

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS

Natural Resource Building, RM 172, Olympia, WA 98501

December 7, 2017

Item	Formal Action	Follow-up Action
<p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of August 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes Review and approval of agenda 	<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Agenda – Phil and Bob Approve August 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes – Jeff and Phil 	<p>No follow-up action requested.</p>
<p>1. Director’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director’s Report Legislative, budget, and policy updates Performance update Fiscal Report 	<p>Briefings</p>	<p>Follow-up action requested:</p> <p>The Board would like to communicate to the Legislature the impact of no capital budget. Staff will draft for the chair’s signature on behalf of the board. This was approved via consensus.</p> <p>Distribute JLARC report to the board</p>
<p>2. Salmon Recovery Management Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office Report Salmon Section Report 	<p>Briefings</p>	<p>Follow-up action requested: GSRO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present final GSRO work plan – March meeting Provide update on SRNet Foundation formation – March meeting Add SRNET strategy for outreach to the Board’s communication plan
<p>Report from partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor’s Office Update 	<p>JT Austin reported The Orca Task Force is for implementation of actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate, Seasonal, and Long-term <p>With a report due on October 1, 2018.</p>	<p>Follow-up action requested: Provide a report on the status of the task force at the March meeting.</p>
<p>Salmon Recovery Management Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salmon Section Report 		<p>No follow-up requested.</p>

<p>3. Reports from Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council of Regions Report • Washington Salmon Coalition Report • Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group • Board roundtable: other agency updates 	<p>Briefings</p>	<p>Follow-up action requested: December 2017 is the last SRFB meeting for Megan Duffy. Stephen Bernath will be her replacement as the new DNR rep. Things to do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update SRFB members Web page to reflect change • Schedule new member orientation for Stephen • Recognize Megan during March meeting
<p>General Comments</p>		<p>No follow up action requested:</p>
<p>4. Lay of the land from December 2017 through the end of March 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predictions • Available Funding • Distribution of available funding 	<p>Briefings and Decision</p> <p>Moved – Bob Bugert Seconded – Phil Rockefeller Approved as presented</p>	<p>Follow-up action requested: If no Capital Budget, will need to come back March meeting.</p>
<p>5. How or whether to conduct the 2018 grant cycle in the absence of a capital budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options • Approve Manual 18 timeline 	<p>Briefings and Decision</p> <p>Moved – Jeff Breckel Seconded – Phil Rockefeller Approved as presented.</p>	<p>No follow up action requested.</p>
<p>6. 2017 grant round</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview • Slideshow of featured projects • Review panel comments 	<p>Briefings and Decision</p> <p>Tara Galuska provided an overview of the grant round. Grant managers presented one proposed project from each region. Tom Slocum provided Review Panel reflections of this grant cycle.</p> <p>The Board recognized Kelley Jorgensen’s time on the Review Panel.</p>	<p>Follow –up action requested: Tara will talk with the Washington Association of Land Trusts re: concerns with observation on protection project requests being so low this round.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board funding decisions 	<p>Decisions</p> <p><i>Mid-Columbia</i> Moved – Bob Bugert Seconded – Phil Rockefeller Approved as presented</p> <p><i>WA Coast</i> Moved – Jeff Breckel</p>	<p>No follow up action requested.</p>

	<p>Seconded – Phil Rockefeller Approved as presented</p> <p><i>Upper-Columbia</i> Moved – Phil Rockefeller Seconded – Bob Bugert Approved as presented d</p> <p><i>Snake River</i> Moved – Bob Bugert Seconded – Jeff Breckel Approved as presented</p> <p><i>Puget Sound Partnership</i> Moved – Jeff Breckel Seconded – Phil Rockefeller Approved as presented</p> <p>NE Washington Region Moved – Phil Rockefeller Seconded – Bob Bugert Approved as presented</p> <p>LCFRB Moved – Bob Bugert Seconded – Jeff Breckel Approved as presented</p> <p>Hood Canal CC Moved – Jeff Breckel Seconded – Phil Rockefeller Approved as presented</p>	
<p>7. Options to allow 2016 applicants to proceed with certain aspects in light of the capital budget situation</p>	<p>Briefing and Decision Moved – Phil Rockefeller Seconded – Jeff Breckel Approved as presented</p>	<p>No follow up action requested.</p>
<p>Next meeting March 21-22, 2018 Planning joint meeting with OWEB in June.</p>		

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES

Date: December 7th, 2017

Place: Natural Resource Building, Room 172, 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	Brian Cochrane	Washington Conservation Commission

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 9:06 a.m., welcomed the board, staff, and audience. Staff called roll and a quorum was determined. Members Nancy Biery and Carol Smith were excused. Member Brian Cochrane will only be in attendance until noon.

