

UCSRB BOARD MEETING

UCSRB Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 29, 2005
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Okanogan County Commissioners Offices
Okanogan, WA

Note: An Executive Board Meeting was held from 9:00 – 10:00 am prior to the start of the regular board meeting.

Board Members Present: Mary Hunt, Douglas County
Bill Towey, Colville Confederated Tribes
Bud Hover, Okanogan County
Paul Ward, Yakama Nation

Others present: Dick Nason, Staff Coordinator; Chuck Jones, for Douglas County; Britt Dudek, Foster Creek Conservation District; Keith Wolf, KWA; Nick Christoph, Okanogan County; Kate Terrell, USFW; Dennis Beich, WDFW; Lynn Hatcher, NMFS; Wendell Black, RC&D, City of Entiat; Sandy Cox, Okanogan County

Guests: Marilyn Lynn, Sandee Freese, Kathy Johnson, Bonnie Lawrence, Darlene Hajny, Chris Thew, Joel Kretz, Tracy Bozen, Vern Gibson & Sara Simrell (Paladin Data)

Mary called the meeting to order at 10:20AM

Action Items☑:

1. **Sandy** to incorporate the comments in Methow Basin Planning Unit's letter to the UCSRB into the Comments matrix
2. **Kate** to send the RTT strategic plan out to the Implementation Team

MEETING AGENDA

- I. Welcome/Introductions (Mary Hunt, Chair; Denny Rohr, Facilitator)

BOARD ACTION

- II. Meeting Minutes (Mary Hunt)
 - A. August 25, 2005

***Bud** moved to postpone the review and approval of the meeting minutes. **Paul** seconded the motion and the motion was passed.*

- III. Board Consideration of Letter to GSRO/SRFB regarding Contract Extension for July-December, 2005 (Mary Hunt)
- **Mary** reported that she had given the letter to **Wendell Black** today for signature
 - **Mary** read the letter to the group

Paul made a motion requesting that RC&D (Wendell Black) sign the letter and send to the IAC regarding the extension request. Bud seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

BOARD DISCUSSION

- IV. Draft Recovery Plan (Mary Hunt)
- A. Stakeholder Forums Review and Update
- **Bill Towey** provided an update
 - Decided by the group at the Stakeholder Forum on the 15th to bring in the Out Of Subbasin Effects so that those issues associated with Out Of Subbasin Effects
 - **Dennis Beich** requested that the presentation on Smolts per Redd be added to the Stakeholder Forum agenda on October 6, 2005
 - **Casey Baldwin** to make the presentation at the Stakeholder Forum
 - **Dennis Beich** requested that all of the agencies be available at that time
- B. Draft Recovery Plan Comment Deadline October 1st
- C. October 10th – 14th comment review process
- **Dick Nason** gave an update on the Comment process
 - The previous format for comments is to be used
 - **Sandy** will collate comments prior to October 10th – 14th
 - **Tracy Hillman** will attend Comment Workshop and provide the scribing work
 - The UCSRB Board will be involved in the reviewing all of the comments
 - Late or non-formatted comments received – will be addressed as time allows at the end of the process
 - **Bud Hover** requested that there be a definite lunch break during this process so that there is some down time during the day
- D. Notification of comment review meetings (Press Release)
- **Mary** read the draft of the Press release to the group
 - It was suggested by **Bonnie Lawrence** that the names and affiliations of attendees be added to the press release
 - **Chuck Jones** and **Sandy** to handle getting the press release to the media
- Paul made the motion to accept the Press Release as written. Bill seconded the motion and the motion was passed.*
- E. Schedule for Consideration of Adoption of Draft Recovery Plan
- **Chuck Jones'** draft was discussed
 - **Lynn Hatcher** reported that all of the comments that NOAA receives during their comment period will come through the UCSRB Board again – it will continue to be this region's plan

- End of February, first part of March of 2006 the plan will come back to the UCSRB Board
- **Mary** suggested that at that time the UCSRB Board may choose to hold an additional comment workshop week
- **Dick** asked **Lynn** if the plan is changed once they get it – **Lynn** reported that no it won't, NOAA's supplement will list what the plan includes and what they are adding
- **Chuck Jones** asked **Lynn** about how and if that will really happen considering what is taking place in Olympia.
- **Lynn** committed to asking **Bob Lohn** this question
- **Darlene Hajny** asked if the UCSRB and NOAA plans get merged anytime during the process
- **Lynn** answered that at the Federal Registry time the two will be merged
- The Federal Registry comment period is 60 days

