



# Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** December 1, 2021

**Location:** Microsoft Teams online meeting

## 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:** Ray Monroe, Cary Johnson

### Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Rich Heap called the Restoration & Enhancement Program Board meeting to order at 1 pm and introductions were made. ODFW leadership Debbie Colbert, Mike Harrington, Shaun Clements introduced themselves. The board held a Q&A session with leadership on multi-species plan and the harvest of winter steelhead on the south coast. Debbie discussed 5 new habitat biologists and the new habitat division. Mike discussed the new fish division leadership. Also, the chair brought forth concerns with ODFW “base line” budget and asks from ODFW on creel surveys, lib trucks, etc. Mike commented to those concerns and explained how the R&E board has helped move the needle for restoration and fishing opportunities and was very pleased with the board and how they have funded projects.

### 2022 Meeting Calendar

Board discussed a meeting schedule for 2022-2023. Board discussed dates and locations/field tours and if they wanted to meet in person.

1. Board made a choice of location of Salem for cycle 3 March 15-16<sup>th</sup>.

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to meet in Salem on March 15-16. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and approved by the Board 5-0 vote.

2. Board made a choice of location of Newport for cycle 4 September 22-23

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to meet in Newport on September 22-23. The motion was seconded by S. Chambers and approved by the Board 5-0 vote.

### **2022 Field Tour**

K. Herkamp discussed the option of a multi-day tour of various sites, likely in eastern Oregon. He identified some places to consider for a tour including possibly doing the grand opening of Marr Pond in Enterprise as a mid-point stop on a loop tour (Salem-Bend-John Day-LaGrande-Enterprise-Pendleton-Bend Salem). The board discussed logistics and camping/staying hotels. The board had no issues with camping for this tour or it being 3 days long. Kevin/Rich/Jeff will be doing some more work on setting up this type of tour and will get back with the board.

### **Operating Guidelines/Applications/Board self-assessment**

K. Herkamp gave board a discussion on updating and improving board/program operations. The board and K.Herkamp discussed on the needs for updating the operating guidelines, application form, guidance for applicants, and board self-assessment. This was an introductory discussion more will occur over the next few months. The idea is to have a small sub-committee to get more in depth on future implantation of new changes. The board was supportive of all actions. During this discussion Y. Lind pointed out that R&E funding needs to increase due to inflation. The buying power from many years ago when the fund was first established is approximately 40%-50% lower due to no adjustments for inflation.R. Heap and Y. Lind agreed to lead a new sub-committee to look into possible options and present them to management.

### **Mandatory Board Trainings**

J. Davis discussed with the board about the required annual trainings of the following -2021 DAS EIS Information Security and Training Foundations and Discrimination and Harassment Free Workplace. The board was emailed the training materials on 11/19 and was to review and read prior to this meeting. J. Davis explained to the board that by reviewing these they have met the required trainings for the year. To confirm that they agree and have read the meeting materials the board was asked to do a "yes" vote if they have reviewed and understand/agree or a "No" vote if they have not reviewed these trainings at this time or had more questions. There was a quick go around with the board to confirm.

K. Brown (Yes), D. Grosjacques (Yes), Y. Lind (Yes), S. Chambers (Yes), R. Heap (Yes), Cary Johnson (not in attendance), Ray Monroe (not in attendance)

### **Adjourn**

About 4:30pm