Motion: Approval of the December 7, 2017, Meeting Agenda.
Moved by: Member Phil Rockefeller
Seconded by: Member Bob Bugert
Decision: Approved as presented

Approval of August 23rd, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approval of the August 23 Meeting Minutes.
Moved by: Member Jeff Breckel
Seconded by: Member Phil Rockefeller
Decision: Approved as presented

Management and Partner Reports

Item 1: Directors Report

Director's Report: Director Cottingham and Wendy Brown, Policy Director, briefed the board on agency, legislative, budget, and policy updates. As well as summarized the fiscal report and performance update report for the board members and audience.

Board members had clarifying questions about some of the news coming out of the Legislature, and had further discussion about some of the in-progress executive orders coming out of the Governor's office.

Item 2: Salmon Recovery Management Report

Governor's Salmon Recovery Office Report: Steve Martin, Executive Coordinator, updated the board on what the first few months in his new role have been like. He also highlighted the GSRO work plan, and gave updates on SRNet and the communications plan.

Board had clarifying questions for Steve about agency policy workgroup and timelines. Kaleen let everyone know it all depends on the budget and the work handed down from the Governor's office.

Jessica Helsey and Amy Hatch-Winecka presented on behalf of SRNet. They discussed the purpose of SRNet, its accomplishments over the past year, challenges, and next steps for the future. Ms. Helsey and Ms. Hatch-Winecka outlined what the funding would look like going forward, as they would not be able to accept state or federal funding being an advocacy and/or lobbying group.

Board discussed how important it is to act as a united front when it comes to supporting salmon recovery, including telling the same story, both visually, and through media. Board discussed challenges of getting the word out about salmon recovery to all partners and potential partners, not just people directly involved in the grants process.

Salmon Section Report: Tara Galuska, salmon section manager, updated the board on the 2016 and 2017 grant rounds, including PSAR projects approved by the board in 2016, and the results of the RFQQ in reference to the review panel. Ms. Galuska reviewed a detailed list of approved amendments and completed closed projects that the staff have been working on. She also introduced the Washington Water and Salmon Fund Finder. This multiagency effort will help people find appropriate grants and other public money to fund their projects. Ms. Galuska also reviewed some of the challenges that a lack of capital budget has presented in regards to expanding this potential statewide tool.

Board discussed how this website has been a long time coming and they have wanted something like this for a while. This kind of website has the potential to have tangible benefits on smaller agencies that don't have a large staff or many resources. Board commented how it ultimately streamlines the process of finding available and appropriate funding for projects.

Item 3: Reports from Partners

Governor's Office Update: JT Austin, Natural Resource Senior Policy Advisor to the Governor, updated the board on the Governor's executive order for the orca task force. This task force will not be for research, as they know the issues and the problems. This task force instead, will be focused on solutions and immediate action. Ms. Austin outlined the specific work groups within the task force, and some of the agencies and people to be involved. The focus is on the now, and what immediate action can be taken while waiting for the orcas to return next May. The Governor wants to recognize that this is a statewide issue, not just a Puget Sound issue, and will be willing to address challenging issues in order to move forward. The public needs to understand what is happening, there will be much education and outreach needed. Pulling people together with opposing interests and ideas will be crucial in making this work (commercial fisheries, biologists, salmon recovery workers, recreational fisherman, etc.).

The board discussed how this will directly benefit salmon recovery and some of the challenges that have presented themselves. Examples being, no capital budget and how no money means no workforce for salmon recovery.

Council of Regions Report (COR): Steve Manlow, Council of Regions Chair, provided an update on what the COR has accomplished this past year, as well as where they are headed. They have been coordinating with Steve Martin in his new role to make sure that their work plan is in line with the state work plan. The

goal is to promote much greater awareness in the respective regions in regards to salmon recovery. Monitoring is going to be an important element in the work plan, as there are a great many unmet needs in the region. They will also be working to end and apply the IMW programs. Mr. Manlow further explained that the COR will be continuing to engage in the broader statewide initiatives that were brought to light today (orca task force, lack of capital budget, pinniped predation, etc.).

