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TO: SRFB Members and Designees

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SUBJECT: Program and Activity Requests – SRFB 2006 Grant Round

Background

The SRFB's April 2006 meeting will focus primarily on the fund allocations and criteria for Lead Entities' and Regions' habitat projects for the 2006 Grant Round.

For certain statewide programs or other non-habitat project activities, the SRFB also considers funding requests for "programmatic" funding. This cover memo outlines the programs or activities likely to seek programmatic funding support in the 2006 grant cycle. A financial outline of the SRFB's overall funding availability through June 2007 is enclosed, followed by detailed memos for most of the specific request items. SRFB direction and decision on these items is sought.

Programmatic Requests Overview

1. National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) - Continue and extend the "small grants" matching program, for statewide coverage. Requested amount: \$1.5 million, state funds. *Letter of request is enclosed.*
2. Intensively Monitored Watersheds (IMWs) – Request for targeting funding or prioritization of needs in upcoming grant rounds, to sustain the IMW work commenced in 2004. *Memo enclosed.*
3. Support for SRFB's Review Panel – The Board is requested to provide a placeholder for funding the Panel's work. Final amount to be determined by the June SRFB meeting as the role and composition of the Panel is refined for the 2006 Grant Round. *Staff will brief the Board at the meeting.*
4. Assessment of Assessments - Support for an independent review of the nature, use and results of the numerous assessments funded by SRFB to



- date, and preparation of recommended future criteria for SRFB-funded assessments. Requested funding: Not to exceed \$100,000. *Memo enclosed.*
5. Workshop for project sponsors - This conference would help train on-the-ground project sponsors, share experiences and best practices, and provide SRFB an opportunity to recognize those who do the on-the-ground work for habitat projects. Requested funding: Not to exceed \$30,000. *Memo enclosed.*
 6. WDFW-sponsored training for Lead Entities - Support for organizational training for the Lead Entities on topics such as project sponsor recruitment, meeting management, community communication, and conflict resolution. Requested funding: Not to exceed \$25,000. *Memo enclosed.*
 7. PCSRF Phase II performance measurements and related data system - Support may be needed to address NOAA-required programming or staff assistance for the reporting system for PCSRF¹ funds. Requested funding: unknown at this time; discussions with NOAA and the other PCSRF states will continue. *Memo enclosed.*
 8. Enhanced coordination of non-regional areas – In the ITF's recommendations for the 2006 Round, it is suggested that the Coast and Northeast areas increase coordination to enhance area-wide strategic approaches, and perhaps modify Lead Entity boundaries. Current operational funding is unlikely to be sufficient to cover these new duties. Requested funding: unknown at this time. Discussions with WDFW, the affected Lead Entities and SRFB staff will be the basis for recommendations at the June 2006 SRFB meeting.

Recommendations:

- The SRFB consider these activities and programs in April, and make decisions to the extent possible so that remaining funds and guidance for habitat projects can be determined.
- Staff recommends that no other programmatic topics be eligible for 2006 Round consideration unless necessary to comply with direction from the funding source.

¹ PCSRF – Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund, the term applied to the federal funds for West Coast salmon recovery.

Available SRFB Capital Funds in 05 - 07 Budget

Estimates prepared March 20, 2006*

		(millions)	
A	Starting Balance, March 2006 (state and federal thru FFY 06)*		
	Net Federal FY 06	11.820	
	Net State Funds [05-07], incl. Reapprop adjustments	9.515	
B	Estimated Funds now available through June 2007*:	21.335	
C	Less Other programs (NFWF, IMWs, etc)		
	1	NFWF?	1.500
	2	IMW?	0.650
	3	Review Panel?	0.200
	4	Assessment of assessments??	0.100
	5	Sponsor Workshop?	0.030
	6	WDFW Training for LEs?	0.030
	7	NMFS programming - measures?	??
	8	Enhanced area coordination?	??
	Other programs?	??	
	Subtotal	3.300 ??	
D	ESTIMATED FUNDS AVAILABLE for December 2006:	<u>18.000</u> approx.	

(millions)

**Any returned funds received after March 20 NOT included*