

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board
Wednesday, January 26, 2005
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Douglas County PUD, East Wenatchee

Meeting minutes taken by Julie E. Pyper, Okanogan County

Welcome and Introductions (Paul Ward, Chair, and Denny Rohr, Facilitator)

Meeting Attendees:

Board members

Bud Hover, Okanogan County Board of Commissioner
Paul Ward, Yakama Nation
Mary Hunt, Douglas County Board of Commissioner
Bill Towey, Colville Confederated Tribes
Ron Walters, Chelan County Board of Commissioner

Regional Staff

Denny Rohr, UCSRB Facilitator
Chuck Jones, Douglas County Land and Transportation Services
Bob Rose, Yakama Nation
Dick Nason, UCSRB Staff Coordinator
Mike Kaputa, Chelan County Natural Resources
Keith Wolf, Colville Confederated Tribes (consultant)
Bob Bugert, GSRO
Julie Pyper, Okanogan County Planning – Water Resources Division

Guests

Jeff Breckel, Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board
Dennis Beich, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bob Foster, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (consultant)
Buell Hawkins, Chelan County Board of Commissioner
Kate Terrel, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Lynn Hatcher, NOAA Fisheries
Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM.

Outgoing Chairman **Paul Ward** requested that those present introduce themselves. Next he called for nominations for the 2005 Chairman of the UCSRB.

Chair

Ron Walter moved that **Mary Hunt** by the Chair of the UCSRB, **Bud Hover** seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Mary Hunt** immediately assumed the chairperson responsibilities.

Vice-Chair

M Hunt requested nominations for the 2005 vice-chairman for the UCSRB. **Paul Ward** moved for **Bill Towey** to be vice Chair, **Ron Walter** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A present and card was presented to **Paul** for his appreciated efforts for being the 2004 Chairperson.

M Hunt requested additions to the agenda. Refer to “**Additions to the Agenda**” later in these meeting minutes for those additions.

M Hunt requested that **B Towey** welcome the guest speakers from NOAA Fisheries and **Jeff Breckel** of the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board. **B Towey** conveyed the Board’s appreciation of the work that NOAA Fisheries has been doing and the working relationship that has been developed and will continue to be developed between NOAA Fisheries and the UCSRB.

R Walton presentation (See attachment)

Meeting suspended for lunch from 12:20 PM – 1:30 PM.

Jeff Breckel provided the UCSRB information about the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board. He provided an overview of the organization of the LCFRB and the development of the plan that they submitted to the State of Washington in the Fall of 2004. (See attachment)

Board discussion followed at the end of **J Breckel’s** presentation (he had to leave due to a flight departure time)

Bill Towey suggested the following items for the Staff to follow through on:

- Identify additional information needed for the RSRP
- Determine the additional resources needed to develop and/or incorporate the additional information,
- Outline what information NOAA Fisheries (or other appropriate agencies) need to provide to complete the RSRP
- Establish timelines for incorporation of available information
- Discuss with the appropriate agency when information is going to be provided to the UCSRB for inclusion in the RSRP
- Outline benchmarks and timelines (not just to June 2005 but also Dec 2005) for the RSRP. Develop a comprehensive timeline. (**K Wolf** has already developed a timeplate that would be useful to build from potentially)
- Discuss with NOAA (probably **L Hatcher**) the timeline and budget associated with the facilitator (before and after June 2005)
- Review the **L Hatcher** MS Project document and provide edits and suggestions as appropriate.

The UCSRB would develop a matrix and provide to NOAA Fisheries for their review and discussion between UCSRB and NOAA Fisheries. Develop a plan on how to proceed (including a timeline) without information that may not be available for the June 30, 2005 deadline.

R Walton response – he has a meeting next week (primarily a scoping meeting) to start developing an integrated federal caucus workplan (using Microsoft Project). At the UCSRB’s request, he will also discuss with the federal caucus’s their ability to support the regional board in the State of Washington.

The UCSRB assigned the staff the above listed bulleted items. These items are due prior to the next UCSRB Board meeting in February 2005.

CBaldwin Presentation (WDFW) (See handout)

Staff Assignment: Discussion about putting **CBaldwin's** work in the Upper Columbia regional salmon recovery plan about the smolt to adult return. UCSRB also directed staff to discuss and provide a recommendation about this being an implementation item, as an action item as well as budget item.

BHover request of HCC

Commissioner **Hover** requested that Okanogan County's Regional Salmon Recovery Advisory Committee be able to meet with the HCC on February 10, 2005 to discuss the Habitat Matrices and Actions Lists

Write a letter to **JBreckel**.

BOARD ACTION

November 19, 2004 Minutes

Approval of the November 19, 2004 was delayed until the next UCSRB meeting.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Staff Report (**Dick Nason**) 10 minutes

Habitat Coordinating Committee Report **Keith Wolf**) (10 minutes)

RTT Report (**Bob Bugert**) (10 minutes)

Administrative Report (**Denny Rohr**) (10 minutes)

A. Feb 24th Meetings: Regular Board Meeting, Hydro Workshop

MHunt assigned **CJones**, **DNason**, and **DRohr** to a committee that will develop the agenda and workshop participants. She voiced that she expected the committee to coordinate and perform the assignment via conference calls and email.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of the RTT letter (MHunt)

Copies of the letter from **CPeven** dated January 21, 2005 regarding the chairmanship of the RTT was distributed and discussed. RTT members present at the expressed strong support for the UCSRB to try and maintain **BBugert** as the chairman. It was estimated that the RTT chairmanship position takes up about 4 days per month; estimated cost of approximately \$3,200 per month.

Staff was directed to included the costs for the chairmanship and support of the RTT in the Implementation costs for the Upper Columbia Regional Salmon Recovery Plan.

Discussion of Dave Mastin's proposal for legislative assistance (MHunt)

Delayed until the next UCSRB meeting (February 2005)

Executive session (as time allows) (BTowey)

The UCSRB went into executive session from 3:10 PM – 3:30 PM,

Discussion about the HCP/Tributary Fund process (RWalter)

When Commissioner Walter requested this additional agenda item, he noted Bob Bugert's presence, and suggested that BBugert provide that update. BBugert responded that he would be more than willing to provide the update and he proposed that the update about the HCP/Tributary Fund be a regularly scheduled agenda item. He noted that he would provide the update as information allowed, if he did not have any information then he would not provide an update. The UCSRB agreed that this would be a good idea.

Grant County PUD proposal for Nason Creek (RWalter)

Delayed until the next UCSRB meeting (February 2005)

Action Items:

1. Email **Jeff Breckel** for a copy of the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board salmon recovery plan
2. Consider legislation or SFRB funding for recovery plan implementation
3. **Bugert** to distribute **Bob Nichols** to UCSRB for review to assist in Action Item 2.

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, Feb 24, 2005