

UCSRB Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 18, 2003

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

@Chelan County Planning Dept Conference Room
411 Washington Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801

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

Others present: Denny Rohr, UCSRB Facilitator; Chuck Jones, Douglas County; Dick Nason, UCSRB Staff Coordinator; Dennis Beich, WDFW; Keith Wolf, KWA/CCT; Jay Kehne, NCWRC&D; Britt Dudek, Foster Creek C.D.; Julie Dagnon, Okanogan County; Mike Kaputa and Jennifer Jerabek, Chelan County; Bob Bugert, Governor's Salmon Recovery Office; Wendell Black, RC&D; Bob Rose, Yakama Nation; Carolyn Pearson, ?.

Action Items

1. Add "Covered Species" re State Contracts to January 2004 Agenda
2. **Denny** to contact NOAA Representatives to set up meeting for February 18, 2004 to discuss ESA Assurances
3. **Bob Bugert** to pass along information to Board and Staff re: briefing on January 21 or 22 – Hans Dunshee, Chair of the House Capital Committee, will sponsor a 2-3 hours legislative hearing, re: local watershed planners and stakeholders justifying Regional Recovery Boards
4. **Paul and Craig** to attend January 22, 2004 briefing to represent the UCSRB
5. **Julie** to pull all information together for PPT presentation on Regional Recovery Boards for January 22nd briefing
6. Staff to help with verbiage for combined PPT presentation on justification of Regional Recovery Boards for January 22nd briefing
7. **Dick** to call Kramer on 12-19-03 and will notify everyone of outcome
8. **Denny** to provide Mary with a copy of Representative Buck's letter
9. Need to select a Vice Chair person next meeting
10. **Craig** to meet with Bill Hinkle and Bob Sump to discuss regional boards

Regular Meeting Call To Order: Ron called the meeting to order at 10:10AM.

Approval of Minutes: Ron asked for comments on the July & August, 2003 minutes. **Bob Bugert** requested that his attendance be noted in the minutes. Mary made a motion to approve the July & August, 2003 minutes accepting **Bob Bugert's** addition. **Paul** seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

I - Welcome and Introductions

- Sandy Cox was introduced to the Board and visitors

III - "Covered Species" re State Contracts (Denny Rohr)

- **Denny** requested that "Covered Species" re State Contracts be deferred to the January meeting as requested by Joe Peone and Jerry Marco because they were unable to attend today's meeting.

IV - Review of Karier Meeting of December 3rd in Spokane (Ron Walter)

- **Ron** gave overview on Karier meeting and voiced concern regarding timeline/compression of subbasin plans and that funding may be needed for Fix it Loop
- we (UCSRB) need to tell Karier what we want, he is asking
- **Keith** mentioned PPT update on sub-basins which was well supported
- **Mary** stated that Tony Grover said that he was shown we were a "regional" board when everyone presented from the same PPT presentation
- **Craig** suggested that we make a presentation to the NWPPC in person for two reasons; 1) they need to know and 2) it forces us to push forward
- **Dick** mentioned that he and **Denny** have a meeting scheduled in January with Larry Cassidy and Tony Grover to review and discuss subbasin planning subjects
- **Julie** voiced concerns about emailing Tony the PPT presentation without our involvement
- **Dick** reported that he **Chuck, Ron and Keith** met with Tony Grover and had a very productive meeting

V - Status Reports on Columbia Cascade Subbasin Plans (Staff)

- **Dick** made additional comments on Karier meeting
- **Julie** reported that the core team is involved with a series of meetings, some areas there is a lot of participation, other areas not as much, dealing with communication challenges, sending out weekly emails to about 100 people, out of basin effects have effected timeline, at this time we are focusing on assessment and we foresee that Sandy will take over updates to website
- **Bob Bugert** reported that staff had RTT discussion, reviewed schedule, summary and synthesis, Procedural Elements due in January, Summary and Synthesis due in February, final product is due in May, during March 18 meeting present formal presentation of above to UCSR Board Members
- **Keith** is working on first draft to Key stake holders will have available while Tech Group is working
- **Chuck** referenced RTT question, Rainbow Trout and Steelhead are focal species for the UMM, Bull Trout will not be a focal species, it is a species of interest, all three species have generated a lot of discussion, Laura has draft of the UMM Subbasin Plan posted on FTP site, Human Population and Land Consumption are issues, will cost more than first estimated, 160,000 parcels between the 4 counties, will take longer and will need assistance, related to EDD, checked out model structure at EWC, WSU and U of I (**Chuck requested Julie to Please bug your people**), gathering copies of plans, SM plans, review local programs and projects, not covering upper middle main stem, summarized by cities and counties
- **Mike** reported on Lake Chelan, Wdff is the County's planning partner. Laura Berg has been hired to reformat Lake Chelan re-licensing information by January and February, public meeting during March, April or early May, will finish on time - Entiat planning effort has been ongoing for 12 years, now have reformatted to a watershed plan, need to talk with Entiat planning unit about transferring watershed plan to sub-basin plan, try to coordinate with plan unit, May 28 should be completed

