

PROPOSED Salmon Recovery Funding Board Meeting Agenda

September 19-20, 2012

Port Angeles Red Lion, 221 N. Lincoln, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Time: Opening sessions will begin as shown; all other times are approximate.

Order of Presentation:

In general, each agenda item will include a presentation, followed by board discussion and then public comment. The board makes decisions following the public comment portion of the agenda item.

Public Comment:

- Comments about topics not on the agenda are taken during General Public Comment.
- Comment about agenda topics will be taken with each topic.

If you wish to comment at a meeting, please fill out a comment card and provide it to staff. The chair will call you to the front at the appropriate time. You also may submit written comments to the Board by mailing them to the RCO, attn: Rebecca Connolly, Board Liaison or at rebecca.connolly@rco.wa.gov.

Special Accommodations:

If you need special accommodations, please notify us at 360/902-3013 or TDD 360/902-1996.

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

OPENING AND WELCOME

Noon	Call to Order	<i>Chair</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determination of Quorum• Welcome from Local Officials• Review and Approve Agenda (Decision)• Approve August 2012 Meeting Minutes (Decision)	

MANAGEMENT AND PARTNER REPORTS (Briefings)

12:15 p.m.	1. Management Status Report	
	A. Director's Report	<i>Kaleen Cottingham</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request for board approval: Approve service resolutions (Decision)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resolution 2012-03, Sara LaBorde• Resolution 2012-04, Megan Duffy• Resolution 2012-05, Steve McLellan	
	B. Financial Report	
	C. Policy and Legislative Report	<i>Steve McLellan</i>
	D. Performance Update (written only)	
12:30 p.m.	2. Salmon Recovery Management Reports	
	A. Governor's Salmon Recovery Office and Monitoring	<i>Kaleen Cottingham</i>
	B. Grant Management	<i>Brian Abbott</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request for board approval: Request for Proposal for State of the Salmon video component (Decision)• Project of Note	
	C. Policy Development Update	<i>Brian Abbott</i>

1:00 p.m.	3. Reports from Partners	
	a. Council of Regions Report	<i>Jeff Breckel</i>
	b. Lead Entity Advisory Group Report	<i>Cheryl Baumann</i>
	c. Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups	<i>Lance Winecka and Jason</i>
	• Short presentation of statewide program accomplishments	<i>Lundgren</i>
	d. Board Roundtable: Other Agency Updates	<i>SRFB Agency Representatives</i>

General Public Comment: *Please limit comments to 3 minutes*

2:00 p.m. BREAK

DECISIONS

2:15 p.m.	4. Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund	<i>Kaleen Cottingham</i>
	• Potential effect of NOAA grant application priorities, and the need to move capacity budget decisions to an annual versus biennial basis	

BRIEFINGS

3:00 p.m.	5. Sharing Information About Salmon Recovery	
	• Demonstration of the WDFW SCoRE website	<i>Brodie Cox</i>
	• Demonstration of the new approach to the State of the Salmon report	<i>Jennifer Johnson</i>

3:45 p.m.	6. Follow-up Regarding Puget Sound Action Agenda	<i>Jeanette Dorner</i>
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4:15 p.m. BREAK

4:30 p.m.	7. Discussion with Review Panel Chair of Topics of Interest	<i>Brian Abbott</i>
	• Knotweed control projects	<i>Patty Michak</i>
	• Beaver re-introduction proposals	
	• Clarifying when projects are really ongoing programs, and what is appropriate for board funding (e.g., knotweed removal)	

5:15 p.m.	8. Preview of Project Tour	<i>Tara Galuska</i>
	• Time lapse photography and video	<i>Cheryl Baumann</i>

5:30 p.m. ADJOURN

Thursday, September 20, 2012

8:00 a.m.	Tour Begins; Meet at Red Lion Hotel Parking Lot
	• Elwha Dam Overlook
	• Elwha Weir
	• Elwha Engineered Log Jams
	• Elwha Revegetation Projects
	• Dungeness Railroad Bridge Park
	• Discovery Bay

3:30 p.m. Tour Ends

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS, AUGUST 23, 2012

Agenda Items without Formal Action

Item	Follow-up Actions
Item 1: Budget Overview	Decision regarding capacity funding in the PCSRF application to be brought back in September.
Item 7: Liability Legislation	There were no follow-up actions

Agenda Items with Formal Action

Item	Formal Action	Follow-up Actions
Minutes	Minutes from April 2012 Approved	There were no follow-up actions
Item 2: 2013-15 Funding Requests made by the Board for Inclusion in the RCO's Budget Submittal to the Office of Financial Management	Approved a capital budget request of \$40 million for salmon habitat and restoration grants. Approved a budget request of \$10 million for the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program	There were no follow-up actions
Item 3: Funding Requests made by the Department of Natural Resources related to Salmon Recovery	Supported the Department of Natural Resource's capital budget request of \$11.54 million for the Family and Forest Fish Passage Program	There were no follow-up actions
Item 4: Funding Requests made by the Puget Sound Partnership related to Salmon Recovery	Supported the Partnership's capital budget request of \$80 million for salmon habitat and restoration grants in the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program Supported the Partnership's conceptual approach for distribution of grant funds for large projects.	Member Brown asked that the list of large projects be shared with the board.
Item 5: Funding for the Strait of Juan de Fuca Intensively Monitored Watershed	Funded the Strait of Juan de Fuca IMW monitoring effort through June 30, 2013 at a cost of \$206,462 and asked the IMW Steering Committee to discuss and provide recommendations regarding the potential of additional restoration projects.	Staff to present a proposal for using PCSRF monitoring funds for an objective and strategic assessment of how monitoring funds are used

Item 6: Funding for the Lower Columbia Intensively Monitored Watershed	Discussion tabled until May 2013	<p>Discussion of whether to provide project funding to be raised in May 2013.</p> <p>In preparation, the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board will work with RCO, NOAA, and WDFW to develop a funding plan for the restoration treatments.</p>
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SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES

Date: August 23, 2012

Place: Room 172, Natural Resources Building, Olympia, WA

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Members Present:

Bud Hover, Chair	Okanogan County	Melissa Gildersleeve	Department of Ecology
Harry Barber	Washougal	Bob Everitt	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Josh Brown	Kitsap County	Carol Smith	Conservation Commission
Phil Rockefeller	NWPCC		
David Troutt	Olympia		

Members Harry Barber and David Troutt participated by phone.

It is intended that this summary be used with the notebook provided in advance of the meeting. A recording is retained by RCO as the formal record of meeting.

Opening and Welcome

Chair Bud Hover called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and a quorum was determined.

Josh Brown moved to adopt the agenda.

Seconded by: Bud Hover

Motion: APPROVED

Josh Brown moved to adopt the April 2012 minutes.

Seconded by: Phil Rockefeller

Motion: APPROVED

General Public Comment

There was no general public comment.

Item 1: Budget Overview

Megan Duffy presented the information as presented in the staff memo, explaining that staff was concerned about the competitiveness of the state's PCSRF application with regard to capacity funding. The board will be asked to make a decision on the issue in September. Director Cottingham then described the process and outlook for the state's capital budget.

Item 2: Salmon Recovery Management Reports

Brian Abbott presented the staff analysis regarding the budget request for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, as described in the staff memo. He noted that staff tried to strike a balance between the need for projects, the reality of the state budget, and the capacity to complete projects. Staff did not recommend a funding level. Director Cottingham noted the historical appropriation levels, the changes to the debt service calculations, and the need to make a reasonable request. She asked the board to ensure that their request be achievable and respectful of economic situation.

Member Troutt noted that the board needed to ensure that the request would reflect the needs of salmon and advance salmon recovery. He stated that he was in favor of a \$30 million grant round as noted in the memo.

Member Rockefeller asked Director Cottingham if that level can be justified. She stated that she believed that it is consistent with the level indicated by the project lists, but cautioned that the stakeholders who rely on the funding will need to advocate for salmon funding.

Phil Rockefeller moved to approve a capital budget request of \$40 million for salmon habitat and restoration grants.

Seconded by: David Troutt

Motion: APPROVED

Brian Abbott then discussed the request for funding for the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP), as recommended by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. He noted that the Puget Sound Partnership supports the requests and the request is consistent with those in previous biennia.

Phil Rockefeller moved to approve RCO's capital budget request of \$10 million for the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP), as recommended by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Seconded by: David Troutt

Motion: APPROVED

Item 3: FFFPP Budget Request

Abbott reviewed the Department of Natural Resource's capital budget request of \$11.54 million for the Family and Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP). DNR is asking for the board's support of the request, which will fund projects as well as a barrier inventory and landowner outreach.

Phil Rockefeller moved to support the Department of Natural Resource's capital budget request of \$11.54 million for the Family and Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP).

Seconded by: Josh Brown

Motion: APPROVED

Item 4: Puget Sound Partnership Budget Request

Jeanette Dorner, Puget Sound Partnership, presented information about the Partnership's request for the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program, and the new approach they will use for large projects. She explained that \$50 million of the \$80 million request would be allocated to the large project list, which will include projects that are evaluated and prioritized. They are asking for support for the funding request and the approach. Director Cottingham noted that projects would be reviewed by the board's Technical Review Panel. Dorner noted that projects would come to the board in summer 2013, following the early action PSAR process.

Member Brown asked Dorner what types of projects would be funded. She responded that there is a range including nearshore restoration, floodplain levy setbacks, removal of shoreline armoring, key acquisitions, and estuary restoration. The list is not yet complete.

Member Rockefeller asked if the distribution to the large projects happens only if the PSAR amount exceeds \$30 million. Dorner confirmed that he was correct, and noted that they were still determining

how they would proceed if the amount received was less than the amount needed for the top ranked project.

Members cautioned that the request was ambitious, but it was worthwhile to identify the need. Member Brown asked that the list of large projects be shared with the board.

Josh Brown moved to support the Partnership's capital budget request of \$80 million for salmon habitat and restoration grants in the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program.

Seconded by: Phil Rockefeller

Motion: APPROVED

Phil Rockefeller moved to support the Partnership's conceptual approach for distribution of grant funds for large projects.

Seconded by: Josh Brown

Motion: APPROVED

Item 5: Strait of Juan de Fuca Intensively Monitored Watershed (IMW) Monitoring:

Megan Duffy provided high-level background information about the Strait of Juan de Fuca IMW and the decision before the board.

Tim Quinn from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) presented more detailed information about the IMW design, purpose, funding, and scientific review. Quinn explained the importance of IMW to improving the efficacy of projects. He noted that the restoration and monitoring elements are managed and funded separately; this disconnect can be a serious weakness in the ability to assess the effectiveness of the restoration actions. He concluded by noting that there is strong support, and explaining the calculations behind the estimates of 7 to 10 years of post-restoration treatment monitoring to reach conclusions.

Dr. Phil Roni, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), described the restoration treatments and what they are learning in the IMW. The restoration treatments were based on watershed assessments that identified lack of pool habitat, overwinter habitat, and habitat complexity as factors limiting production. He described the restorations that have been implemented, and the information that they are gathering, especially with the advent of PIT tags. He noted that they expect that as the treatments create better overwinter habitat, they expect to see a fish response.

The board noted that there may be a number of other limiting factors. Roni responded that the overall goal is to measure fish response to watershed restoration treatments. The assessments had identified woody debris and overwintering habitat were limiting factors, so restoration work has focused there. However, the fish response is indicating that there may be other limiting factors, indicating that more work may need to be done. The IMW can measure the effect of other treatments, if the lead entity were to fund additional restorations.

Duffy suggested that the board parse this into two questions: (1) should the board continue fund the monitoring through the end of the biennium, and (2) should additional restoration actions be done?

Phil Rockefeller moved to continue to fund the Strait of Juan de Fuca IMW monitoring effort through June 30, 2013 at a cost of \$206,462 and for the IMW Steering Committee to discuss and provide recommendations regarding potential additional restoration projects.

Seconded by: David Troutt

Motion: APPROVED

Director Cottingham suggested that a portion of the remaining fiscal year 2012 PCSRF monitoring funds be used for an objective and strategic assessment of how monitoring funds are used. The assessment would be done through a competitive bid process. The board expressed a desire to have the monitoring be more coordinated with projects. Director Cottingham noted that it also needs to be coordinated with NOAA's priorities. Staff will prepare a proposal for board consideration.

Item 6: Lower Columbia IMW Project Funding

Megan Duffy presented the information and options as discussed in the staff memo. Jeff Breckel, Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board, was available to answer questions about the restoration projects. Duffy noted that staff continues to support the recommendation made in June.

Breckel discussed the projects being done by the region and the role of the IMW. He asked the board to be open to contributing funding in the next year, as part of a broader plan that involves NOAA, WDFW, and others. The decision would be made in 2013.

Member Troutt commented that he was not in favor of adjusting the allocation formula. Member Brown noted that he does not want to shift funds from one area to another, but at the same time, they may need to do that to achieve goals. They need a more in-depth discussion about it first. Member Rockefeller agreed, and suggested that the NWPCC also be a partner in the development of the funding strategy for the projects.

Member Gildersleeve asked if landowner willingness would still be an obstacle if they got the money. Breckel said they had done the outreach, but that it would still be a factor.

Chair Hover suggested that the board table the discussion until May 2013. The board agreed.

In preparation, the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board will work with RCO, NOAA, and WDFW to develop a proposed funding plan for the restoration treatments.

Public Comment

Cheryl Baumann, LEAG Chair, commented that Options 3 and 6 were of serious concern to the lead entity advisory group because it would move funds from other areas.

Chair Hover noted that a letter was received from Steve Martin, and read the last sentence of the letter.

Item 7: Liability Legislation

Megan Duffy noted that none of the state agencies will be proposing legislation at this time. The Conservation Districts are expected to develop a draft bill that will be circulated to the state agencies sometime in September.