Bud Hover provided some background on the reason for the presentation today on the EKOSystem

- He was at WASAC last week and visited the Paladin booth and he felt would be beneficial to the implementation phase of Salmon Recovery
- **Sara** reported that Paladin has been working with the Nisqually Tribe for about a year and they have worked with Asotin County using them as their guinea pigs
- **Tracy** provided a computer presentation on the project
 - Web based
 - Work being done to allow connection to satellite in the field
 - Mapping capability
 - GIS Compatible
 - Aerial photography will be available after the first of the year
 - Map update intervals have not been established for this product yet
 - Searches can be performed on locations, types of projects
 - Data file management
 - Year to year comparisons
 - Library capability for data sets
 - Capability of sharing information from Library (all or parts)
 - Reporting capability
 - Security Code provides the ability to assign by degree who you want to give access to for any particular document or data
 - Doesn't work directly with GIS but can be referenced to GIS numbered maps
 - Reporting codes are query-able

Lunch Break was called at 12:07 – 1:35PM

F. Report: Executive Summary Subcommittee

- **Paul** provided a brief update – **Bob**
- **Mary** restated the goal of the Executive Summary Subcommittee and that was to modify the Executive Summary since it was too difficult to read for the lay person and it was too long

- **Dennis Beich** stated that this committee is a bit out of sync – they have two documents in the works, one is **Ron's** rewrite and the other is an overview by **Bob Rose**
- NOAA Fish likes the summary that the plan currently has in it
- **Dennis Beich** suggested that we create a brief overview of the Executive Summary
- **Dennis Beich** requested direction from the board as to whether or not to create that overview
- **Bill** remembers that the Board already supplied direction on this
- Discussion ensued about what the Board actually does want for their Executive Summary
- **Mary** stated that she wants clear and concise direction from the Board as to what the Executive Summary Committee needs to do
- **Lynn** confirmed that the Executive Summary is a really good one for the Plan as it stands now and admittedly it is not a section that is directed at the average public person.
- **Lynn** stated that since there is a good Executive Summary why re-write it, why not pursue **Kate's** suggestion of creating a separate document that is shorter and in laymen's terms.
- **Darlene Hajny** of the Okanogan County Steering Committee reported that it was lengthy, and some info in the Executive Summary was not found anywhere else in the plan
- **Darlene Hajny** was under the impression that the Executive Summary was going to be simplified
- **Representative Joel Kretz** stated that the focus is on the smaller issues, what about the predators etc. He felt that the Executive Summary doesn't cover what it should
- **Bonnie Lawrence** stated that the Executive Summary set off alarm bells for her and she doesn't want it simplified down (turned into a bland document) so that it doesn't alarm anyone. **Bonnie** also stated that if the Board wasn't willing to change the focus of the plan then there was no need to rewrite the Executive Summary
- **Sandee Freese** requested that the plan be written so that the average public person can see in black and white...this is where we are, this is where we are going and this is how we are planning to get there.
- **Bill** mentioned the documents that the Lower Columbia used that were beneficial to the citizens in that area
- **Bill** suggested that the Board redirect the subcommittee to come up with a fact sheet or brochure about the plan similar to what was used in the Lower Columbia
- **Kathy Johnson** asked why if this is all voluntary are we having to do this at all
- **Lynn** stated that without the guidance of a plan like the one being created here NOAA has to resort back to the ESA which is a heavy-handed approach of taking care of the needs of fish
- **Representative Joel Kretz** stated that criticism to the plan doesn't necessarily indicate opposition to the plan - **Representative Joel Kretz** said that this plan doesn't have a snowball's chance in hell in being accepted locally – The public is interested in creating a good plan.

Bill made the motion to redirect the subcommittee to write a brochure, fact sheet and then utilize the public comment period to take in direction for new information for the Executive Summary. Paul seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

- It was suggested that the brochure/fact sheet be due October 20, 2005. This due date was set so that it can be included in the Post-Comment Draft sent out to the Public.
- It was also suggested that the brochure/fact sheet be run past the Okanogan County Steering Committee.
- **Dennis Beich** commented that he doesn't see how any negative issues can be included in this summary. It needs to describe what the plan is.
- **Bill** mentioned that the comments are coming in from all over the region then those comments will be compiled and taken into consideration. That way we don't single any one commenter or group of commenters out.

