



# Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 15, 2022

**Location:** Teams 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:** N/A

### Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Rich Heap called the Restoration & Enhancement Program Board meeting to order at 8 am.

### Meeting Agenda Approval & Meeting Minutes Approval

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting agenda & meeting minutes at the same time

Motion: D. Grosjacques motioned to approve both the meeting agenda & meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by S. Chambers and approved by the Board 7-0.

### Budget Update and Administrative Updates

Kevin Herkamp discussed with the board if they funded all projects \$513k would remain. This is within the margin the Board has requested to hold back for a starting balance. This would effectively mean the program is spent out and only returned funds would be available for cycle 4. This is consistent with the guidance of being 90+% spent out before cycle 4. Currently there is an issue with the need for a “balance between restoration and enhancement”. Currently the split is 27% R, 56% E, and 27% unawarded. If all current cycle 3 requests are funded the balance would be 28.5%R, 62.5%E, and 9% unawarded. This is okay but may mean that over the next 1 to 2 biennia we will need to invest more in the restoration side of the account to balance expenses over the long term.

### 21-23 Amendments

Bryce Hansen discussed the need for amendment to project 21-002 “Fishing Facilities Bundle 21/23” and the need for additional funding due to unforeseen cost increases with supplies, equipment, gas, etc.

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

### **21-23 Cycle 3 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.

#### **21-021 Hatcheries Climate Resiliency Analysis, Rock Creek**

General discussion. Scott Patterson discussed and responded to questions.

#### **21-022 Internships Invasive Fish Removal in High Lakes**

ODFW STEP Biologist Jen Luke discussed and responded to questions. ODFW Mike Gauvin discussed as well. K. Brown would like to support this project.

#### **21-023 Ochoco Preserve Restoration- Phase 1**

General discussion. Y. Lind supports this project.

#### **21-024 Salt Creek RM 2.3 Fish Passage Enhancement**

General discussion. D. Grosjacques supports this project.

#### **21-025 McKenzie pHOS above Leaburg Dam Sorter Evaluation**

General discussion. Mixed feelings about this project. D.Grosjacques and R. Heap discussed. D. Grosjacques is going to recommend not funding. Seems to be 4-3 split verses approving or not approving.

#### **21-026 Gerber Pond Fish Screening Project**

General discussion. The landowner has screening on pumps and has been very proactive working with ODFW and has supplied his own equipment to help and fill dirt.

#### **21-029 Heart Lake Rotenone Treatment**

General discussion.

#### **21-030 Weaver Pond Non-Native Control Phase 1**

General discussion.

**Motion:** Y. Lind motioned to approve all the above projects with the exception to deny funding for 21-025. The motion was seconded by R. Monroe and approved by the Board 7-0.

### **Updates on recent federal funding developments**

Kregg Smith from ODFW gave presentation and overview of Fish Division Priorities and focus areas related to IJJA/RAWA (#InvestinginOregon) R. Heap would like to propose a subcommittee with Y. Lind, K. Brown, and R. Monroe on it to report back in September or early 2023. Amended note: The subcommittee was unable to meet.

### **2022 Meetings/Tour**

K. Herkamp discussed with the board on a possible multi-day field tour with ideas and estimated time frame of June 2-5<sup>th</sup>. Lots of discussion on possible board members that won't be able to attend and maybe the need to change the dates.

### **Program updates**

Mike Gauvin gave updates on the program. He talked about a Legislative Concept for R & E that would explore indexing R & E funds. He also gave an update of the hiring of a full time AS1 R&E/STEP assistant. Jeff Davis who is currently filling in with a job rotation, his rotation will be coming to an end somewhere around June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Board Updates**

Members reported on activities from around their various regions.

**Adjourn**  
About 12 pm