The board and the Council of Regions recognized the contributions of Megan Duffy who is leaving the Recreation and Conservation Office at the end of August.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes approved by:

Bud Hover, Chair

Date

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Briefing Memo

Meeting Date: September 2012

Title: Director's Report

Approved by the Director:



Summary

This memo is the director's report on key agency activities. To minimize duplication, some items that normally might be included in the director's report have been deleted here and included in other memos throughout the notebook (e.g., the policy report, legislative update, and the grant management report).

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Direction
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Briefing

Supporting and Implementing Grant Management

Salmon Section Processes Grant Applications

Salmon Section staff has been handling grant applications, which were due August 24. Two lead entities took advantage of the early submittal process. Staff processed 146 applications and handed them off to the Review Panel on September 9. The review panel will draft its comments for each project and gather on October 1 and 2 to finalize its recommendations.

Habitat Work Schedule Contract and Future Funding

The Habitat Work Schedule (HWS) is the online database we use to collect salmon recovery information, regardless of funding source, and use that information to tell the salmon recovery story. It also helps lead entities sequence and coordinate their projects. WDFW, with funding from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, worked with a private vendor (Paladin) to develop the system. The management of HWS was slowly transferred RCO, because of our relationship with the lead entities. RCO recently signed a new agreement with USFWS to receive the funding directly. We are in the final stages of developing a new contract with Paladin for licensing the software and making improvements to the system. Future federal funding for maintaining the software licenses is uncertain. We are developing a request for using state funding to maintain

the software licenses (or, if necessary, converting it from a proprietary system should the federal funds disappear).

Staff News

Gerald Seed has joined the fiscal team. He has more than ten years of accounting experience at the state with the Department of Revenue and at several private businesses. Gerald has a degree in accounting. He joined us in July.

Recruitment for the policy director (replacing Steve McLellan when he retires in October) is going well. We received a strong candidate pool. We will complete the final interviews when I return from vacation and hope to offer the job to someone in September.

Preparing for the Upcoming Legislative Session

We submitted our operating and capital budget proposals to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) on September 5. We will not be submitting any agency request bills this year and expect that the budget will be our main focus next legislative session. More information is in Item 1C.

Preparing Transition Materials for the New Governor

RCO is working on transition materials for the new administration that will take over in January. Our materials are due by September 28. While most of the material is descriptive (agency size, management, structure, funding), we do have the chance to flag three major issues that may affect a new administration. I intend to include at least one on salmon recovery.

IT Update

IT staff have been developing a new set of maps to assist us in evaluating staff scored evaluation questions and are beginning to look at creating various compliance maps. Staff is also working to create a new Web site for the *State of the Salmon* report and scoping two major IT projects: electronic billing, and tracking compliance issues. Finally, our contractors are almost done with our online application which will guide sponsors through the application process. This will be tested by staff this fall and be operational for the 2013 salmon recovery grant round.

Meetings with Partners

Traveled to Washington D.C.: I met with congressional members and staff in July. My primary goal was to discuss continued funding for the Habitat Work Schedule and to thank them for their continued support of salmon recovery funding. I also met with the director and deputy director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the new budget director for NOAA.

Update on Sister Boards

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB)

The RCFB met on a conference call September 4 to select funding levels for WWRP and other proposed grant funding programs that RCO will include in our budget submitted to the Governor for the next biennium. The board will meet again October 17-18 in Olympia to adopt the ranked list of projects in several program areas.

Washington Invasive Species Council

Council staff attended a regional meeting about addressing invasive species coming in on Japanese tsunami debris. Representatives from Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, Oregon, Washington, and California were in attendance, as were many federal agency representatives. The meeting focused on response capabilities and communication needs.

The invasive species councils of Oregon, Washington and Idaho have released their wild pig reporting hotline number ('Swine Line') to the public. The reporting hotline is one part of a regional outreach effort to educate people about the risks of feral pigs and their growing spread in the region. The councils are hoping to enlist the public to help locate wild pigs. In Washington, we are fairly sure that there are no established pig populations but this effort should help us get a better understanding of the situation in our state. The council's second baseline assessment of invasive species in the Puget Sound basin (adding 15 additional species) will begin in August. The assessment will be completed by ESA Consulting.

Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group

At a quarterly meeting, Jennifer Quan, with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, gave a presentation on the status of operation and maintenance funding on their lands. You can see the presentation at: wdfw.wa.gov/commission/meetings/2012/06/jun0212_06_presentation.pdf. The group also discussed the 'payment in lieu of taxes' requirements and examined the question of "how much land is enough?" The group also discussed a potential budget request to create a centralized, map-based inventory of state habitat and recreation lands and to publish the map and data about the lands on the Web.

Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO)

GSRO and regional organization directors met in July with representatives from key state agencies whose activities are critical to salmon recovery. The agencies included: RCO, Conservation Commission, and the Departments of Commerce, Fish and Wildlife, Natural Resources, Ecology, and Transportation. The meetings were a follow-up to a 2008 GSRO report that identified recovery plan priority actions for the state agencies. The purpose of each meeting was to:

- Identify and reaffirm agencies' roles in salmon recovery and protection.
- Review agency and regional progress made to date.
- Identify successes and challenges in addressing common issues and shared priorities.
- Identify next steps and actions needed.

A summary of key actions and next steps was developed and is currently being reviewed by the regions.

We also meet with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the regional directors to discuss renewed efforts at recovery planning for bull trout. Regional organizations are interested in participating in bull trout recovery plan development and focused their discussion on key issues needing to be addressed. GSRO staff will work with Service staff to identify when the regions can provide input and on what key issues.



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Sara LaBorde

To the Residents of Washington State and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board

WHEREAS, from January 2009 through July 2012, Sara LaBorde served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife as the agency's designee on the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board); and

WHEREAS, Ms. LaBorde's service with the board assisted the citizens of Washington in programs that promote salmon recovery by protecting and restoring salmon habitat; and

WHEREAS, Ms. LaBorde made a tremendous contribution to the work of the board through her tireless efforts to promote the importance of salmon recovery at the national level, including regular trips to share information and annual efforts to ensure that the Washington State application to the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund grant program was competitive and comprehensive; and

WHEREAS, Ms. LaBorde provided the board with excellent advice and insight that showed her remarkable ability to understand and balance policy and science, ensuring that the board always kept science in the conversation; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, the board funded 433 projects, creating a state and federal investment of more than \$107 million in Washington's salmon recovery effort; and

WHEREAS, members of the board wish to recognize her support, leadership, and service, and wish her well in future endeavors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the residents of Washington and in recognition of Ms. LaBorde's dedication and excellence in performing her responsibilities and duties as a member, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent with a letter of appreciation to Ms. LaBorde.

Approved by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington on September 19, 2012

Bud Hover
Board Chair

Harry Barber
Citizen Member

Josh Brown
Citizen Member

Phil Rockefeller
Citizen Member

David Troutt
Citizen Member

Craig Partridge
Washington Department of
Natural Resources

Carol Smith
Washington State
Conservation Commission

Bob Everitt
Washington Department
of Fish and Wildlife

Melissa Gildersleeve
Washington Department
of Ecology

Mike Barber
Washington Department
of Transportation



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Megan Duffy

To the Residents of Washington State and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board

WHEREAS, from June 2008 through July 2012, Megan Duffy served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board) with high integrity, sharp wit, and dedication to the provision and preservation of habitat for salmon; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Duffy's skillful diplomacy with a spectrum of citizens and interest groups and exceptional ability to communicate complex ideas in accessible terms helped the citizens of Washington in efforts to promote salmon recovery; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Duffy's thorough understanding of key issues provided the board with valuable insight and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies and decisions for funding projects that promoted sound investments of public funds; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Duffy made a tremendous contribution to the work of the board through her tireless efforts to ensure that the Washington State application to the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund grant program was competitive and comprehensive; and

WHEREAS, her ability to bring together and understand the roles of science, community, and projects has greatly improved Washington's ability to recover salmon; and

WHEREAS, members of the board wish to recognize her support, leadership, and service, and wish her well in future endeavors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the residents of Washington and in recognition of Ms. Duffy's dedication to salmon recovery and excellence in service, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent with a letter of appreciation to Ms. Duffy.

Approved by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington on September 19, 2012

Bud Hover
Board Chair

Harry Barber
Citizen Member

Josh Brown
Citizen Member

Phil Rockefeller
Citizen Member

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Washington Department
of Transportation



A Resolution to Recognize the Service of

Steve McLellan

To the Residents of Washington State and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board

WHEREAS, from August 2009 through October 2012, Steve McLellan served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board) with high integrity, good humor and dedication to the provision and preservation of recreation and habitat for species including salmon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McLellan's thorough understanding of key issues provided the board with valuable insight and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies and decisions for funding projects that promoted sound investments of public funds; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McLellan made a tremendous contribution to the work of the board through his tireless efforts to work with other natural resource agencies on complex issues and legislation to ensure that the importance of salmon recovery was understood and remembered; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McLellan has retired from the Recreation and Conservation Office and from state service; and

WHEREAS, members of the board wish to recognize his support, leadership, and service, and wish him well in future endeavors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the residents of Washington and in recognition of Mr. McLellan's dedication to salmon recovery and excellence in service, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent with a letter of appreciation to Mr. McLellan.

Approved by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington on September 19, 2012

Bud Hover
Board Chair

Harry Barber
Citizen Member

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Citizen Member

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Salmon Recovery Funding Board Briefing Memo

Meeting Date: September 2012
Title: Management Status Report: Financial Report
Prepared By: Mark Jarasitis, Chief Financial Officer
Approved by the Director: *Kaleen Cottingham*

Summary

This financial report reflects Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board) activities as of August 31, 2012. The available balance (funds to be committed) is \$44.1 million.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

- ☐ Request for Decision
- ☐ Request for Direction
- ☒ Briefing

Balance Summary

Fund	Balance
Current state balance	\$3,959,621
Current federal balance – Projects	\$17,337,465
Current federal balance – Activities ¹	\$8,945,278
Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) & Puget Sound Restoration (PSR)	\$2,096,230
Puget Sound Critical Stock	\$0
Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP)	\$10,106,503
Estuary and Salmon Restoration	\$1,589,550
Lead Entities	\$0

¹ Hatchery/Harvest and monitoring activities as defined in PCSRF application, but not yet awarded by RCO

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Budget Summary

For the Period of July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2013, actuals through 08/31/2012 (fm14) 08/31/2012

Percentage of biennium reported: 58.3%

BUDGET new & reapp. 2011-13		COMMITTED		TO BE COMMITTED		EXPENDITURES	
		Dollars	% of budget	Dollars	% of budget	Dollars	% of comm
GRANT PROGRAMS							
State Funded 03-05	\$829,178	\$829,178	100%	\$0	0%	\$467,864	56%
State Funded 05-07	\$1,992,436	\$1,992,436	100%	\$0	0%	\$660,790	33%
State Funded 07-09	\$3,337,100	\$3,124,042	94%	\$213,058	6%	\$313,670	10%
State Funded 09-11	\$4,919,460	\$4,849,719	99%	\$69,741	1%	\$3,955,375	82%
State Funded 11-13	\$9,760,140	\$6,083,319	62%	\$3,676,821	38%	\$1,180,156	19%
State Funded Total	\$20,838,314	\$16,878,693	81%	\$3,959,621	19%	\$6,577,856	39%
Federal Funded 2007	\$6,642,640	\$6,642,640	100%	\$0	0%	\$6,642,640	100%
Federal Funded 2008	\$12,772,515	\$10,942,613	86%	\$1,829,902	14%	\$3,108,717	28%
Federal Funded 2009	\$11,189,547	\$10,386,716	93%	\$802,831	7%	\$4,955,358	48%
Federal Funded 2010	\$24,028,172	\$24,028,172	100%	\$0	0%	\$8,624,368	36%
Federal Funded 2011	\$24,728,261	\$22,418,251	91%	\$2,310,010	9%	\$4,063,706	18%
Federal Funded 2012	\$21,340,000	\$0	0%	\$21,340,000	100%	\$0	0%
Federal Funded Total	\$100,701,136	\$74,418,392	74%	\$26,282,743	26%	\$27,394,788	37%
Lead Entities	\$6,124,540	\$6,079,690	99%	\$44,851	1%	\$2,398,940	39%
Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration	\$37,892,542	\$35,796,312	94%	\$2,096,230	6%	\$10,972,556	31%
Estuary and Salmon Restoration	\$10,761,527	\$9,171,977	85%	\$1,589,550	15%	\$1,963,678	21%
Family Forest Fish Passage Program	\$14,868,397	\$4,761,894	32%	\$10,106,503	68%	\$1,975,256	41%
Puget Sound Critical Stock	\$4,022,212	\$4,022,212	100%	\$0	0%	\$1,616,218	40%
Subtotal Grant Programs	\$195,208,668	\$151,129,170	77%	\$44,079,499	23%	\$52,899,292	35%
ADMINISTRATION							
SRFB Admin/Staff	\$4,439,720	\$4,439,720	100%	-	0%	\$2,214,711	50%
Technical Panel	\$598,777	\$598,777	100%	-	0%	\$252,200	42%
Subtotal Administration	\$5,038,497	\$5,038,497	100%	-	0%	\$2,466,911	49%
GRANT AND ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	\$200,247,165	\$156,167,667	78%	\$44,079,499	22%	\$55,366,203	35%

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Briefing Memo

Meeting Date: September 2012
Title: Management Status Report: Policy and Legislative Update
Prepared By: Steve McLellan, Policy Director
Approved by the Director: *Kaleen Cottingham*

Summary

The following are some policy and legislative highlights. Staff will provide an update at the meeting of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board).

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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Legislative/Budget Update

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) budget proposal, including funding for salmon recovery efforts as approved by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board in August, was submitted to the Office of Financial Management on September 5. The Governor is due to release her budget proposal in mid-December with a review and revision by the incoming Governor in January. There are two upcoming updates to the revenue forecast, which will affect both general fund revenues, as well as the amount of capacity available in the capital budget: September 19 and November 15. The November 15 forecast revision will be the one used for final budget decisions.