Board discussed the COR's new and existing priorities, and how they share a common interest with the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) as far as monitoring and recognizing progress in the regions.

Washington Salmon Coalition (WSC) Report: Alicia Olivas, briefed the board on the many discussions that the coalition has been having. The lean entity process at this time has been stalled due to no capital budget being passed. Without the capital budget there is no money for travel, Ms. Olivas pointed out that this will have direct impacts to the grant round. In order to move forward as best as they can with no capital budget, the Washington Salmon Coalition created a survey to gather information. They solicited feedback from all their local partners to answer questions on the survey. They took the results back to the WSC, COR, and shared with RCO and the SRFB. In considering the options to either delay to combine with the current grant round, Alicia highlighted that many of the answers received in the questionnaire and the challenges that would affect each scenario. Ultimately, their recommendation, which aligns with the results of the survey, is to continue as normal and hope a budget passes shortly. This will keep the momentum going for salmon recovery.

Board asked Ms. Olivas some questions and further discussed the results of the survey.

Break 10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups: Jeanette Dorner, Executive Director of the Mid-Sound RFEG, reviewed the projects and groups that are doing the work across the state of Washington. Ms. Dorner gave an example of how important it is that all these different people come together with a common goal to get the work done. She reviewed the Green-Duwamish youth exchange. This program works with underprivileged youth in this watershed in order to complete projects that will make a difference in their community.

Board Roundtable and Other Agency Updates:

Brian Cochrane, Washington Conservation Commission, provided an update similar to what has been discussed so far: the capital budget is a top issue and concern for them. If the Washington Conservation Commission doesn't get funding in time they will lose funding with the Farm Services Agency (FSA). Not all of their agency is supported by the capital budget, but a majority is.

Megan Duffy, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, updated the board that this will be her last Salmon Recovery Funding Board meeting due to her promotion by the Commissioner of Public Lands. Her replacement, Stephen Bernath, will be present at the March 2018 SRFB meeting.

Susan Kanzler, Washington State Department of Transportation, reviewed many of the projects that WSDOT has completed over the past year that directly affect fish and fish passage. She also let the board know that WSDOT will be part of the Orca Task Force.

Erik Neatherlin, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, provided an update on staff changes at WDFW and a few of their legislative priorities moving forward.

General Public Comment: *No public comment at this time.*

Board Business: Decisions

Item 4: Lay of the Land from December 2017 through the end of March 2018

Predictions and Available Funding: Kaleen Cottingham, RCO Director, provided an overview of the SRFB funding that is currently available, and limitations of each. Including funding from the adopted operating budget and from the re-appropriated capital funds, as the Legislature has not yet adopted a 2017-2017 capital budget.

Board discussed questions they had about the details of funding; including, where the money is coming from, and the limitations of each source. They further discussed the need for getting creative in spending the closer we get to March.

Motion: Move to approve \$1,923,922 for the funding decisions outlined in memo 4
Moved by: Member Bob Bugert
Seconded by: Member Phil Rockefeller
Decision: Approved

General Public Comment: *No public comment at this time.*

Item 5A: How or Whether to Conduct the 2018 Grant Cycle in the Absence of a Capital Budget

Options: Tara Galuska, Salmon Section Manager and Scott Robinson, RCO Deputy Director, briefed the board on many of the challenges facing the grant round of salmon section of RCO. They outlined several directions the board could take, and asked the board for direction.

Board discussed the options for what will happen in the future, and potential repercussions of what a new grant round would look like, including the risks of moving forward business as usual. In the end, staff recommended staying the course, business as usual. More details in March, if there is no capital budget.

Item 5B: Approval of Manual 18 and Timeline

Tara Galuska, Salmon Section Manager, summarized for the board the decision of staff to not make any significant changes to Manual 18, aside from amending Appendix B. This decision was made in order to save staff resources and streamline this year's processes for lead entities and applicants.