V. November Board Meeting Schedule and Logistics (Mary Hunt)

A. Evening Meeting on November 22nd, Wenatchee

(Thursday, November 17th is a Stakeholders Forum Meeting)

- It was decided to put on hold until the October Board meeting

VI. Letter to UCSRB

A. from Methow Basin Planning Unit (Mary Hunt)

- **Mary** requested that **Sandy** incorporate the comments in this letter into the Comments matrix

B. from Steering Committee

- **Mary** acknowledged the receipt of this letter

VII. Report: Implementation Subcommittee (Bill Towey, Subcommittee Chair)

- PPT presentation was given
- Handouts of presentation provided
- How does the Science Team differ from the RTT – may contain some of the same folks but they would be directly under the umbrella of the UCSRB and would be responsible for RM&E
- **Bud** asked where the watershed groups fit in and where do the Counties fit in? Because the Methow and Okanogan are so different there is no good way for one group to oversee both. **Bud** wants to make sure that the County remains in the loop on things that are going on in the County
- **Dennis Beich** mentioned that the Lead Entities are the one constant that they could see
- **Mary** suggested that the process work in the reverse as well – when the County goes out to replace culverts then
- Council of Regions include: Lower Columbia, Snake, Shared Strategy, UC and (forum to exchange information)
- **Britt** suggested that the Army Corp be added to the list of Implementation Team since they run Chief Joseph Dam

- **Britt** asked if all of the SMP, land use changes could/should be sent through the RTT
- **Bud** adamantly stated that Okanogan County will not give away any of its rights to govern it's own land use planning
- **Kate** reminded everyone that the Implementation Team does not have any authority to stop or start projects, they can make recommendations but that is all
- **Kate** suggested that the Implementation Team take a look at the strategic plan of the RTT prior to making any decisions
- If the same people are on the RTT, Implementation Team and Science team then there will be overlaps in schedules, meetings etc
- **Kate** to send the RTT strategic plan out to the Implementation Team
- **Mary** read an email from **Mike Kaputa** asking for this discussion to continue, with out a decision today, so that **Ron** and **Mike** could be more involved.
- **Chuck Jones** mentioned the due date that he has seen more than once is October 10
- **Kathy Johnson** asked when the Adaptive Management Workshops would end.
- The answer is when we meet recovery
- **Sandee Freese** asked how many "Open Seats" would be available and who would be allowed to fill those
- **Sandee Freese** also asked who is going to be on the Science Team and would there be the ability for independent scientist(s) to be on that team
- A decision on this will be postponed until Oct 6
- **Chuck Jones** requested that the committee sit down and talk about the RTT prior to next week
- **Mary** stated that this product has to be submitted to the SRFB on 10/10/05

VIII. SRFB Meeting, October 27th, 30th in Olympia (Mary Hunt)

- This meeting conflicts with the next UCSRB Board meeting
- **Chris Drivdahl** has notified **Mary** that the SRFB requests that the Chair and Vice Chair of the UCSRB make a 10 min presentation to the SRFB
- Move the October 27 meeting to October 20 (10 – 3) East Wenatchee
- **Chris Drivdahl** also apologized for the lack of assistance from the GSRO but **Steve Martin's** wife just gave birth to twins and his life is not his own any more

IX. Discussion of Receiving Outside Contacts (Mary Hunt)

- No discussions took place on this topic

PUBLIC COMMENT

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- **Darlene Hajny** wanted to bring to the attention of the Board the statement on the Stakeholder Forum notes from September 15 where **Mary** was credited with saying that the focus of the Stakeholder Forums will be.....
- **Mary Hunt** stated that she did not say it that way
- **Darlene Hajny** will contact **Todd Peterson** with a correction
- **Darlene Hajny** cautioned the County Commissioners to provide enough time to comment on the plan after the edits

- **Representative Joel Kretz** commented that the Stakeholder Forums should happen later, how can you work on a plan that is in flux and at the same time along with all of the other meetings taking place
- **Mary** and **Bud** provided context to the decision that was made to continue with the Stakeholder Forums
- **Chuck** suggested to **Lynn** that perhaps something similar to the Stakeholder Forums could be held during the Federal review in 2006
- **Bonnie Lawrence** mentioned that initially the Board (plan) was going to concentrate on the four H's equally and that doesn't seem to be happening. She also stated that she doesn't believe that this is not a regulatory document

XI. Next Meeting: October 27, 2005

Summary of Motions

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