Staff will provide budget updates as they become available, as well as any updates on discussions about potential salmon restoration project liability legislation for the 2013 session.

Puget Sound Action Agenda

The Puget Sound Leadership Council adopted the 2012 Action Agenda on August 9. The document emphasizes three strategic initiatives:

- Prevent pollution from urban stormwater runoff
- Protect and restore shorelines and salmon habitat
- Restore and re-open shellfish beds

The 2012 update of the Action Agenda is seen by the Leadership Council and others as a major improvement to the earlier document. The new document is more comprehensive and action-focused. Some noted improvements are:

- Regional recovery targets have been adopted to guide action
- Performance measures have been established and assigned to “owners” responsible for tracking progress
- Regional strategies and actions are aligned with recovery targets—incorporating progress, lessons learned and new information since 2009
- Peer-reviewed, scientific information has been synthesized and incorporated

Invasive Species Issues Recognized in Action Agenda

Following a formal request by RCO and recognizing the strong linkages between salmon recovery and invasive species, the Puget Sound Ecosystem Coordination Board included an invasive species substrategy (“Prevent and rapidly respond to the introduction and spread of terrestrial and aquatic invasive species”), in the Habitat Strategic Initiative. The impacts of invasive species on salmon recovery go beyond invasive knotweed to include other problems such as submerged aquatic plants that physically block fish passage in streams and reduce dissolved oxygen levels; fish diseases brought in via ‘shellfish gardening’ practices; and zebra and quagga mussels that are causing fish populations to rapidly decline in other regions.

State of the Sound Report

Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff is providing information to the Partnership in preparation for the next State of the Sound report, which is due in October 2012. Cost estimates for implementing the two-year actions in the Action Agenda will be included in the report. The Partnership expects the cost estimates to be used by the Ecosystem Coordination Board to conduct a funding gap analysis for the three strategic initiatives in the Action Agenda.

Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group

RCO has submitted a budget proposal to the Office of Financial Management to fund an updated, GIS-based, web-accessible state lands inventory to help Legislators and others see what properties the state currently owns and how they relate to land conservation strategies. State agencies also will be able to use the data to make more strategic decisions about acquisition objectives.

When the lands group was renewed last session, no funding was provided for administrative functions. This new project would be above and beyond what RCO and participating agencies can absorb in their current budgets.

Invasive Species Council

The Washington Invasive Species Council has begun working on the second phase of its baseline assessment project. This work focuses on understanding the distribution, management and impacts of 15 priority invasive species or species groups in the Puget Sound Basin. One focus of this project will be to highlight areas where invasive species and salmon recovery efforts overlap. Some of the species to be included are Eurasian watermilfoil, parrotfeather, invasive knotweeds, and infectious salmon anemia.

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Briefing Memo

Meeting Date: September 2012
Title: RCO Work Plan and Performance Measures Update: Salmon
Prepared By: Rebecca Connolly, Board Liaison and Accountability Manager
Approved by the Director: *Kaleen Cottingham*

Summary

This memo provides highlights of agency performance related to the projects and activities funded by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board).

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

- ☐ Request for Decision
- ☐ Request for Direction
- ☒ Briefing

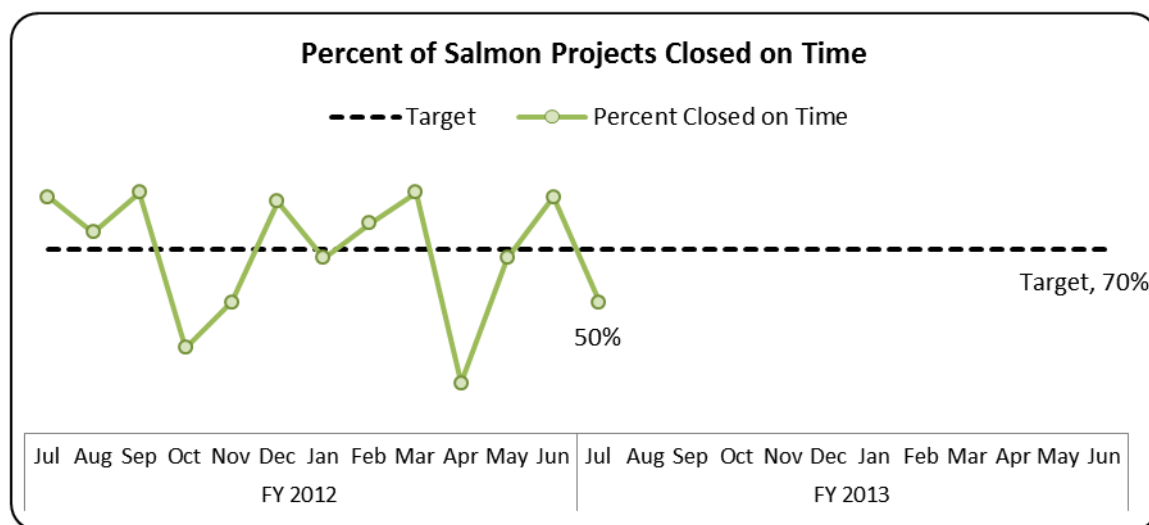
Grant Management Measures

All data are for salmon grants only, as of August 27, 2012.

Measure	Target	FY 2012 Performance	FY 2013 Performance
Percent of salmon projects closed on time	70%	63%	50%
% salmon grant projects issued a project agreement within 120 days after the board funding date	75%	89%	These will be measured following the grant funding meeting in December 2012.
% of salmon grant projects under agreement within 180 days after the board funding date	95%	91%	
Cumulative expenditures, salmon target by fiscal month	21.5%	23% (as of fiscal month 12)	
Bills paid within 30 days: salmon projects and activities	100%	84%	93%
Percent of anticipated stream miles made accessible to salmon	100%	99%	Measured quarterly – no data at this time

Notes and Analysis

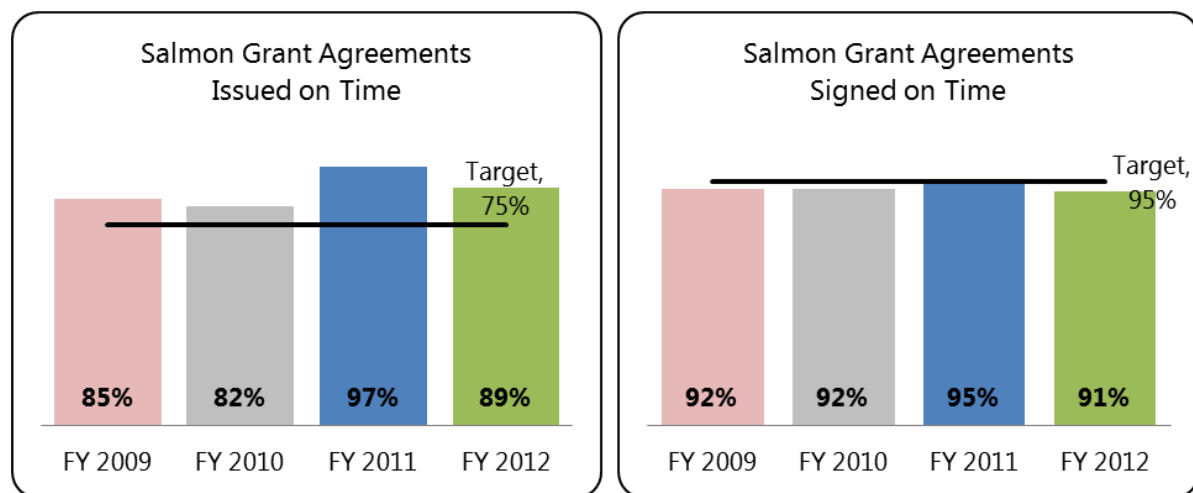
Projects Closed on Time



In fiscal year 2012, staff members closed 120 salmon agreements on time, while 72 slipped into the closure backlog. Forty-four of the 72 “backlog” projects had been closed as of August 29.

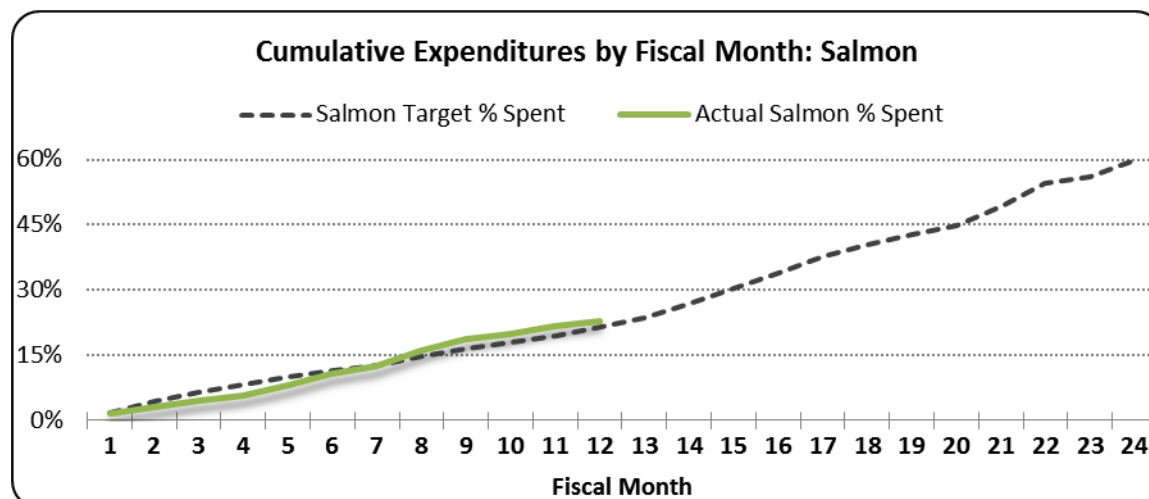
In July 2012, the first month of fiscal month 2013, six of the twelve projects due to be closed were closed on time. The others remain in active status.

Project Agreements Issued and Signed on Time



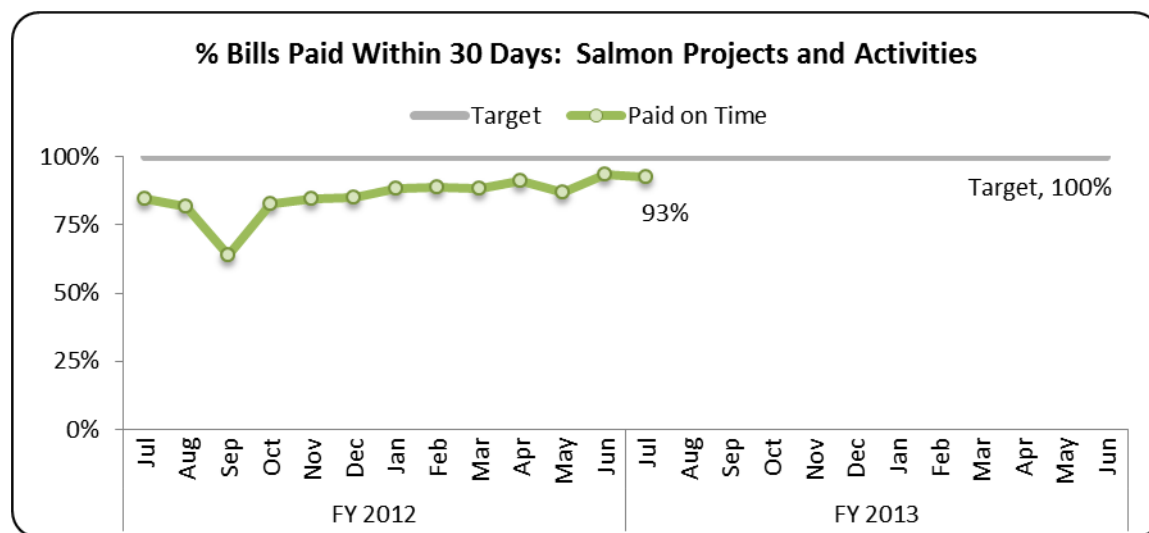
Staff and sponsors continually succeed in placing grants under agreement. As a result, funds are obligated in a timely manner, and projects can begin implementation soon after board funding. Nearly 130 projects have been placed under agreement or amended into existing contracts since the December 2011 funding meeting. Staff exceeded the target for issuing agreements on time, and worked with sponsors to nearly meet the target for receiving the signed contracts back in a timely manner. The RCO will begin this measurement for fiscal year 2013 following the funding meeting in December 2012.

Cumulative Expenditures by Fiscal Month



In this biennium, the RCO is aiming for a 40 percent reappropriation rate for salmon funds. To achieve this, we need to expend 60 percent, or about \$120 million. As shown in the chart, expenditures are on track to meet the target.

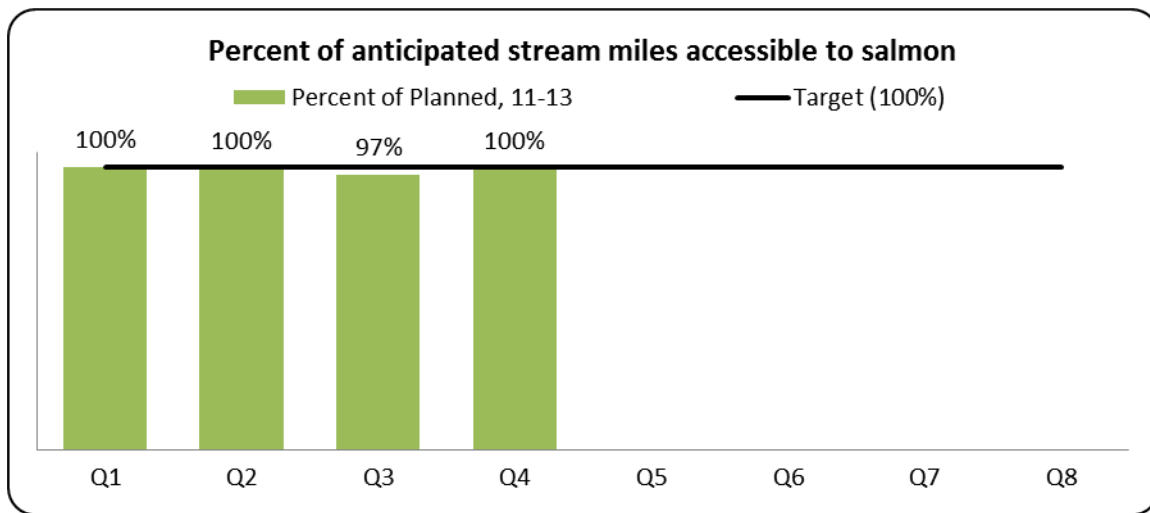
Bills Paid on Time



For fiscal year 2012, there were 1,849 invoices due for salmon recovery projects and activities (e.g., lead entities, regions, and review panel). Of those, 1,546 were paid on time and 298 were paid late. The average number of days to pay a bill was 18.