Motion: Move to Approve the 2018 Grant Schedule
Moved by: Member Jeff Breckel
Seconded by: Member Phil Rockefeller
Decision: Approved

General Public Comment:

Alicia Olivas – spoke to what the repercussions of delaying the grant round would look like, rather than moving along business as usual. In their survey to sponsors, they all agreed that moving forward would be the best scenario.

Board discussed how important it is to speak to your local representatives about issues that are important to you.

Working lunch 12:25 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.

Item 6A: 2017 Grant Round: Overview

Tara Galuska, Salmon Section Manager, reviewed for the board the projects identified in the 2017 Salmon Recovery Grant Funding Report (attachment 6). The funding report provides background on the process used to identify and evaluate the projects under consideration as well as the project lists.

Item 6B: 2017 Grant Rounds: Slideshow of featured projects

Coast Salmon Partnership: Alice Rubin, OGM Salmon Section, provided a brief overview of the #1 ranked project for the Quinault Lead Entity, including the goals, project highlights, project scope, and area.

Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board: Josh Lambert, OGM Salmon Section, provided a brief overview of the #3 ranked project of the Lower Columbia Region. This project is collaborating with the U.S. Forest Service, and willing landowners. Josh highlighted the project goals, scope, species involved, and area.

Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board: Marc Duboiski, OGM Salmon Section, provided an overview of the #9 ranked project for Upper Columbia. This project is collaborating with Chelan County Natural Resources. Marc highlighted the project's goals, scope, species benefited, and area. Marc concluded his project by showing a video of the affected area.

Middle Columbia River: Kay Caromile, OGM Salmon Section, provided an overview about the Mid Columbia's #1 ranked project. She highlighted the species that would be helped, the area where the project is to be completed, and project scope.

Snake River Salmon Recovery Board: Kay Caromile, OGM Salmon Section, provided an overview of the #1 ranked project in the Snake Region. This monitoring project collaborates with Eco logical Resources and monitors the restoration done in Asotin creek.

San Juan Lead Entity: Mike Ramsey, OGM Salmon Section, provided an overview of the #1 ranked project of the San Juan Lead Entity. Mike highlighted the project's goals, scope, species, species benefited, and the area.

Hood Canal Region: Mike Ramsey, OGM Salmon Section, provided an overview of Hood Canals #4 ranked project. Mike reviewed the projects goals, scope, species benefited, and area.

Item 6C: 2017 Grant Round: Review Panel Comments

Tom Slocum, Review Panel Chair, provided a quick overview of this year's grant round, including general observations and noteworthy project. The panel had four main observations; they would like to see stronger designs, updated CFW designs with updated guidelines from WDFW, ASRP presents new opportunities for Chehalis Basin LE, and a desire for inclusion of all sponsors and stakeholders.

Board discussed the Review Panel's findings and observations.

The board also adopted a resolution to recognize the service of Kelley Jorgensen on the Review Panel.

General Public Comment:

John Foltz, Snake Recovery Acting Director, thanked the board on all their hard work, and he provided additional information on the IMW project that Kat proposed.

Dawn Pucci, Island County Lead Entity Coordinator, wanted to give thanks to RCO, GSRO, and the board for finding funding for them in this time of uncertainty.

Break 2:25 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

Item 6: 2017 Grant Round: Board Funding Decisions

Tara Galuska, Salmon Section Manager, introduced the topic of board funding decisions, reviewed the amount of work that went into these recommendations, and the planning that had to take place to bring these projects forward.

Middle Columbia River Salmon Recovery Region:

- Motion:** Move to approve \$1,688,400 for projects and project alternates in the Middle Columbia Salmon Recovery Board Region, as listed in Attachment 6 of the 2017 Salmon Recovery Grant Funding Report, dated December 7, 2017, and delegate authority to the RCO Director to enter into contract for these projects once a capital budget is passed. This amount includes \$501,587 of funding for projects in Klickitat County Lead Entity.
- Moved by:** Member Bob Bugert
- Seconded by:** Member Phil Rockefeller
- Decision:** Approved

Washington Coast Salmon Recovery Region:

- Motion:** Move to approve \$1,722,600 for projects and project alternates in the Coastal Region, as listed in Attachment 6 of the 2017 Salmon Recovery Grant Funding Report, dated December 7, 2017, and delegate authority to the RCO Director to enter into contract for these projects once a capital budget is passed.
- Moved by:** Member Jeff Breckel
- Seconded by:** Member Phil Rockefeller
- Decision:** Approved

