

UCSRB Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 21, 2003

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

@Douglas County Transportation & Land Services Bldg
140 – 19th Street NW, Suite A
East Wenatchee, WA

Board Members Present: Ron Walter, UCSRB Chair, Chelan County
Lee Carlson, Yakama Nation (for Paul Ward)
Mary Hunt, Douglas County
Craig Vejraska, Okanogan County
Jerry Marco, Colville Confederated Tribes

Others present: Denny Rohr, UCSRB Facilitator; Chuck Jones, Douglas County; Shari Tucker, Douglas County; Dick Nason, UCSRB Staff Coordinator; Dennis Beich, WDFW; Keith Wolf, KWA/CCT; Jay Kehne, NCWRC&D; Britt Dudek, Foster Creek C.D.; Mike Poulson, WALF; Darlene Hajny, OCFB; Julie Dagnon, Okanogan County.

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by UCSRB Chair Ron Walter.

II. Review of Agenda

The meeting agenda was reviewed.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval was deferred.

[Denny announced to meeting participants that Rob Walton will be arriving at 11:00 am to meet with the Board and members)

ACTION ITEMS

V. Staffing Needs

Subject was discussed. Julie presented a draft job description for a half time person for the UCSRB. The other half of the person's time will be working for Okanogan County. There was consensus to have Julie proceed with preparation of an announcement and to continue with the hiring process for this position. A screening committee was appointed by Ron consisting of Julie, Julie's Assistant, the Okanogan County Human Resources Director, Denny, and Dick to review anticipated job applications and further develop a list of 4 or 5 finalists for the position. Next, the Board and staff will participate in

interviews of the finalists and make a selection. The Board directed Julie to take the lead in handling this hiring process.

VI. Staff and Board Relationships

Ron addressed the group and stressed the need for everyone to be clear and aware of who they are representing when addressing different audiences, particularly federal, state, regional, and local entities. Further, when disagreements arise that cannot be solved, it is important for staff to raise those discussions to the Board Member level to allow them to assist with difficult issues.

IV. Discussion with Rob Walton, Ass't Regional Director, NOAA Fisheries, Salmon Recovery Division

A long discussion took place between Rob and Lynn Hatcher, NOAA Fisheries, Board Members, Staff, and other participants. The discussion included Recovery Plans and Subbasin Planning, the Alcea legal decision, natural and hatchery origin salmon and steelhead, critical habitat, the FCRPS BiOp 2000 rewrite, US v. Oregon re harvest, Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund, TRT involvement, the issue of SBPlanning funding ending May 28, 2004, BPA funding and the BPA rate and budget structure, NOAA's desire and intent to support local involvement in these issues, the discussion of the role of assurances, the application of assurances as a PILOT project, and so forth. The discussion was long, involved, covered a multitude of subjects, and included questions, comments, and some answers by everyone. Rob welcomed additional comments later on and stated he would like to come back in the not too distant future and talk more as we all move forward in the process of Salmon Recovery.

VII. Budget Review

Denny provided a brief update of the status of the budget, the NWPCC and RC&D contracts, and the status of the IAC State Contract.

VIII. Draft Letter from UCSRB Board Members RE Subbasin Planning /Wildlife Application

A draft letter re this subject was discussed. A motion was made by Mary, second by Craig to approve Ron signing the letter for transmittal. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

IX. Land Development Strategy

Ron briefly introduced this subject. Mike will discuss this subject in more detail at the September Board Meeting.

X. Staff Report (no report)

XI. RTT Report (no report)

XII. State Salmon Recovery Model

There was brief discussion regarding letters being sent to WDFW related to this subject. However, some letters were sent by individuals with their comments.

XIII. IAC Funding Review

Denny gave a brief report on the status of the process relative to 2003-05 funding questions, related State Deliverables, and expected process, review, and discussion to take place at the September SRFB meeting regarding these subjects.

XIV. August 13th TRT Workshop Update (No Report)

XV. Subbasin Planning Update

Deferred to next Board Meeting.

XVI. Sport Fishing – Entiat River

Ron briefly introduced this subject, including the subject of a potential catch-and-release flyfishing season in this area. This subject will be discussed in more detail at a subsequent Board Meeting.

XVII. Discussion/Preparaton RE Upcoming Meetings

There was discussion of Director Jeff Koenings, WDFW, possibly attending the September Board Meeting, and also that the Board would be meeting with SRFB Chair Bill Ruckelshaus in October. Preparations need to be made for these meetings. Dennis is checking further and all will be notified of Director Koenings availability to attend a Board Meeting in September. The Ruckelshaus meeting is confirmed for October 15th. Bob Bugert will take the lead on making final arrangements.

XVIII. Board Comments (none)

XIX. Public Comments (none)

XX. Updates

Denny reported that the next Board Meeting will be Thursday, September 18th. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am versus the usual 10:00 am due to scheduling conflicts and a need to abbreviate the length of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.