Between July 1 and July 31, there were 135 invoices due for salmon recovery projects and activities (e.g., lead entities, regions, and review panel). Of those, 125 were paid on time, six were paid late, and four remain unpaid. The average number of days to pay a bill was 10.

Stream Miles Made Accessible



This is one of many measures that the RCO collects about the benefits of projects. The measure compares the number of stream miles expected to be opened (at application) to the number of miles actually made accessible at project closure. Over 130 miles have been made accessible since July 1, 2011. Not all projects include this measure.

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Briefing Memo

Meeting Date: September 2012
Title: Management Report, Governor's Salmon Recovery Office
Prepared By: Kaleen Cottingham, RCO Director
Approved by the Director: *Kaleen Cottingham*

Summary

This memo provides highlights of work being done by the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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State of the Salmon Report

State law¹ requires the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO) to prepare a biennial report on the State of Salmon in Watersheds. The GSRO is working with the regional salmon recovery organizations, Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, RCO, other agencies, and selected vendors to compile the data, which will be reported via a web site. More information is in Item 5.

Steelhead Requests for Proposal

In April 2012, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board approved \$250,000 for the Puget Sound Partnership (Partnership) to implement its steelhead recovery planning proposal. The proposal had three components:

1. Invest \$50,000 in the Marine Survival Project to provide information about why juvenile salmonids, including steelhead, are not surviving their journeys through Puget Sound.
2. Provide \$25,000 for finer application of the Intrinsic Potential model, which will help identify steelhead habitat at a finer resolution than is currently possible.

¹ RCW 77.85.020

3. Provide \$175,000 for developing a recovery plan or framework for up to five populations of steelhead in Puget Sound.

Since then, the Partnership and its recovery partners have made significant progress with their Puget Sound Steelhead request for proposals (RFP) processes.

Long Live the Kings was selected through the Marine Survival RFP. The Partnership/Recovery Council, GSRO, and Long Live the Kings have agreed to a scope of work and are completing a grant agreement to support this work.

The Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission was selected through a second RFP process to complete application of the Intrinsic Potential model to help identify steelhead habitat. At the time of this writing, the scope of work was still being finalized before a grant agreement would be put in place.

The Partnership received six letters of interest in response to the steelhead recovery planning RFP, and invited full proposals from four of those expressing interest. Proposals were submitted by the Nisqually Tribe (for the Nisqually watershed's one Distinct Individual Population) and Long Live the Kings (for the Hood Canal watershed's four Distinct Individual Populations)². The other two of the remaining four applicants chose not to submit full proposals. The Puget Sound Recovery Council Steelhead Subcommittee members will complete their evaluation of the proposals by September 10. Staff will provide a briefing and additional details at the September meeting.

Staff Transitions

For now, the RCO has decided to take interim measures to manage the vacancy left by Executive Coordinator Megan Duffy's departure at the end of August. Although we were sorry to see Megan go, we are glad to see that our sister agency, the Department of Natural Resources, will benefit from her considerable expertise.

Over the next six to 10 months, Salmon Section Manager Brian Abbott will supervise the staff in the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office. We have also hired some part-time employees to pick up some the critical work. We have hired former GSRO director Chris Drivdahl to act as an editor of the State of the Salmon Report. We have also hired Marnie Tyler to work on some of the policy issues including Manual 18, the annual board funding report due in December, and the 2013 Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund grant application.

For the long term, I am planning to contract with an independent facilitator to talk with the regional organizations, lead entities, staff and other stakeholders about the role of the GSRO and the Executive Coordinator and whether changes are needed.

² Long Live the Kings noted in its proposal that it, along with watershed stakeholders, is prepared to move forward with a similar steelhead recovery planning process in the Straits, if additional funds become available through other sources.

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Briefing Memo

Meeting Date: September 2012
Title: Management Report, Salmon Recovery Grant Management
Prepared By: Brian Abbott, Salmon Section Manager and GSRO Coordinator
Approved by the Director: *Kaleen Cottingham*

Summary

The following are some highlights of work being done by the salmon section staff in the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

- ☐ Request for Decision
- ☐ Request for Direction
- ☒ Briefing

Grant Management

Applications for the 2012 grant round were due August 24, 2012. We received 146 project applications in PRISM. Staff spent the next two weeks reviewing applications before sending to the board's Review Panel to start their review and complete individual project review forms. There are several key review milestones that take place in October:

- The Review Panel will meet October 1-2 to draft individual comment forms.
- The draft forms will be available to sponsors on October 5
- The sponsor response is due October 18.
- The Regional Area Project meetings will be held in Olympia on October 22 - 25.

Review Panel and Puget Sound Regional Implementation Team

Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff and Puget Sound Partnership Staff facilitated a meeting between the SRFB Review Panel Chair and the Puget Sound Regional Implementation Technical Team (RITT) Chair to discuss roles, responsibilities and any overlapping functions. The

outcome of the meeting was a clear understanding of the role of the RITT (e.g. they do not look at project-specific technical details), and that they do not duplicate functions.

It was agreed that if strategy-related issues come up during the Review Panel's review of Puget Sound projects, the Review Panel chair will check-in with the RITT chair to ensure both groups are on the same page.

Metrics Project

Sara Gage has made significant progress on the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund metric project. She has been collecting performance measures on old projects, some as old as 10 years ago, to ensure we have a complete dataset and can tell the complete salmon recovery story. The gathering of this information was required by the NOAA, our federal salmon recovery funding provider. Sarah has been working closely with project sponsors and salmon grant managers to collect this data. We recently reached the 51 percent complete mark and still are on track to complete the project in October.

Salmon Recovery Conference

The 2013 Salmon Recovery Conference will be held on May 13-14 in Vancouver, Washington at the Vancouver Convention Center. Sarah Gage will organize this effort for RCO, with other staff and organizations providing input and assistance along the way.

Viewing Closed Projects

The move to provide board meeting materials electronically and the new SnapShot feature in PRISM have presented a great opportunity to share recently closed projects. A closed project means all expenditures have been billed and eligible expenses have been reimbursed, a final report has been received and accepted by RCO, and all required documents have been submitted.

Attachment A lists projects that have closed between May 17 and August 27, 2012. To view information about a project, click on the blue project number¹. Once in Snapshot you can open and view the project attachments (e.g., design, photos, maps, and final report). You also will find a project search feature on the RCO website at Project Search to query additional projects.

¹ Must be connected to the internet; Depending on the computer, you may have to right click and select "open hyperlink."

Amendments Approved by the Director

In December 2011, the board asked that staff include in this report a list of major amendments (scope and cost increases) approved by the director. The table below shows the major amendments approved between May 17, 2012 and August 27, 2012.

Staff processed a total of 211 amendments during this period, but most were minor revisions related to the metric update project or time extensions.

Number	Name	Sponsor	Program	Type	Amount/Notes
09-1473	Peshastin Creek Reconnection Alternatives Analysis	Chelan Co Natural Resource	Salmon Federal Projects	Cost Change	Match reduction (by 8%)
10-1354	Mills Property Acquisition 2010	Heernett Environmental Found	Salmon Federal Projects	Scope Change	Expand scope: added 5 additional properties
11-1299	Trib to Steven's Creek Fish Passage Improvement	Grays Harbor Conservation Dist	Salmon Federal Projects	Cost Change	\$13,000 (Increase)
07-1676	Historic Skamokawa Creek Restoration	Wahkiakum Conservation Dist	Salmon State Projects	Cost Change	\$70,000 (Increase)
10-1916	Green Creek Weir Removal	Pacific County Anglers	Salmon State Projects	Cost Change	\$32,445 (Increase)
10-1868	Middle Mashel Protection Project	Nisqually Land Trust	Salmon Federal Projects	Scope Change	Switched to adjacent parcel
10-1606	Dosewallips Engineered Log Jams SRFB	Wild Fish Conservancy	Salmon Federal Projects	A&E/Admin Limit Change	Increased A&E limit from 0% to 4.4%
10-1750	Little Bear Creek - 132nd Ave Barrier Removal	Adopt A Stream Foundation	Salmon State Projects	Cost Change	\$30,855 (Increase)

Grant Administration

The following table shows the progress of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board in funding and completing salmon recovery projects since 1999. Information is current as of August 27, 2012.

Funding Cycle	Fiscal Year	Active Projects	Pending Projects (approved but not yet active)	Completed Projects	Total Funded Projects
Governor's Salmon Recovery Office Federal 1999	1999	0	0	94	94
Interagency Review Team (Early Action grant cycle) State 1999	1999	0	0	163	163
SRFB - Early (State) 2000	2000	0	0	90	90
SRFB - Second Round 2000	2001	0	0	147	147
SRFB - Third Round 2001	2002	6	0	126	132
SRFB - Fourth Round 2002	2003	1	0	88	89
SRFB - Fifth Round 2004	2004	2	0	106	108
SRFB - Sixth Round 2005	2006	3	0	101	104
SRFB - Seventh Round 2006	2007	2	0	92	94
SRFB - 2007 Grant Round (<i>includes PSAR</i>)	2008	47	0	174	221
SRFB - 2008 Grant Round	2009	27	0	74	101
SRFB - 2009 Grant Round (<i>includes PSAR</i>)	2010	135	0	111	246
SRFB - 2010 Grant Round	2011	106	0	13	119
SRFB - 2011 Grant Round (<i>includes PSAR</i>)	2012	146	6	0	152
*Family Forest Fish Passage Program	To Date	20	1	174	195
** Estuary Salmon Restoration Program	To Date	9	0	3	12
Totals		504	7	1,556	2,068
Percent		24.4%	.34%	75.2%	

Attachments

A. Salmon Projects Closed Between May 17 and August 27, 2012

Salmon Projects Closed Between May 17, 2012 and August 27, 2012

Number	Name	Sponsor	Program	Closed on
09-1393	Mashel Eatonville Restoration Project Phase 2	Nisqually Indian Tribe	Puget Sound Acq. & Restoration	5/25/2012
09-1732	Mill Creek Fish Passage Design	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	Salmon State Projects	5/31/2012
08-1751	Day Creek Habitat Restoration	Skagit Fish Enhancement Group	Salmon Federal Projects	6/1/2012
07-1859	Upper Mill Creek Conservation Easement	Inland Empire Action Coalition	Salmon Federal Projects	6/1/2012
10-1875	Penrose Point Bulkhead Removal Final Design	South Puget Sound SEG	Puget Sound Acq. & Restoration	6/4/2012
09-1528	Pysht River Floodplain Acquisition (Phase I)	North Olympic Land Trust	Puget Sound Acq. & Restoration	6/13/2012
09-1534	South Lake Washington DNR Shoreline Restoration	Natural Resources Dept of	Salmon Federal Projects	6/13/2012
10-1498	NF Lewis RM 13.5 Off-Channel Habitat Enhancement	Lower Columbia River FEG	Salmon Federal Projects	6/14/2012
10-1823	Ford Easement	Inland Empire Action Coalition	Salmon Federal Projects	6/26/2012
10-1522	Lower Tahuya LWD Placement	Hood Canal SEG	Puget Sound Acq. & Restoration	6/29/2012
08-2005	Gibbons Creek Fish Passage Restoration	Mason Conservation Dist	Salmon Federal Projects	6/29/2012
08-1563	WRIA 07 Water Type Assessment and Prioritization	Wild Fish Conservancy	Salmon Federal Projects	6/29/2012
07-1709	Skykomish Braided Reach Restoration-Ph II	Snohomish County of	Salmon Federal Projects	7/2/2012
09-1656	Entiat National Fish Hatchery Floodplain Connection	Cascadia Conservation District	Salmon Federal Projects	7/9/2012

Number	Name	Sponsor	Program	Closed on
10-1879	Chico Phase 3 Design	Kitsap County of	Salmon Federal Projects	7/10/2012
10-1895	Boston Harbor Road Culvert Design	South Puget Sound SEG	Puget Sound Acq. & Restoration	7/16/2012
08-2019	Mashel Shoreline Protection - Phase 1	Nisqually Land Trust	Salmon Federal Projects	7/18/2012
09-1686	Fobes Reach Instream Project	Lummi Nation	Salmon Federal Projects	7/25/2012
07-1646	Snoqualmie Riparian Restoration-Salmon Safe Farms	Stewardship Partners	Salmon Federal Projects	7/25/2012
09-1377	Jim Creek Restoration Design	Sound Salmon Solutions	Puget Sound Acq. & Restoration	7/26/2012
09-1455	Entiat Troy Acquisition	Chelan-Douglas Land Trust	Salmon State Projects	7/27/2012
08-1328	Chehalis Watertype Assessment	Wild Fish Conservancy	Salmon Federal Projects	7/30/2012
10-1868	Middle Mashel Protection Project	Nisqually Land Trust	Salmon Federal Projects	7/30/2012
07-1624	Qwuloolt Estuary - Phase III Design	Tulalip Tribe	Puget Sound Acq. & Restoration	8/1/2012
09-1552	Allison Springs Estuary Restoration	Capitol Land Trust	Salmon Federal Projects	8/2/2012
07-1896	George Creek Revegetation Project	Asotin Co Conservation Dist	Salmon State Projects	8/2/2012
09-1400	Tatrimima Shoreline Protection	Nisqually Land Trust	Puget Sound Acq. & Restoration	8/8/2012
08-2070	North Fork Toutle River Reach 13 Restoration	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Salmon Federal Projects	8/17/2012
07-1910	White River Acquisition & Setback Levee	King County DNR & Parks	Puget Sound Acq. & Restoration	8/21/2012

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Briefing Memo

Meeting Date: September 2012
Title: Management Report, Policy Development Update
Prepared By: Brian Abbott, Salmon Section Manager and GSRO Coordinator
Approved by the Director: *Kaleen Cottingham*

Summary

This memo provides an update of key policy activities related to the work of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board), as requested in April 2012.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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Background

In April 2012, staff presented a list of policy ideas and asked the board to support analysis of a few items during 2012. The board approved the tiered approach and asked staff to provide regular progress updates.