Upper Columbia River Salmon Recovery Region:

- Motion:** Move to approve \$1,855,800 for projects and project alternates in the Upper Columbia Region, as listed in Attachment 6 of the 2017 Salmon Recovery Grant Funding Report, dated December 7, 2017, and delegate authority to the RCO Director to enter into contract for these projects once a capital budget is passed.
- Moved by:** Member Phil Rockefeller
- Seconded by:** Member Bob Bugert
- Decision:** Approved

Snake River Salmon Recovery Region:

- Motion:** Move to approve \$1,519,200 for projects and project alternates in the Snake River Region, as listed in Attachment 6 of the 2017 Salmon Recovery Grant Funding Report, dated December 7, 2017, and delegate authority to the RCO Director to enter into contract for these projects once a capital budget is passed.
- Moved by:** Member Bob Bugert
- Seconded by:** Member Jeff Breckel
- Decision:** Approved

Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Region:

Motion: Move to approve \$6,142,038 for projects and project alternates in the Puget Sound Region, as listed in Attachment 6 of the 2017 Salmon Recovery Grant Funding Report, dated December 7, 2017, and delegate authority to the RCO Director to enter into contract for these projects once a capital budget is passed.

Moved by: Member Jeff Breckel
Seconded by: Member Phil Rockefeller
Decision: Approved

Northeast Washington Salmon Recovery Region:

Motion: Move to approve \$342,000 for projects in the Northeast Region, as listed in Attachment 6 of the 2017 Salmon Recovery Grant Funding Report, dated December 7, 2017, and delegate authority to the RCO Director to enter into contract for these projects once a capital budget is passed

Moved by: Member Phil Rockefeller
Seconded by: Member Bob Bugert
Decision: Approved

Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery Region:

Motion: Move to approve \$3,600,000 for projects and project alternates in the Lower Columbia Region, as listed in Attachment 6 of the 2017 Salmon Recovery Grant Funding Report, dated December 7, 2017, and delegate authority to the RCO Director to enter into contract for these projects once a capital budget is passed. This amount includes \$97,200 of funding for projects in Klickitat County Lead Entity.

Moved by: Member Bob Bugert
Seconded by: Member Jeff Breckel
Decision: Approved

Hood Canal Salmon Recovery Region:

Motion: Move to approve \$1,129,961 for projects and project alternates in the Hood Canal Region, as listed in the citizen's approved projects list in Attachment 6 of the 2017 Salmon Recovery Grant Funding Report, dated December 7, 2017, and delegate authority to the RCO Director to enter into contract for these projects once a capital budget is passed.

Moved by: Member Jeff Breckel
Seconded by: Member Phil Rockefeller
Decision: Approved

Item 7: Options to allow 2016 applicants to proceed with certain aspects in light of the capital budget situation

Kat Moore, Outdoors Grants Manager, provided a summary of the 2017-19 biennium capital budget situation. The lack of a capital budget has created challenges for applicants who are waiting to implement projects that may be funded if a budget is approved. Staff are asking the SRFB to consider expanding the list of eligible pre-agreement costs to allow applicants to proceed with restoration activities for this biennium only. This is a one-time approval request; right now, there isn't a policy change on the table.

Board discussed risks for both RCO and sponsors, and benefits in moving this direction. The biggest risk is a financial one to the sponsor.

General Public Comment:

Jason Mulville-Kuntz, King County, commented that this might be a valuable thing to have in their watershed.

Trisha Snyder, Yakima Basin LE Coordinator, brought up concerns that no one knows what the Legislature is going to do concerning the capital budget and this presents some risk for the sponsor.

Motion: Move to delegate authority to RCO's Director to approve a waiver of retroactivity for previously approved 2016 PSAR restoration projects and 2017 salmon recovery restoration projects which meet the requirements outlined in the implementation strategy with the understanding or condition that the applicant assumes all risks in the event the project is not funded.

Moved by: Member Phil Rockefeller

Seconded by: Member Jeff Breckel

Decision: Approved

Closing

Chair Troutt adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Approved by:



David Troutt, Chair

3/21/18

Date