interest)

Public Comment

Brian Hudson commented on procedural rules of the Board.

Jacob Peterson introduced himself and discussed graduate student project possibilities.

Hatchery Maintenance Update

Scott Patterson, ODFW provided an update to the hatchery maintenance projects.

Board Reports

Board members provided an overview of activities in their area.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.