This memo provides updates on the following:

- Tier 1 issues – those that staff will address in 2012
- Tier 4 issues – those that others are addressing in 2012.

Staff is not providing updates on Tier 2 issues (those that may or may not be addressed in 2012) or Tier 3 issues (those that will be addressed in the future) at this time.

RCO has hired Marnie Tyler on a part-time basis to work on a specific list of salmon recovery policy issues. Marnie will start in mid-September. Her work will include meeting with stakeholders between now and the December board meeting to identify and recommend policy changes needed for the Manual 18 update. Marnie will also be working with the Director on drafting the PCSRF application, which is generally due in mid to late winter.

Tier One: Issues for staff to address during 2012

Issue	Update
Consider whether hatchery-related projects (like acclimation ponds) are an allowable use on board-funded properties and easements. (Hatchery projects are not eligible for board funding.)	Staff has begun discussions with WDFW about these types of projects and will begin outreach to regions on this issue. Staff also is reaching out to the Tribes for their input. Staff is coordinating this issue with the development of an Allowable Uses policy under consideration by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. Marnie Tyler will be leading this effort through her policy assignments and will provide an update at the December board meeting.
Consider a ceiling for administrative and engineering costs for phased projects that have a previously-funded design-only phase	Staff is drafting proposed guidelines for administrative and engineering (A&E) costs, which are negotiated at the contract phase. Once language is complete, staff will ask grant managers to review and then solicit public comment from key stakeholders as part of the annual Manual 18 update. This work is in process; staff will have more details at the December board meeting.
Communicate availability of planning grants to improve project sponsor capacity	Staff is identifying potential venues for this communication, including the 2013 salmon conference, Habitat Work Schedule, and a new section to be incorporated into Manual 18 during the next update.
Consider requiring previously-funded deliverables to be completed when application/technical review is done for the next phase of a project	Staff is developing a list of advantages and disadvantages to requiring that both deliverables and design be completed before subsequent phases of a project. Once the list is completed, staff will ask grant managers to review and then solicit public comment from key stakeholders as part of the annual Manual 18 update.
Require that preliminary or final design be completed and submitted with application for construction funding	
Incorporate into PRISM a specific section where applicants identify the recovery plan priority actions addressed by a proposed project.	Staff has discussed including this in PRISM with the RCO/PRISM database manager. It will be included in updates to be completed in 2012. The lack of this information was identified as a weakness by NOAA.

Tier Four: Issues addressed in other forums or through other RCO processes

Lead by	Issue	Update
Review Panel	Consider outlining in which situations bank stabilization is an allowable project element.	If time and budget allow, the Review Panel may provide a set of recommendations for consideration in the next Manual 18 update. Staff will develop language and release it for public comment. The Review Panel is on track to provide a set of recommendations to consider.
	Consider outlining the key design objective that bank stabilization project must meet to have a project approved.	
	Review the criteria used by the technical review panel in considering individual proposed projects.	
Monitoring Workgroup	Examine ways to support broader effectiveness monitoring and close the loop on learning from that investment.	In April, the board approved an effectiveness monitoring project that includes an examination of better ways to (1) communicate results and (2) consider analyses in a manner that supports regions, lead entities, and project sponsors. The apparent successful vendor from this process (RFP 2012-003) was identified as TetraTech. Following OFM procedures, the vendor entered into a contract with RCO effective July 2012. This proposal is entitled Development of a Coordinated Monitoring Program at the Project Scale (RCO #12-1666). TetraTech has sub-contracted with Paladin for assistance in the communication strategy portion of the project.
	Review the option to focus on implementation monitoring as a way to provide information for future design and implementation.	In April, the board approved pilot proposals for implementation monitoring from the Lower Columbia, Upper Columbia, and Hood Canal regions. Contracts were finalized with these entities the end of May. They have begun to implement their pilot projects and will provide a report to the board in 2013.
		These projects are being tracked in PRISM as 12-1628, 12-1629, and 12-1630 respectively.
Lead Entities	Discuss monitoring as match approach.	Lead entities have formed a small workgroup and have met a several times. They have exchanged information with RCO and GSRO staff, but it is unclear whether this group will make any formal recommendations.

Washington Council of Salmon Recovery Regions Report to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board September 2012

Coordination with state agencies to develop key salmon recovery and watershed health priorities for the next biennium

The regional directors continue to focus on advancing the salmon recovery movement over the next biennium. In particular, the directors are working to strengthen their relationships with the state agencies. The directors met with seven state agencies in June and July where they reviewed key needs and priorities. Topics discussed include agency data management and sharing, regulatory program implementation such as local growth management efforts and public land management, and agency technical staff support and coordination. Assignments and follow-up work will take place this fall in preparation for, and possible introduction of, bills for the 2012 legislative session.

State of the Salmon in Watersheds 2012 report to the Legislature

The regional organizations are meeting weekly with GSRO staff to help draft the 2012 report. The primary discussion is focused on common themes and metrics to maintain uniformity at both the regional and state scale while also providing ways for each region to convey its unique story. The report Website is built, and the regions are entering narrative and data to meet the year-end deadline.

Each director also is meeting with WDFW to review fish abundance data and information published in the newly launched SCoRE online database.

Fall 2012 Focus

The directors will meet in person this fall to discuss various issues such as the 2013-2015 funding strategy, 2013 legislative session priorities, collaborative monitoring efforts, and following up on assignments from the state agency meetings.

Lead Entity Advisory Group (LEAG)

Report to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board

Sept. 2012

Summer is generally an extremely busy time for lead entities. Many Lead Entities are involved with conducting much of the public portion of their Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grant round during this time period. So there are project presentation meetings to coordinate, work with technical and citizen committees to score and rank projects, outreach to be conducted, site visits with SRFB Review Panel Members and staff, and much in office work with project sponsors to complete project applications, compile scores, complete regional and SRFB grant submittal documents, etc.

In addition, some Lead Entity programs are involved with field work, project oversight, and supporting and assisting sponsors involved in project construction which often brings challenges.

During this time period, there are also a lot of grant and funding opportunities to pursue, as well as planning for budget requests and education of citizens and legislators on local salmon recovery needs, field trips to potential, future project sites, etc.

LEAG did have a phone conference call meeting members prior to the August SRFB meeting. Discussion topics included PCSRF Budget Approach with GSRO's Megan Duffy, SRFB Grant Update & Restoration Conference Planning with SRFB's Brian Abbott, and Upcoming Lead Entity Issues with GSRO's Lloyd Moody.

Efforts continue to fill positions on the LEAG Executive committee; there was a brief update on lead entity consolidation and continuing work on grant funding outreach with the SRFB's Susan Zemek.

Work on monitoring issues will resume in the fall and a committee was formed to work on LEAG messaging and outreach, a subject identified at our spring retreat. That effort will be lead by LEAG Vice Chair Darcy Batura of the Yakima Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board and members include: Karen Bergeron of King County's WRIA 9 Lead Entity, John Foltz of the Klickitat Lead Entity, Amy Hatch-Winecka of Thurston and Mason Lead Entities (WRIA 13 & 14), and Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz of Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish (WRIA 8) Lead Entity.

The following are brief updates of activities and items of interest as reported by some of our lead entity members:

Klickitat Lead Entity:

Migrating Steelhead Return above Condit Dam Site

Interest in salmon recovery in the White Salmon River basin, which is part of the Klickitat Lead Entity area, has been extremely high with the sighting of migrating steelhead upstream of Condit Dam for the first time in nearly a century.

According to Klickitat Lead Entity Coordinator John Foltz, members of the public and others, including scientists from the Yakama Nation Fisheries Program and the U.S. Geological Services, and Klickitat Lead Entity Technical Committee Member Brady Allen, have spotted steelhead jumping near the town called BZ and Husum Falls on several occasions since dam removal began. Built in 1913, Condit Dam was breached in October 2011 to provide fish passage in the White Salmon Basin, an important cold water tributary of the Columbia River.

Salmon habitat recovery efforts above Condit Dam have been moving forward over the last several years in anticipation of dam removal. This effort has been led in part by the Klickitat Lead Entity including its local technical and citizen's committees, along with restoration project sponsors and partners with funding and support from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. As the dam is completely removed and more fish expected to return, additional salmon habitat restoration projects are anticipated to be developed and funding sought for such requests.

Background information on Condit Dam and the events leading up to, during, and post breaching can be found <http://whitesalmontimelapse.wordpress.com/>, including a recent King 5 news article and video which can be found at: <http://www.king5.com/news/environment/migrating-steelhead-white-salmon-river.html>.

Snake River Lead Entity:

Increased Range for Spring Chinook and Steelhead in the Tucannon River

This August, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Watershed Steward Dave Karl worked with restoration partners, Umatilla Nation Forest-Pomeroy District, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board (SRSRB) and Bonneville Power (BPA) Administration) to complete a 1.6 mile stream channel and floodplain restoration project in the Tucannon Basin. The work was designed to increase winter survival of juvenile Snake River spring Chinook and steelhead by expanding channel roughness and side channel habitat. This was made possible through a 50/50 funding collaboration between the SRFB and BPA after many years of hard work by both agencies.

Snake River Lead Entity Coordinator Kris Buelow reports that the total effort resulted in a combination of 5 engineered log structures and the placement of more than 250 whole

trees into 55 additional log jams, initiating the development of 0.6 miles of new channel and approximately 2 miles of additional side channel. The majority of the jams were placed using S67 Sky Crane helicopter to minimize damage to recovering riparian and wetland habitats.

Past restoration work in the Tucannon River is leading to expansion of spring Chinook and steelhead population range. Habitat monitoring has shown improvements in stream temperature during the base flow months of June through October. Where water temperatures once exceeded 72°F for the majority of summer in the early 1990s, temperatures have not exceeded 67°F since 2005 and have stayed below 65°F from 2009-2011. These lower temperatures are attributed to improvements in riparian condition, trusted instream flow, and improvements in stream channel morphology.

As habitat conditions improve, steelhead responded by spawning and utilizing areas down river in higher numbers until in 2010 the SRSRB expanded its restoration priorities downstream 20 miles to the Snake River confluence. In August, to better understand juvenile spring Chinook distribution and abundance in relation to improving conditions, electrofishing surveys were conducted in the Tucannon's lower 20 miles. Surveys revealed not only higher than expected abundance, but a wider summer range than is currently identified as priority on the Tucannon. In 2010, the SRSRB has previously expanded its priority habitat for steelhead and it is anticipated that the new data will lead to an expansion in priority areas for spring Chinook as well.

Report Submitted by Cheryl Baumann, LEAG Chair 9-5-12

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Salmon Recovery Funding Board Briefing Memo

Meeting Date: September 2012
Title: Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund
Prepared By: Brian Abbott, Salmon Section Manager and GSRO Coordinator
Approved by the Director: *Kaleen Cottingham*

Summary

This memo requests a decision regarding whether the board should request and allocate capacity funding on an annual basis versus a biennial basis. Historically the state requests capacity funding in its Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery (PCSRF) application on a biennial basis.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

- ☒ Request for Decision
- ☐ Request for Direction
- ☐ Briefing

Proposed Motion Language

Move to approve that capacity funding should be requested and allocated on an annual basis.

Background

The Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) is an annual competitive federal grant award that accounts for 37% of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board) biennial budget.

Each year, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), submits a single Washington State application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for PCSRF grant funds. The application is prepared in cooperation with the board, Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.

The board's portion of Washington's application has typically included costs for habitat projects, monitoring (as required by NOAA), administration, and capacity. Capacity is described as the established organizational foundation that allows for salmon recovery to take place in the "Washington Way." Federal funds are used to support regional organizations and lead entities.

Historical Requests for Capacity Funds

The state budgets for capacity and projects on a biennial basis, beginning on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. The federal budget cycle is annual, beginning on October 1, but due to the grant cycle, the funds are not available to the state until later in the federal fiscal year. To ensure continuity and predictability for the regions and lead entities, the state has historically requested two years of capacity funding in every other PCSRF application, and only project funding in the alternate years.

Change in NOAA Application Requirements

In 2012, NOAA changed the PCSRF application process, requiring that costs be allocated according to the newly-articulated PCSRF priorities:

1. Projects that address factors limiting the productivity of ESA-listed Pacific salmonids as detailed in recovery plans.
2. Projects that restore or protect habitat of salmonids that are at-risk of being ESA-listed or are necessary for exercise of tribal treaty rights
3. Effectiveness monitoring of habitat restoration projects at the watershed or larger scales for listed salmon, or status monitoring projects that directly contribute to population viability assessments for listed salmon
4. Other projects consistent with the Congressional authorization with demonstrated need for funding

Specifically, the state's application must now clearly identify the portion of the PCSRF funding that will be allocated to each priority. Within in each priority, the funding must be further allocated to projects, capacity, and other elements. Previous applications allowed for more general discussions.

