

## SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS

Natural Resource Building, RM 172

August 9, 2018 – Conference Call

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Item	Formal Action	Follow-up Action
<b>1. Consent Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Approval of June 2018 meeting minutes.</li><li>Approval of the agenda</li></ul>	Decision <b>Motion: Approved</b>	No follow-up action requested.
<b>2. Directors Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Directors report and calendar discussion</li></ul>	Briefing	No follow-up action requested.
<b>3. Operating and Capital Budget Requests for 2019-2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposed Operating Budget Requests</li><li>Proposed Capital Budget Requests</li></ul>	Discussion and Decision <b>Motion: Approved (through four separate motions)</b>	Board requested a letter be sent, if necessary, to WDFW pending RFEF funding decisions.

## SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES

**Date:** August 9, 2018

**Place:** Natural Resource Building, Room 172, 1111 Washington St SE, Olympia, WA

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

<b>David Troutt, Chair</b>	Olympia	<b>Carol Smith</b>	Department of Ecology
<b>Bob Bugert</b>	Wenatchee	<b>Susan Kanzler</b>	Department of Transportation
<b>Jeff Breckel</b>	Longview	<b>Erik Neatherlin</b>	Department of Fish and Wildlife
<b>Phil Rockefeller</b>	Bainbridge Island	<b>Stephen Bernath</b>	Department of Natural Resources
<b>Jeromy Sullivan</b>	Kingston	<b>Brian Cochrane</b>	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 9:05 a.m. He welcomed board, staff, and audience. Staff called roll, quorum was determined. Chair Troutt and members Bernath, Breckel, Neatherlin and Sullivan were present in-person. Members Cochrane, Rockefeller, Bugert, Kanzler and Smith called in via phone.

**Motion:** Agenda adoption  
**Moved by:** Member Breckel  
**Seconded by:** Member Sullivan  
**Decision:** Approved

### Item 1: Consent Agenda

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

**Motion:** Consent Agenda  
**Moved by:** Member Bugert  
**Seconded by:** Member Breckel  
**Decision:** Approved

### Board Business: Briefing & Decision

#### Item 2: Directors Report

**Overview:** Director Cottingham provided a brief update on the LEAN process and the Orca Task Force meeting that took place in Wenatchee, WA earlier in the week. She introduced the proposed 2019 calendar for the board, and there was discussion of their schedules and potential conflicts.

Tara Galuska, Salmon Section Manager, informed the board that salmon grant applications will be due by the end of day and so far it's sizing up to be an average year as far as number of projects. She noted that she will have more information on projects of concern for the board at the September meeting.

Board discussed ramifications of Orca Task Force and how it has the potential to affect all salmon projects moving forward.

Board returned to approve the proposed 2019 meeting dates.

**Motion:** Adopt 2019 Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) meeting dates  
**Moved by:** Member Breckel  
**Seconded by:** Member Sullivan  
**Decision:** Approved

Member Erik Neatherlin offered a brief partner report noting that WDFW's new director started last week and that there will be a congressional tour next week in the area.

Chair Troutt gave an update on the members of the resident Orca J-Pod and stressed that recovery must be an ecosystem effort.

## **Board Business: Decisions**

### **Item 3: Operating and Capital Budget Requests for 2019-2021**

**Overview:** Wendy Brown, Policy Director, provided a summary, history, and several recommendations for RCO's submittal of the 2019-2021 biennial budget request to the Office of Financial Management (OFM). Ms. Brown presented several proposals to the SRFB for consideration. RCO staff will prepare the budget request approved by the SRFB for submittal to OFM by the September due date.

Ms. Brown reviewed the proposed operating and capital budget requests. Board members discussed in detail what the various requests were moving forward and how Orca Task Force recommendations, with emphasis on habitat, may help to increase salmon funding.

Ms. Brown continued her presentation with review of the proposed capital budget request. Board members discussed importance of making sure salmon remain priority moving forward, and talked in detail about Habitat Work Schedule.

Chair Troutt discussed taking Mid-Columbia out of the focused investment budget request, noting that it's going to take more work to get to delisting there due to the fact that three states are involved in this watershed. Board members discussed the pros and cons of this and agreed that taking Mid-Columbia off the table may be the best option.

*NOTE: Member Susan Kanzler was excused from the call at 10:00am.*

**Public Comment:** Lance Winneka, South Puget Sound Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group, wanted to comment about the need for \$600k in the capital funds budget for Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups (RFEG) and noted that these are for project development, not capacity funding. He noted that he understands this was supposed to be a one-time funding deal, but currently the RFEG's are not included in the WDFW budget request. He requested the SRFB approve placeholder funds for the RFEG's while the budgets are being discussed across agencies.

Board discussed how important on the ground work is, and how valuable the RFEG's are to getting projects done.

Members Smith and Rockefeller voiced concern over fairness of funding one sponsor, but not others. The Board discussed this and potential ramifications over funding just one sponsor with SRFB funds. The board then discussed how other organizations fund their projects to see if there may be some wisdom that could be shared.

The Board first moved the funding level in the capital budget:

**Motion:** Move to approve Option 3, in Item 1: Funding memo. This will cover 25% of Projects, minus funding for the focused Investment in Mid-Columbia for a total of \$88,903,500.  
**Moved by:** Member Bugert  
**Seconded by:** Member Breckel

**Decision:** Approved

Chair Troutt wanted to clarify that the SRFB isn't abandoning Mid-Columbia, only that they think it will be more beneficial to wait until there are more partners on board.

Board continued discussion for funding, or not funding, the RFEG's and how to loop WDFW in the conversation moving forward.

**Motion:** Move to approve \$641,000 as a placeholder for funding the RFEG, pending the outcome of discussions with WDFW.

**Moved by:** Member Bugert

**Seconded by:**

**Decision:** MOTION FAILED

The Board moved into the discussion of funding for balancing lead entity capacity between the operating budget and the capital budget:

**Motion:** SRFB move to recommend a LE Capacity funding request of \$796,500 in general fund, in addition to \$1,703,500 of capital budget funding request, and \$70,000 in general funds for the regions to participate in the hatchery production increase for orca survival.

**Moved by:** Member Rockefeller

**Seconded by:** Member Breckel

**Decision:** Approved

Board discussed funding of enhancements to the LE's due to increasing project funds and asked a few clarifying questions of Ms. Brown and Director Cottingham. Kaleen informed the board this was already approved in the first motion.

The Board then discussed the budget item to update the State's Salmon Recovery Strategy:

**Motion:** Move to approve the funding request for the update of the salmon recovery strategy (\$150,000) and approve the GSRO budget stabilization shift (\$288,000).

**Moved by:** Member Bugert

**Seconded by:** Member Breckel

**Decision:** Approved

There was no further discussion by the members of the board or the audience regarding the budget for 2019-21.

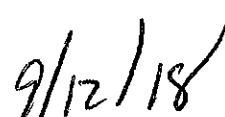
Chair Troutt adjourned the special board meeting at 10:47 a.m.

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*Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting on September 12, 2018*

**Approved by:**

  
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David Troutt, Chair

  
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