

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS

Natural Resource Building, RM 259
August 23, 2017 – Special Meeting

Item	Formal Action	Follow-up Action
1. Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of June 14-15, 2017 Meeting Minutes • Approval of the 2018 Meeting Calendar 	Decision Motion Approved	No follow-up action requested.
2. Overview of Available Funding	Briefings	No follow-up action requested.
3. Discussion and Decision on whether to modify project selection process in light of reduced budget	Discussion and Decision Motion Approved selecting alternative 1 per memo 3	Staff will work on alternatives for cost savings and staffing issues for the 2018 grant cycle; to be presented to the board in December 2017.
4. Funding Decisions to carry through to the end of the calendar year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Organizations • Lead Entities • Review Panel 	Discussion and Decision Motion Approved per memo 4	If no capital budget before December, decisions for continued funding for regions, lead entities, and monitoring will be discussed and decisions made at the December board meeting.
5. Monitoring contracts in the absence of a capital budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring Contracts • Monitoring Panel 	Briefing and Decision Motion Approved per memo 5	No follow-up action requested
Chair Letter to Departments of Ecology and Fish and Wildlife about the escape of Atlantic Salmon from the damaged net pens	Board Initiated Decision	RCO will draft a letter, from Chair Troutt on behalf of the SRFB, to the Departments of Ecology and Fish and Wildlife, and route to members for consideration and comment before sending.

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES

Date: August 23, 2017

Place: Natural Resource Building, Room 259, 1111 Washington St SE, Olympia, WA

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Members Present or connected via computer or telephone:

David Troutt, Chair	Olympia	Carol Smith	Department of Ecology
Nancy Biery	Quilcene	Susan Kanzler	Department of Transportation
Bob Bugert	Wenatchee	Erik Neatherlin	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Jeff Breckel	Longview	Megan Duffy	Department of Natural Resources
Phil Rockefeller	Bainbridge Island		

It is intended that this summary be used with the materials provided in advance of the meeting. The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) retains a recording as the formal record of the meeting.

Opening and Welcome

Chair David Troutt called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. welcomed board, staff, and audience. The RCO Director called roll, quorum was determined. Member Cochrane was excused. Chair Troutt and Members Breckel and Kanzler were present in-person. Members Biery, Rockefeller, Smith, Bugert and Neatherlin called in via phone. Members Duffy was absent.

Motion: Agenda adoption
Moved by: Member - Breckel
Seconded by: Member - Biery
Decision: Approved

Item 1: Consent Agenda

The board reviewed the consent agenda which included approval of the June 14 - 15 meeting minutes and the 2018 meeting calendar.

Motion: Consent Agenda
Moved by: Member - Rockefeller
Seconded by: Member - Biery
Decision: Approved

Board Business: Briefing

Item 2: Overview of Available Funding

Overview: Director Cottingham provided an overview of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board funding currently available. This includes funding from the legislatively adopted operating budget and the re-appropriations from prior capital budgets. It does not include any new capital budget funds, because the Legislature has not yet adopted a 2017-19 capital budget.

Board Business: Decisions

Item 3: Discussion and decision on whether to modify project selection process

Overview: Salmon Section Manager, Tara Galuska provided a summary and status of the current 2017 board grant cycle and analysis of how to proceed given that the Legislature have not yet passed a capital budget for the 2017-2019 biennium.

Alternative 1 – Carry on status quo to create a ranked list of salmon recovery projects ready for funding.

Alternative 2 – Approve lists as they exist now without further review by the review panel.

Alternative 3 – Halt the current grant cycle and re-start once a capital budget is implemented.

Motion: Move to approve Alternative 1 and the staff recommendation to implement a cost savings measure to the regions, lead entities and Review Panel by cancelling the Regional Area meetings for all regions, and only have those areas with Projects of Concern (POCs), attend the meeting to present to the Review Panel.

Moved by: Member - Rockefeller

Seconded by: Member - Biery

Decision: Approved motion as recommended in memo 3.

Item 4: Funding decisions to carry through to the end of the calendar year.

Director Cottingham updated the board on an option to fund partner needs through the end of the calendar year 2017 in light of the Legislature not passing a capital budget.

Public/Partner Comment: Jess Helsley – Coast Salmon Partnership. Supports staff recommendation but asked if no budget by December, consider alternative sources that might be available to regions and lead entities who do not have access to additional funds.

Motion: Move to approve the funding decisions outlined in memo 4 for:

- The Review Panel -- using 2017 PCSRF Funds
- Regional Organizations -- using 2017 PCSRF Funds
- Lead Entities -- using GFS & returned bond funds

These decisions are effective immediately through December 31, 2017.

Moved by: Member - Breckel

Seconded by: Member - Rockefeller

Decision: Approved motion as recommended in memo 4.

Board Request: If no capital budget before December, decisions for continued funding for regions, lead entities, and monitoring will be discussed and decisions made at the December board meeting.

Item 5: Monitoring Contracts in the absence of a Capital Budget

GSRO Science Coordinator Keith Dublanica briefed the board about needed monitoring funding for the balance of 2017 in light of the Legislature not passing a capital budget.

Motion: Move to approve the monitoring funding decisions outlined in memo 5 for:
•The Monitoring Panel – using 2017 PCSRF Funds
•Monitoring Projects -- using 2017 PCSRF Funds
These decisions are effective immediately through December 31, 2017.

Moved by: Member - Breckel

Seconded by: Member - Biery

Decision: Approved motion as outlined in memo 5.

Additional Board Discussion

Board members initiated a discussion about the situation of the recent escape of thousands of Atlantic salmon into Puget Sound from failed net pens. The Board asked that a letter be drafted outlining impacts of this situation on salmon recovery efforts. RCO will draft a letter, from David Troutt on behalf of the Board, to the Departments of Ecology and Fish and Wildlife, and will route to members for consideration and comment.

General Public Comment

No public comment was received at this time.

Closing:

Chair Troutt adjourned the special board meeting at 10:52 p.m.

Approved by:



David Troutt, Chair

12/7/17

Date