As shown in the Analysis section, the combination of a biennial capacity request and the new application format create a situation that could lessen the state's competitiveness for funding.

Decision Requested

The board is being asked to determine if it will continue to request and allocate capacity funding on a biennial basis or if it should shift its request and allocation to an annual approach.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the state include an annual request for capacity funding in its PCSRF application. Doing so will ensure that the state remains competitive if federal funding decreases, by highlighting an emphasis on on-the-ground projects.

Staff further recommends that the GSRO work with the regional organizations and lead entities to identify the best contractual approach for implementing an annual capacity funding cycle. Potential options include:

- annual contracts;

- two-year contracts with a special provision with respect to available funding (i.e., second year of contract scope of work funded through amendments only as funding becomes available).

Analysis

Federal funding for the PCSRF grant program has declined in recent years. If that trend continues, it is vital that Washington State ensure that it maintain its competitiveness for funds.

Effect of the Biennial Capacity Request

The biennial allocation artificially increases the capacity costs so that our application in the odd numbered years will have more funding going to administrative functions (i.e. capacity) than to on-the-ground projects. In even numbered years, the amounts will flip, so that more funding is going to on-the-ground projects.

Historically, the PCSRF applications required a more general presentation of information, so the ratio of capacity dollars to project dollars was not a concern.

However, the new application format highlights the ratio in a manner that may lessen the state's competitiveness for funding in years when biennial capacity funding is requested. It also creates the potential that the state could be very successful in years in which it does not request capacity funding – creating a situation in which projects are funded, but not the capacity needed to implement the "Washington Way."

The following table demonstrates the issue for Priority One – the priority for which the state requests the most funding. The table shows total grant requests of \$22 and \$30 million – the actual amount received and the amount requested in federal fiscal year 2012.

- At \$22 million, a biennial approach would result in a capacity funding request that exceeds project funding by over \$500,000.
- At \$30 million, a biennial approach would result in capacity funding that is only \$1.1 million less than project funding.

Table 1: Demonstrated Costs for Hypothetical Grant Application – Biennial Capacity Funding

Priority One Projects and Activities	\$22 Million Total Request	\$30 Million Total Request
PROJECT FUNDING: Habitat restoration and protection projects	\$6,567,331	\$8,219,853
CAPACITY FUNDING: Regional organization and lead entity funding	\$7,104,547	\$7,104,547
OTHER: Hatchery, Database, Admin	\$2,471,096	\$6,144,387
TOTAL	\$16,142,974	\$21,468,787

The increase in "Other" costs at the \$30 million level is primarily Hatchery, based on the MOU between Washington State partners.

Effect of Requesting Capacity Funding on an Annual Basis

The state's application may be more competitive if it allocated capacity funding on an annual basis rather than a biennial basis. Showing the true costs allows PCSRF reviewers to see how much money is going to on-the ground projects, as highlighted in the NOAA priorities.

Table Two is identical to Table 1, except that it uses an annual capacity allocation.

- At \$22 million, an annual approach would result in a project funding request that exceeds capacity funding by \$6.5 million.
- At \$30 million, an annual approach would result in a project funding request that exceeds capacity funding by \$8.2 million.

Table 2: Demonstrated Costs for Hypothetical Grant Application – Annual Capacity Funding

Priority One Projects and Activities	\$22 Million Total Request	\$30 Million Total Request
PROJECT FUNDING: Habitat restoration and protection projects	\$10,119,605	\$11,772,127
CAPACITY FUNDING: Regional organization and lead entity funding	\$3,552,273	\$3,552,273
OTHER: Hatchery, Database, Admin	\$2,471,097	\$6,144,387
TOTAL	\$16,142,975	\$21,468,787

The increase in "Other" costs at the \$30 million level is primarily Hatchery, based on the MOU between Washington State partners.

Effect on the RCO, Lead Entities, and Regional Organizations

The board has used the biennial funding approach to ensure continuity for the lead entities and regional organizations. Given the uncertainty of many of their other funding sources, this has been vital to their ability to plan and complete their scopes of work during difficult economic times. Moving to an annual federal request would introduce more uncertainty because the contracts would need to be written so that they were either (a) annual or (b) biennial, with scopes of work contingent of funding. There also would be a slight increase in the administrative work required to process new contracts or contract amendments.

The change would not affect RCO administration, which already is requested on an annual rather than biennial basis.

Next Steps

If the board approves the change to annual capacity funding, the RCO will write the 2013 PCSRF grant application accordingly. Further, staff will begin work with the lead entities and regions to develop a contracting approach that reflects the annual funding and meets their operational needs.

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Briefing Memo

Meeting Date: September 2012
Title: Sharing Information About Salmon Recovery
Prepared By: Jennifer Johnson, Governor's Salmon Recovery Office
Approved by the Director:

Kaleen Cottingham

Summary

Staff from the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and from the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) will demonstrate two Web sites at the September meeting of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board). This memo discusses the purpose and design of the sites.

Board Action Requested

This item will be a:

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Salmon Conservation Reporting Engine (SCoRE)

Staff from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will demonstrate the new Salmon Conservation Reporting Engine (SCoRE) Web site, which was unveiled over the summer.

SCoRE consolidates current information about state salmon populations, hatchery production, conservation guidelines, and other aspects of salmon management in a single Web site. The SCoRE Web site, available at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/score/>, outlines major recovery initiatives underway around the state to restore salmon habitat, restructure hatchery operations, and redesign fisheries to conserve wild runs.

While focusing on WDFW's role in these efforts, the Web site also provides information about an array of local and regional organizations, tribal governments, and volunteer groups involved in the statewide effort. Readers can link directly to salmon recovery efforts in their areas, and to statewide information such as the annual *State of the Salmon in Watersheds* report.

Various issues addressed on the Web site include:

- Which salmon and steelhead populations are increasing, decreasing, or showing no change?
- What are specific salmon hatcheries doing to support salmon recovery?
- Who is involved in the effort to restore wild salmon and steelhead runs?
- What can individuals do to get involved in salmon recovery?

State of the Salmon in Watersheds Report

State law¹ requires the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO) to complete a biennial *State of Salmon in Watersheds* report. The 2012 report – slated for completion in December – will be the seventh report, and marks a major transformation in the reporting method. For the first time, the report will be housed on its own Web site (stateofsalmon.wa.gov).

At the September board meeting, GSRO staff will demonstrate various elements of the new Web site in its draft form, and how to navigate through the site. Several summary pages and sample pages of data and graphics will be previewed. GSRO will answer questions and will describe the overall schedule for completion. Although the entire report will be electronic, it is our goal to have a printable executive summary for sharing with key decisionmakers.

Report Development

GSRO is leading a coordinated process to develop the content and the Web site. Partners include the salmon recovery organizations, Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, RCO, other agencies, and selected vendors. The process has benefited from the increased collaboration and investment from the salmon recovery regional organizations.

The Information Included in the State of the Salmon Report

In past reports, GSRO included indicators of adult and juvenile fish abundance, watershed health, and implementation. The last report (2010) consolidated several reports into a single biennial report on the statewide status of salmon recovery and watershed health. It included:

- Executive summary
- Overarching threats to salmon recovery and key information gaps
- "At-a-glance" trends in abundance of listed species across the state
- Statewide and regional funding trends
- An improved structure based on the integrated monitoring framework and high-level indicators adopted by the Forum on Monitoring Salmon Recovery and Watershed Health

¹ RCW 77.85.020

- High-level summaries on the status of watershed planning, as required by statute.

The 2012 report will include most of the information included in past reports. In addition, it will provide more regional context, and take a deeper look into some of the variability and details at the regional scale.

Like past reports, the 2012 report will (1) roll-up data at both regional and state scales, (2) contain indicators of adult and juvenile fish abundance, watershed health, and recovery plan implementation, and (3) highlight key information gaps and needs. The regional chapters will supplement the common indicators with additional data, analysis, and contextual narrative to address local variability.

Web-Based Reporting

Putting the report on the Internet creates opportunity for the state and regions to tell a more complete and dynamic salmon recovery story, and provides more transparency and accountability. Readers can choose the level of detail they prefer – from summary level to raw data² - and, in some cases, interact with some of the information. This format is easily accessible and more efficient for updating or adding new information. There is a long-term cost savings as well because lengthy paper reports will not be printed.

This is a first step in posting the report online, so the report will be primarily static, with limited delivery of dynamic data. It will be a snapshot in time that will be archived in RCO for future reference. Future reports will build on this foundation, creating an electronic record of the history of salmon recovery and watershed health.

Web Site features

The Web site will feature printable summary pages, a printable executive summary, eight salmon recovery regional organization chapters, and links to more information that inform the state report. Users will find narrative and pictorial overviews of salmon recovery and watershed health for the state and each salmon recovery region.

The user can navigate the site with a menu, a clickable map, or information boxes. Some of the site features include:

- Data and indicators listed for each region, and for the state.
- Regional and statewide pages that have content about habitat and fish monitoring, including the state's monitoring framework, successes and challenges, and conclusions.

² Many of our partners have their data posted to the Web so readers can link to original source data.

- Summary pages about the indicators for salmon recovery, watershed health, and the underlying data. Users can see more detail on plan implementation and the status of the fish and watershed health. Charts, graphs, and maps will be available with explanatory notes.
- Live links to other reports such as the Puget Sound Partnership's *State of the Sound*, the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission's *State of the Watersheds Report*, and the Northwest Power and Planning Council's *High Level Indicators* reports will be available throughout the report as references. Narrative and context will be provided to illustrate the relationship to these reports and how the data between these reports can be complementary and coordinated.

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Salmon Recovery Funding Board Briefing Memo

Meeting Date: September 2012
Title: Discussion with Review Panel Chair of Topics of Interest
Prepared By: Brian Abbott, Salmon Section Manager and GSRO Coordinator
Patty Michak, Review Panel Chair
Approved by the Director: *Kaleen Cottingham*

Summary

The chair of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board Technical Review Panel will present three topics of interest for discussion with the board at the September meeting. This memo provides a brief overview of the topics.

Board Action Requested

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Background

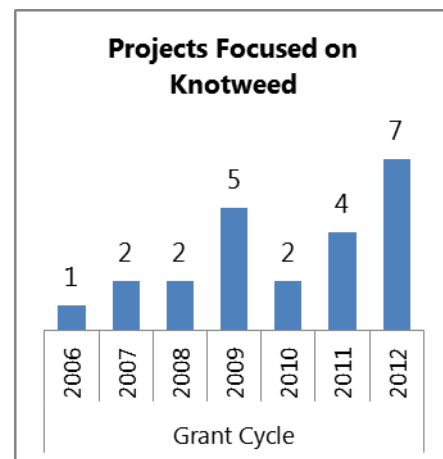
The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) wants to ensure the Review Panel remains an independent body that can provide their insight on project review, grant round processes, and suggested improvements to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board). In 2012, RCO decided to select a chairperson who would be responsible for providing direct feedback to the board. They hope to have regular interaction with the board to improve the overall grant making process.

In September, the Review Panel chair will present the first three topics of interest to the board for discussion.

Review Panel Topics of Interest

Knotweed control projects

Proposals for knotweed control projects have been continual since 2006. As shown in the chart, the number of applications and funded projects focusing specifically on knotweed control has increased, and now totals 23. To date, inclusive of the 2012 grant round, the total request for grant funds¹ for knotweed control is \$2.9 million. In 2012, there are seven final application requests for board funding, totaling \$554,696. There are many other projects that contain a component for knotweed control; these costs have not been captured.



The Review Panel has noted that approaches to knotweed control vary widely. For example, some sponsors are taking a perennial approach to fund new and ongoing multi-year knotweed control programs with project grants because other funding sources are no longer available. Some regional areas have formed a consortium of sponsors that are conducting knotweed control projects to develop best management practices (e.g., control standards, approach, and methodologies) while other areas leave each sponsor to apply their own approaches.

The Review Panel believes that there is a need for an integrated approach for riparian restoration, and that the control of knotweed should be one of the elements within such an approach. Projects should fund approaches that look at long-term riparian function restoration, with invasive control as an element, rather than programmatic knotweed control. Such integrated riparian restoration projects also should contain a commitment to replant within a specific timeframe or to monitor for natural recruitment. Development of an integrated riparian restoration approach would work towards reestablishing riparian functions and identify the true cost of this restoration versus an ongoing annual request for discrete elements of riparian restoration.

Beaver re-introduction proposals

This restoration strategy is emerging as a new project type, one that will entail some level of year-to-year funding over multiple years, and one that could become established as a routinely funded local program. Beaver reintroduction is listed in many work plans and recovery strategies because beavers play an important role in the structure and development of stream systems.

In 2012, three beaver re-introduction proposals were proposed within the Columbia basin requesting about \$241,000 for project implementation over two to three years. Other funding sources for these projects do not appear to be available. Manual 18 does not provide guidance on beaver reintroduction projects, and guidance should be prepared to enhance project success,

¹ Salmon Recovery Funding Board grants and Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration grant funds

project review criteria, and consistency of approach. There also needs to be a new tool added to project metrics. Further, guidance needs to be given that beaver reintroduction as a tool to restore or create habitat is appropriate, whereas board grants are not appropriate for managing problem beavers. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is preparing a chapter for the 2012 *Salmon Habitat Restoration Guidelines* document on beaver reintroduction; this document should be used as a reference for the SRFB process.

Bank stabilization – Manual 18 update

The use of bank stabilization techniques within habitat restoration projects is an issue that the Review Panel has to address annually when determining the benefit to fish and certainty of the project meeting its restoration objectives. Currently, the project review criteria state that when stream bank protection is (1) used to protect private property and (2) is the main focus of the project, then the project would be designated as a project of concern. The Review Panel wants to provide clarifying language about how stream bank protection can be incorporated into a broader restoration project to meet multiple objectives -- not just bank protection. The Review Panel is working with staff to draft new language for the Manual 18 that would clarify under what circumstances bank stabilization could be incorporated into projects.

