



Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 16, 2021

Location: Zoom Teleconference 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: Cary Johnson had issues joining the meeting and joined in at 1:15pm.

Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Rich Heap called the Restoration & Enhancement Program Board meeting to order at 1 pm and introductions were made.

Meeting Agenda Approval

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting agenda.

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by S. Chambers and approved by the Board 6-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the January 27, 2021 meeting minutes. The draft minutes were amended to strike the reference to January 22, 2016 meeting minutes and insert the words “September 23, 2020 and November 27, 2020” in its place.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to approve the September 2020 meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Y. Lind and approved by the Board 6-0.

Board Reports

Members reported on activities around their various regions. Cary Johnson joined after the reports were over.

Budget Update and Administrative Updates

Jeff Davis will serve in a job rotation until permanent replacement is selected since Debbie’s retirement. Kevin Herkamp provided a budget update to the Board. There was mention of HB3150 and use of hatch boxes on streams. There is an upcoming public hearing on this. Kevin also mentioned that there was \$30,000 remaining in Emergency Account and can be used in 19-21 or be carried over for use in 21-23. Response from the Board was, it was OK to be used in 21-23.

19-21 Emergencies

Siletz Steelhead pHOS- John Spangler from ODFW responded to questions on the Siletz Steelhead pHOS emergency request. Board was concerned that ODFW should fund these agency type programs instead of coming to R&E board for funding requests. Board was split on this for funding.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 4-3 with Cary, Kay, Ray voting no.

Jefferson County Pond- Blake Fonnesbeck joined meeting to answer any of the board's questions. Board has already devoted R&E funds to this project and believe they should maintain the investment.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 7-0.

COVID Related Extension Requests

19-013 Marr Pond- Bryce Hansen discussed the need for project extension.

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and approved by the Board 7-0.

19-021 Black Rockfish- Leif Rassmussen described need for the project extension.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by S. Chambers. and approved by the Board 7-0.

19-21 Hatchery Bundle Spend Down, Final Amendment

19-21 ODFW Hatchery Bundle Amendment- Scott Patterson described modifications to 19-21 Hatchery Bundle. Expecting \$85K to be reimbursed directly to R&E from insurance claims. If there is leftover money from request, it would go back to R&E. Scott assured the board that the items in the March 16th memo would be completed by the end of the biennium.

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to approve the request as outlined in Scott's letter dated March 16th, 2021. The motion was seconded by Y. Lind and approved by the Board 7-0.

21-23 STEP & R&E Program Budget

A lengthy discussion of 21-23 Program budget ensued with questions regarding publicity expenses and marketing. Revenue for 21-23 is projected to be \$4,209,150. Current Project proposals will leave sufficient funds for future proposals

Motion: K. Brown motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by S. Chambers and approved by the Board 7-0.

21-23 Cycle 1 Project Review and Public Comment

The Chair called for any public questions regarding any of the 21-23 Project proposals. There were none. Following discussion of each project, the Board adjourned while scores for each project were tallied. Board actions below.

21-02 Fishing Facilities Bundle

There was a general discussion of R&E funds for dredging mechanical vs. suction dredging.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 7-0

21-03 Diamond Lake Cabin

Frank Drake, ODFW responded to questions. Rich Heap commented that this is the last year he will vote for this project, feeling was that maintaining cabin should be an ODFW responsibility. Agreed this is important project for fishermen.

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by C. Johnson and approved by the Board 4-3.

21-04 Noble Creek STEP Hatchery

Gary Vonderohe, ODFW responded to questions regarding commercial benefits. Chinook are primarily caught in commercial fisheries off Alaska and Canada. Do not benefit Oregonians. Primary benefit is for sport fishermen. Also responded to question regarding Long Term agreement with property owner. Assured that landowner will pass property to son, Coos River STEP gets hatchery in will.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by C. Johnson and approved by the Board 7-0.

21-05 Morgan Lake Vault Toilet

R&E Staff responded to questions regarding design of toilet.

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

21-06 Old McKenzie Hatchery

Wisteria Stuart responded to questions. Kay noted letter of recommendation from Bob Bumstead, former R&E Board member. Jeremy Romer, ODFW, supported proposal. Assured Board that questions regarding water rights and approval from State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has been resolved.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by D. Grosjacques and approved by the Board 7-0.

21-07 Investigation of John Day Overshoot

Ian Tattam responded to questions. Described project. Yancy supported project strongly.

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and approved by the Board 6-1.

21-08 Iron Head Habitat Enhancement

Matt Swanson joined conversation near end and described project in detail after questions from Board members regarding how project will work and need for fencing to protect vegetation.

Motion: R. Monroe motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by S. Chambers and approved by the Board 7-0.

21-09 Warmwater Fish Mounts

Herb Doumitt responded to questions

Motion: Y. Lind motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by K. Brown and approved by the Board 7-0.

21-10 Carcus Creek Habitat Enhancement

Allan Whiting, representing the Lower Columbia River Watershed Council informed the board that OWEB had approved their funding request and that their \$43,500 request (lowered from \$72,450) was needed as match for OWEB. Dave Steward, ODFW, supported the request and described the significance of this project to lower river fisheries.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by C. Johnson and approved by the Board 7-0.

21-11 Bottom Fish Models

PSMFC responded to questions regarding COVID concerns.

Motion: K. Brown motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by S. Chambers and approved by the Board 7-0.

21-12 Wyeth River Access Enhancement

Scott McBride, Deschutes National Forest, responded to questions. Board members questioned the amount of angler use, severely degraded section of river.

Motion: C. Johnson motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by R. Monroe and approved by the Board 7-0.

Update on Operating Guidelines

Postponed until interim meeting or September meeting.

Summer interim meeting/tour

Discussion, All. If September meeting in person, prefer South Coast in September. Meeting scheduled for September 24. Tour would occur on September 23, possibly extended into September 22.

Adjourn

About 5 pm