Next Steps

Based on the board meeting discussion staff will work with the Review Panel and stakeholders to draft language for Manual 18 to be considered at the December board meeting.

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Briefing Memo

Meeting Date: September 2012
Title: Preview of Board Tour
Prepared By: Tara Galuska, Senior Grant Manager
Approved by the Director: *Kaleen Cottingham*

Summary

This memo describes the projects that the board will tour on September 20, 2012. Additional details and driving directions will be provided at the meeting.

Board Action Requested

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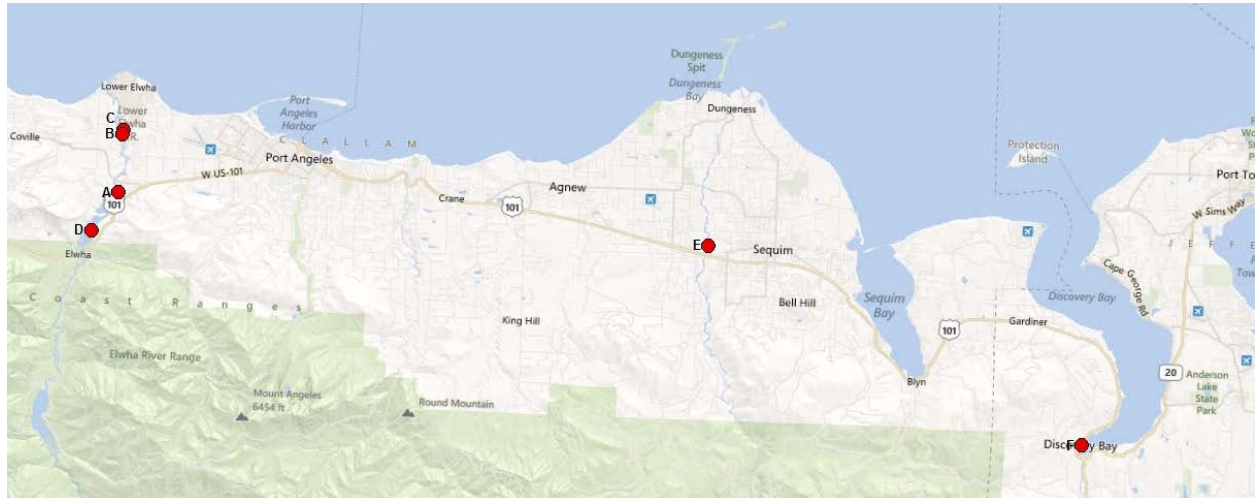
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- ☒ Briefing

Tour Overview

Departure Time	Travel Time	Arrival Time	Site	Time on Site
8:00 a.m.	30 min	8:30 a.m.	Elwha Dam Overlook	45 min
9:15 a.m.	15 min.	9:30 a.m.	Elwha Weir Site	30 min
10:00 a.m.	15 min	10:15 a.m.	Elwha Engineered Log Jam Site	30 min
10:45 a.m.	15 min	11:00 a.m.	Elwha Revegetation Site	30 min
11:30 a.m.	1 hour	12:30-12:45 p.m.	Railroad Bridge Park	~ 2 hours Lunch on site
2:30 p.m.	20 min	2:50 p.m.	Discovery Bay	30 min
3:30 p.m.			End tour	

Driving directions will be provided at the meeting.

Approximate Locations



Project Information

A. Elwha River Dam Removal Overlook

Completed in 1913, the 108-foot high Elwha Dam was situated about 4 miles from the mouth of the Elwha River. The dam was constructed to provide electricity to Port Angeles, but was built without fish ladders, making it a complete barrier to salmon migration.

Dam removal began on the Elwha River in mid-September 2011. Originally anticipated to be a two to three year process, removal proceeded quickly and by late spring 2012, the Elwha Dam was completely gone.

The Salmon Recovery Funding Board did not participate in funding the dam removal, but has funded other related projects that are part of the tour.

B. Elwha River Salmon and Steelhead Weir

Number	11-1335E		
Sponsor	WDFW	Grant Funding	\$90,000
Status	Active	Match	\$16,000
Program	Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration	Total Cost	\$106,000
Description	The Elwha River salmon and steelhead weir is an enhancement tool that evaluates the response of salmon and steelhead to the removal of two hydroelectric dams on the Elwha River. Elwha River Chinook salmon, steelhead, and bull trout are ESA-listed, and sockeye, pink and chum salmon are at critically low levels. The weir captures all salmonid species and provides scientific information needed to adaptively manage the recovery of Elwha River fish.		

C. Elwha River Engineered Log Jam Project

Number	10-1521R		
Sponsor	Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe	Grant Funding	\$1,289,426
Status	Active	Match	<u>\$227,688</u>
Program	Salmon State Projects Salmon Federal Projects Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration	Total Cost	\$1,517,114
Description	This project is an extension of the Tribe's comprehensive efforts to restore the floodplain of the lower Elwha. This project will extend restoration activities to a previously untreated portion of the river that has been affected by historic channelization. Engineered log jams will be sited and constructed to provide improved spawning and rearing habitats, reduce velocities, and promote lateral connectivity between the mainstem and floodplain.		

D. Elwha River Dam Revegetation Support Project

Number	11-1257R		
Sponsor	Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe	Grant Funding	\$450,785
Status	Active	Match	<u>\$148,750</u>
Program	Salmon State Projects Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration	Total Cost	\$599,535
Description	Removal of the dams will expose nearly 800 acres of land devoid of vegetation. The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe will use this grant to fund crews to control exotic weeds, plant more than 14,000 plants on the dewatered Aldwell reservoir surface, and mobilize large logs for erosion control and safe planting sites at the two dam site reservoirs. Crews also will provide logistical support for overall replanting efforts.		

E. Railroad Bridge Park – Dungeness River (2 projects and Dungeness Overview)

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and many partners have been working to restore and protect the Dungeness River at Railroad Bridge Park and along many other reaches. The Dungeness River is home to all salmonid species.

The park includes a 3,000 foot paved trail, historic wooden trestle bridge, and interpretive facilities. The trail is the centerpiece of the Olympic Discovery Trail that links Port Townsend and Port Angeles on the Olympic Peninsula. The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board has supported four recreation projects at the site, investing about \$227,000 in grant funds.

Dungeness River Railroad Bridge Restoration

Number	04-1589R		
Sponsor	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	Grant Funding	\$838,400
Status	Closed Completed	Match	\$185,100
Program	Salmon Federal Projects	Total Cost	\$1,023,500
Description	This project placed engineered log jams in the Railroad Bridge reach of the Dungeness River. This reach is very active with frequent channel avulsions, a wide floodplain with multiple side channels, a substrate that is typically too large for spawning, and a range of riparian forest types and ages. The log jams will create salmonid high flow refuge and rearing pools within and upstream of each jam. Gravel bars will be stabilized downstream of each jam for riparian forest establishment and spawning further downstream.		

Dungeness Habitat Protection

Number	10-1496A		
Sponsor	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	Grant Funding	\$182,000
Status	Active	Match	\$60,00
Program	Puget Sound Acquisition & Restoration	Total Cost	\$242,000
Description	This project will permanently protect 27 acres of high value habitat along 1400 feet of river channel and 4700 feet of side channel habitat of the Dungeness River. All fish species present in the lower river will benefit from habitat protection of mainstem and side channel habitat. Within this reach, Chinook, coho, steelhead and cutthroat spawn and rear, bull trout rear, and chum and pink salmon spawn.		

F. Discovery Bay – Snow and Salmon Creeks

The Salmon and Snow Creek Estuary is the most intact of its type on the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Located at the head of Discovery Bay in East Jefferson County, it is the unquestioned stronghold of the ESA listed Strait of Juan De Fuca summer chum salmon. Chumsortium partner organizations have been working together to protect, restore and enhance Salmon and Snow Creek watersheds located at the head of Discovery Bay. Over 360 acres of critical riparian, estuarine and wetland habitat and agricultural lands located downstream to the property are permanently protected through WDFW fee ownership and conservation easements with Jefferson Land Trust.

Salmon and Snow Creek Estuary Acquisition

Number	99-1721A		
Sponsor	WDFW	Grant Funding	\$40,000
Status	Closed Completed	Match	0
Program	State Salmon Projects	Total Cost	\$40,000
Description	The funds from this project were used by WDFW to acquire over 100 acres in Lower Discovery Bay. The project protected critical summer chum salmon spawning and rearing habitat by acquiring key property bordering the lower reaches of Salmon and Snow Creeks and their estuary. The Salmon Creek portion of the Salmon and Snow Creek estuary is one of the most functionally intact estuaries within the summer chum salmon ESU and warrants a high level of protection.		

Salmon Creek Restoration

Number	00-1176R		
Sponsor	Jefferson County Conservation District	Grant Funding	\$148,200
Status	Closed Completed	Match	\$54,200
Program	State Salmon Projects	Total Cost	\$202,400
Description	Salmon Creek flows into Discovery Bay and is used by a stock of ESA listed summer chum salmon. This reach encompasses the main spawning area for summer chum. The project restored natural stream functions and improved salmon habitat in a reach channelized many years ago for agriculture purposes. Project activities addressed limiting factors including restoration of channel complexity, reducing aggradation, replacing livestock ford with a bridge, and improving riparian conditions.		

Salmon and Snow Creek Estuary 01

Number	01-1346A		
Sponsor	Jefferson Land Trust	Grant Funding	\$399,580
Status	Closed Completed	Match	\$109,630
Program	State Salmon Projects	Total Cost	\$509,210
Description	Through conservation easements and fee simple acquisition, Jefferson Land Trust partnered in the perpetual protection of over 2 miles of streams and 200 acres of prime estuarine and riparian habitat for summer chum, other salmon species, forage fish and wildlife.		

Salmon/Snow Lower Watershed Restoration

Number	04-1649R		
Sponsor	North Olympic Salmon Coalition	Grant Funding	\$841,931
Status	Closed Completed	Match	<u>\$180,036</u>
Program	State Salmon Projects	Total Cost	\$1,021,967
Description	This project, a partnership between WDFW, Jefferson Conservation District, and North Olympic Salmon Coalition, created 29 acres of plantings at Salmon Creek with a total of 14,500 plants installed in the summer of 2005. There were 7 acres planted on Snow Creek with a total of 3,500 plants installed. The Salmon Estuary Project was completed in 2008 and restored 11 acres of saltmarsh.		

Salmon Estuary Wood Waste Removal and Restoration

Number	07-1632C		
Sponsor	North Olympic Salmon Coalition	Grant Funding	\$498,243
Status	Active	Match	<u>\$113,337</u>
Program	Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration	Total Cost	\$611,580
Description	This project will remove toxic wood waste from the estuary and increase habitat for juvenile salmonids, especially summer chum. In order to improve water quality, the wood waste must be removed before construction of the estuarine surface. This project is critical to the success of other phases of estuarine restoration at this location and includes the acquisition of an adjacent property for possible expansion of the restoration footprint.		

Snow/Salmon Railroad Grade Removal Design

Number	08-1988P		
Sponsor	North Olympic Salmon Coalition	Grant Funding	\$100,000
Status	Closed Completed	Match	<u>\$0</u>
Program	Salmon Federal Projects	Total Cost	\$100,000
Description	This design-only project completed a feasibility study to understand options for removing the railroad grade between Snow and Salmon Creeks to restore tidal inundation to the high salt marsh and tidal channels. The project studied options for enhancing the railroad grade along the western edge of the estuary where the armored shoreline can be partially pulled back, softened, and revegetated to further improve rearing habitats for salmonids and other fauna. This project resulted in plans ready to be permitted and implemented as funding allows.		

Snow Creek Delta Cone and Estuary Design

Number	10-1611P		
Sponsor	North Olympic Salmon Coalition	Grant Funding	\$199,295
Status	Active	Match	\$0
Program	Salmon Federal Projects	Total Cost	\$199,295
Description	This project will produce final design plans for the restoration of Snow Creek. The North Olympic Salmon Coalition and our partners have been implementing actions in lower Salmon and Snow Creek watersheds for over 15 years in an effort to restore the ecosystem, which supports endangered summer chum salmon, ESA listed steelhead, coho and cutthroat trout.		

Salmon and Snow Creek Riparian Project

Number	10-1574R		
Sponsor	North Olympic Salmon Coalition	Grant Funding	\$70,042
Status	Active	Match	\$14,000
Program	Salmon Federal Projects	Total Cost	\$84,042
Description	This project will do riparian plantings on Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) property in lower Snow Creek as well as a private parcel on Salmon Creek. A total of 0.7 miles of stream bank will be planted. This proposal is another step in recovering the ecosystem for summer chum, steelhead, coho and cutthroat.		

Discovery Bay Railroad Grade Removal – under application

Number	12-1268R		
Sponsor	North Olympic Salmon Coalition	Grant Funding	\$288,680
Status	Application	Match	\$50,944
Program	Salmon Projects	Total Cost	\$339,624
Description	This is the next phase to rehabilitate the estuary in Lower Discovery Bay. This project proposes to remove 1,465 feet of railroad grade and imbedded waterline and relocate the waterline near the highway. The result will be reconnection of 22 acres and creation of 1.5 acres of the Salmon and Snow Creek estuarine intertidal habitat. All properties are currently owned by WDFW and the Jefferson Land Trust.		

L. Brown Snow Creek Acquisition – under application

Number	12-1310AR		
Sponsor	Jefferson land Trust	Grant Funding	\$126,100
Status	Application	Match	\$24,900
Program	Salmon Projects	Total Cost	\$151,000
Description	Jefferson Land Trust (JLT) is seeking funding for the acquisition of a 15.5 acre parcel along 1400 feet of Snow Creek for protection of important salmon habitat. The acquisition will permanently protect and restore wild riparian salmon habitat and benefit water quality in Snow Creek and Discovery Bay. Restoration efforts include understory planting and invasive plant removal. Salmon species that utilize the forested riparian habitat of Snow Creek include the endangered Summer Chum, Coho salmon, cutthroat and steelhead trout.		

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS, SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2012

Agenda Items without Formal Action

Item	Follow-up Actions
Item 3: Reports from Partners	No follow-up requested.
Item 5: Sharing Information about Salmon Recovery	Provide follow-up report in December.
Item 6: Follow-up Regarding Puget Sound Action Agenda	No follow-up requested.
Item 7: Discussion with Review Panel Chair on Topics of Interest	Topics to be presented for decision in December.
Item 8: Preview of Project Tour	No follow-up requested

Agenda Items with Formal Action

Item	Formal Action	Follow-up Actions
Minutes	Minutes from August 2012 Approved	There were no follow-up actions.
Item 1: Directors Report	Service Resolutions for Sara LaBorde, Megan Duffy, and Steve McLellan Approved	There were no follow-up actions.
Item 2: Salmon Recovery Management Reports	Request for board approval of funds for video component of <i>State of the Salmon in Watersheds</i> report Approved	There were no follow-up actions.
Item 4: Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund	Recommendation to move capacity budget requests to annual basis Approved	There were no follow-up actions.

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES

Date: September 19, 2012

Place: Red Lion Hotel, Port Angeles, WA

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Members Present:

Bud Hover, Chair	Okanogan County	Bob Everitt	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Harry Barber	Washougal	Carol Smith	Conservation Commission
Josh Brown	Kitsap County	Mike Barber	Department of Transportation
Phil Rockefeller	NWPCC		
David Troutt	Olympia		

Bob Everitt arrived at 12:35. Carol Smith arrived at 1:45 p.m.
Melissa Gildersleeve and Craig Partridge were excused.

It is intended that this summary be used with the notebook provided in advance of the meeting. A recording is retained by RCO as the formal record of meeting.

Opening and Welcome

Lower Elwha S'Klallam Tribe Chairwoman Frances Charles welcomed the board to the area. Lower Elwha S'Klallam Tribe River Restoration Manager Robert Elofsen also was in attendance. Port Angeles Mayor Cherie Kidd also welcomed the board.

Chair Bud Hover called the meeting to order at noon and a quorum was determined. Director Kaleen Cottingham noted the following additions to the agenda:

- Service resolutions for staff and former board member Sara LaBorde
- Request for board approval for an RFP for a video component of the *State of the Salmon in Watersheds* report

Phil Rockefeller moved to adopt the agenda.

Seconded by: Harry Barber

Motion: APPROVED

Josh Brown moved to adopt the August 2012 minutes.

Seconded by: Phil Rockefeller

Motion: APPROVED

Item 1: Management Reports

Director Cottingham presented information about federal funding for Habitat Work Schedule, noting that it is more difficult to secure funding since Congressman Norm Dicks has retired. One option would be to move to a state-owned system rather than proprietary software. She noted that Nona Snell had been hired as the new policy director/legislative liaison. She also discussed the approach she plans to take with regard to the future in the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office. Director Cottingham noted the request to recognize the service of Sara LaBorde, Megan Duffy, and Steve McLellan.

Josh Brown moved to adopt the service resolutions for Sara LaBorde, Megan Duffy, and Steve McLellan.

Seconded by: David Troutt

Motion: APPROVED

Steve McLellan noted that the 2013-15 budget request had been submitted for the Recreation and Conservation Office and its boards, and discussed the revenue forecasts. He also noted that the liability legislation is still under discussion by stakeholders. He noted that the legislation's proponents need to be more specific about how the proposal would affect the ability of sponsors to proceed with salmon recovery projects.

Item 2: Salmon Recovery Management Reports

Director Cottingham presented information from the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office, as described in the staff memo. Brian Abbott then presented the grant management report, as described in the staff memo, noting in particular the next steps in the 2012 grant cycle.

Abbott explained the request for board approval of up to \$32,000 in returned funds from the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) for a video component of the *State of the Salmon in Watersheds* report. A handout was provided to the board explaining the purpose of the request. Abbott showed two similar videos done by the Bonneville Power Administration.

Board members asked about the number of Web hits that staff anticipated, and if staff was asking for enough money. Director Cottingham responded that there were about 261,000 hits to the RCO Web in fiscal year 2012. Abbott noted that the funds requested would be enough to get started. Member David Troutt asked how this would be coordinated with other similar efforts, and recommended that it be more focused on the voice of the landowner and to also include a state of urgency. Abbott clarified that the examples were intended to show the quality, not the messaging. Chair Hover noted that the Upper Columbia Region produced a video, and it has been useful and been received well. He suggested that progress was just as important as urgency for messaging.

Josh Brown moved to approve the use of up to \$32,000 in PCSRF returned funds for a video component of the *State of the Salmon in Watersheds* report.

Seconded by: David Troutt

Motion: APPROVED

Abbott also showed a video about a beaver reintroduction project in preparation for the discussion with Patty Michak.

Item 3: Reports from Partners

Council of Regions: There was no report, aside from the memo provided in advance of the meeting.

Lead Entity Advisory Group: Cheryl Baumann and Darcy Batura presented information about how LEAG is coordinating to do additional outreach efforts; they are working together statewide to coordinate efforts. Member Phil Rockefeller asked how much work is done by paid staff versus volunteers, and suggested the use of contractors as volunteers. Baumann responded that they use volunteers, but it depends on the scale and degree of work. She also noted that contractors' work is typically captured as

project match. Batura noted that in the Yakima Region, they are exploring the use of curriculum developed by Cooperative Extension for use with their volunteers.

Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups: Jason Lundgren presented an overview of the groups' history, funding, and accomplishments statewide. Rebecca Benjamin discussed the various types and scales of projects done by the groups.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW): Member Bob Everitt reported that the supplemental budget had \$42 million for the hatchery program. WDFW has several actions moving forward for the hatchery reform program. He also noted that WDFW protected the salmon recovery portions of its general funds as well as it could in its budget request for 2013-15. The agency is recruiting to fill the vacancy left by Sara LaBorde as the Special Assistant for Salmon Recovery. He noted the negative impact of wolf issues and fires on agency resources.

Department of Transportation (DOT): Member Mike Barber reported that they are working on 20 fish passage projects: 7 are done, 13 are in progress. Member Rockefeller asked if the department has a plan to deal with culverts. Member M. Barber responded that the agency is trying to maintain funding of about \$24 million per biennium. It still is waiting for the final judgment in the court case that Rockefeller referenced. The fish passage program predates the lawsuit, and DOT has increased the funding over time.

Conservation Commission: Member Carol Smith noted that they were fully funded for Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), so districts are busy with new riparian restoration projects. They also received \$5 million for water quality improvement projects. The commission is focused on 2013-15 budget.

General Public Comment

There was no general public comment.

Item 4: Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund

Brian Abbott explained the information as presented in the staff memo, reminding the board that Megan Duffy had presented the background at the August meeting. He explained that staff believes that the application for federal funds will be more competitive if funding for regional organizations and lead entities is requested annually rather than biennially.

Chair Hover noted that he was concerned that the regions still be able to contract for two years. Abbott responded that they could set the contracts for two years. Member Troutt asked if, aside from the contract issue, if there were other disadvantages. Abbott said there were not, but there was more uncertainty because of the budget climate. Member Rockefeller asked if the proposal affected the state budget request; Director Cottingham responded that RCO already had to estimate what would be received in the second year of the biennium for federal funds.

Phil Rockefeller moved to approve that capacity funding should be requested and allocated annually.

Seconded by: David Troutt

Motion: APPROVED

Item 5: Sharing Information about Salmon Recovery

Eric Neatherlin and Brodie Cox from the WDFW presented an overview and demonstration of the SCoRE Web site. They noted that SCoRE streamlined the delivery of the information and provided greater transparency and accountability. They demonstrated a number of ways that SCoRE provides data. They noted that the second phase will provide maps and other advance presentation tools.

Board members asked a variety of questions about how the data are exchanged, linked to other agency Web sites, and kept current to ensure consistency. They noted that it is difficult to use data from multiple agencies. Members also were concerned about whether WDFW had adequate staffing to keep the data updated; Neatherlin stated that they were designed to keep it updated with the data they could collect. Member Rockefeller noted that predation and invasive species were missing from the data set. Neatherlin responded that the issues are not captured unless they are limiting factors in the recovery plans; he could see adding them in the future. The board also asked questions about how SCoRE will collect and present data about harvest, and how WDFW is working with tribal co-managers.

Jennifer Johnson presented a preview of the State of the Salmon in Watersheds Web site, which will be launched in December. She noted that the content was still in development, and that she was presenting only the navigation at this time. She described how the site would provide different levels of information for different users. Johnson showed how the data would be shown at the statewide and regional levels, highlighting water quality and fish abundance, and how it links to the original source data. Director Cottingham noted that there would be a printable executive summary with statewide conclusions.

Director Cottingham noted that the goal is to make it interactive in the future, but that this is a good first step. Chair Hover clarified that this sets the stage for easier updates in the future. Board members commended Johnson for her work. Member Troutt asked if there had been any discussions about VSP parameters other than abundance. Johnson responded that the data were under discussion, but that she did not know what they would be able to do with this release. Member Troutt suggested including – at minimum – a mention of the other parameters. Director Cottingham noted that they would link to other reports that mention the parameters. Board members also suggested it would be helpful to see implementation of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) under the water quality section and information about in-stream flows.

Item 6: Follow up Regarding the Puget Sound Action Agenda

Jeannette Dorner from the Puget Sound Partnership presented an update on the *Action Agenda*, which was approved in August. She explained the objectives and the development process, including stakeholders and the management boards for the Partnership. Dorner explained how the *Action Agenda* is organized, as well as the strategic initiatives, near-term actions, and ongoing actions. She presented the vital signs wheel and described the development of milestones, targets, and interim targets for the indicators. Dorner noted that salmon recovery is a strategic initiative, and discussed the efforts to align the work of the Partnership's salmon recovery team so that the *Action Agenda* and recovery plan would be coordinated. She also explained the role of the local integrating organizations and lead entities.

Board members discussed the Partnership's role as a body to facilitate discussions and provide a forum for setting priorities and direction, rather than as a regulatory agency or an entity that takes action itself. Member Troutt noted that the Partnership's role is to facilitate discussions, not do the work themselves. Member Rockefeller noted that the purpose was to align behaviors and actions; that has been the result of the Partnership. He stated that the *Action Agenda* provides an agreed-upon list of prioritized actions

and a mechanism for aligning the budget with priorities. Director Cottingham noted that salmon recovery is now truly integrated into this *Action Agenda*, as compared to previous versions.

Dorner highlighted the work in the Nisqually as an example of how the Partnership can facilitate the work and bring funding to the table for salmon recovery. She also noted that the Recovery Council will be having a retreat with the Watershed Councils to identify and find ways to overcome barriers.

Board members suggested that the Partnership be better able to explain the return on investment and how the agency has improved the effectiveness of efforts to recover Puget Sound. Member Brown encouraged the Partnership to focus on things that they can achieve and provide some results.

Item 7: Discussion with the Review Panel Chair of Topics of Interest

Brian Abbott noted that the board typically discusses topics of interest at the December meeting. This year, staff decided it would be more effective to have the discussions more often so that they could get a better sense of the board's interest and policy direction.

The board then discussed the following topics with Review Panel Chair Patty Michak: knotweed control, beaver reintroduction, and bank stabilization. Michak gave an overview of each topic, as presented in the board memo, followed by discussion with the board. Michak said that the Review Panel would come back in December with recommended language for Manual 18.

Knotweed control: Member Smith stated that the policy should address all invasive species. Member H. Barber stated that he does not think it is appropriate for salmon dollars, and is concerned that others may back away from funding if the board starts funding it. Chair Hover was concerned about it turning into a maintenance program, rather than a project-by-project situation. Member Troutt asked that the policy provide guidelines, but not be too prescriptive; he believes that getting rid of knotweed is a good goal, and other partners might not have the funds to do it. Board members noted that landowners need an incentive approach to deal with it because it is a Class B weed. Member Rockefeller noted that they should think about how to use the funds strategically, for example, setting a bar at which it makes sense to use funds for knotweed.

Beaver reintroduction: Michak explained that they need to provide guidance and metrics in Manual 18. Member Troutt asked if the projects had been identified in the three-year work plans or recovery plans. Michak said that she had seen them in the three-year work plans, but was not sure if they were in the recovery plans specifically. Board members expressed concern that we be sure that these are high priority projects, and ensure that there are good sideboards on these projects.

Bank stabilization: Michak noted that they need language to clarify when it is appropriate to include bank stabilization in a project. Member Troutt noted that it will be difficult to provide this kind of guidance.

Public Comment:

Jeannette Dorner, PSP: Dorner noted that there had been a decline in funding to the state Department of Agriculture for knotweed control. For bank stabilization, many project sponsors find that landowners want projects that have multiple benefits; stabilization can be one of those benefits. The more narrowly funds are defined, the more difficult it is for sponsors.

Item 8: Preview of Project Tour

Cheryl Baumann presented an overview of the North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity. Tara Galuska previewed the project tour for Thursday, September 20, including a video about the removal of the Elwha dams. The video observes the 1-year anniversary of the removal.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Date: September 20, 2012

Place: Clallam County, WA

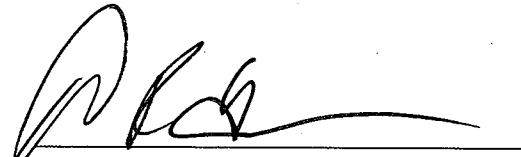
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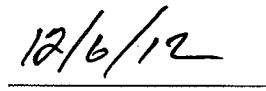
Bob Everitt	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Carol Smith	Conservation Commission
Mike Barber	Department of Transportation

Board members participated in a tour of projects from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Minutes approved by:



Bud Hover, Chair



Date