V - Status Reports on Columbia Cascade Subbasin Plans (Staff) continued

- **Bob Rose** talked about the technical side, trying to maintain consistency, employing summary sheets, EDT & QHA should be in place in mid to the end of January, shifting Wenatchee to Carolyn, **Bob** to focus on Entiat, certain components for TOC that no information exists-developing scope of work and put a couple of contracts in place, want consistency between sub-basins, assessment summary about in place-need Casey for steelhead model, Entiat assessment unit description pretty closely done, how we go about creating synthesis, want levels of consistency, looking at using Fish and Wildlife format which will be familiar to NOAA
- **Mike** voiced concerns regarding the public's capacity to engage, capacity/burn out problem
- **Dick** brought up L2 contract for 6 sub-basins, Golder has done a nice job on programmatic inventory, November 30 deadline has been met, close loop in May 2004, sent out 100 requests, word document of 100+ pages of inventory available (Who is going to replace Paul @ Golder?)
- **Keith** mentioned spread sheet and bibliography of the info Golder provided
- **Bob Bugert** encouraged SB Planners to integrate habitat and hatchery as much as possible, the integration of the current hatcheries, it could open the door for funding, incorporate, **Ron** added that it might be a good spot in the upper mainstream document (PUD, Tribes, WDFW)
- This was agreed as a good idea – integrating Habitat and Hatchery
- **Chuck** suggested making a check off list for RTT

VI - Staff Report re Areas of Responsibility for 2003-05 IAC (Staff)

- **Dick** presented review of last staff meeting, recovery plan needs to be in place 18 months from now, went through elements 1, 2 and 3 – making assignments and establishing who is responsible
 - Question was raised – How do we bring in other parties? **Bob Rose** proposed using his spreadsheet (he is finalizing details of spreadsheet with Joel on 12-19-03), Next staff meeting discussion will include areas of responsibilities and dollar values, subbasin planning and Salmon Recovery efforts are very intertwined
 - Question raised as to whether 6 or 7 documents for subbasin planning are required – TRT confusion
 - TRT Meetings – January 5, 2004 meeting (**Bob Bugert** presenting at this meeting and January 22, 2004 regarding Policy
 - **Bob Bugert** suggests that we tell the Interior Columbia Technical Recovery Team and NOAA-F their proposal for structure and scope of the draft recovery plan and be willing to defend it
 - Reviewed dates on elements document & moved some dates to reflect qtrly dates

X - Discussion of ESA Assurances Pilot Project (Denny Rohr) (ESA Assurances Document)

- **Denny** suggested that a February 18th meeting be set up to meet with NOAA representatives to discuss ESA Assurances; then the regularly scheduled BOD meeting to meet on February 19th – also on the evening of the 18th a social gathering be set up
- **Bob Bugert** – Clark County (Joel Rupley is the contact) is working with the federal governments to develop a pilot process to get ESA assurances and programmatic permitting for many activities covered by municipal and county governments. Many of

the products they are developing may be applicable to local governments in the Upper Columbia

Lunch break – 11:45AM – 1:15PM

XI - Discussion of Spray Buffers for Agriculture re Salmon Bearing Streams (Ron Walter)

- **Ron** talked about the Judge's decision regarding ground application and aerial application and how we should deal with this issue; refer to studies already done, recognize both good and bad places to state our concerns, be aware of ramifications

VIII – Staff Report (Dick Nason)

- Discussion regarding Council of Regions, Representative Buck's letter to Governor regarding SRFBoard and Ruckelshaus
- A legislative briefing is scheduled for January 21 or 22 – Hans Dunshee, 2-3 hours, would like to hear from local Recovery Board folks justifying Regional Recovery Boards, **Bob Bugert** to pass on meeting info to Board and Staff when it becomes available - Dick suggested that Board Member and Commissioners contact the legislators prior to the session to let them know you feel that Regional Boards are a good idea
- Forums for Tribes and counties to work in – Tribes can work on the process in other forums but the counties don't have the other forums available to them
- Regarding the January 21 or 22 briefing, it was suggested to use some of the information developed at our meeting in Brewster
 - It was suggested that numerous PPT presentations (used in the past) could be combined to create one presentation
 - Staff can help with verbiage
 - **Paul** and **Craig** will be at this meeting on January 21 or 22 (exact meeting details will be shared with all UCSRB members)
 - **Keith** suggested that there be a County and Tribal representative on hand
 - **Dick** will call Kramer on 12-19-03 and notify everyone of outcome
- Presentation to outline what SBP, LE, RRP, 2514 cover and don't cover (coordinating funding, show a chart)
- **Dick** suggested that Board Member and Commissioners contact the legislators prior to the session to let them know you feel that Regional Boards are a good idea

Ron handed meeting over to **Paul**

IX - RTT Report (Bob Bugert) (UCRTT Meeting Notes, 10 December 2003 – document)

- Possible that Chelan PUD doing some work to carry out some regional data management responsibilities. There is some likelihood that funds can be secured for Contracts are being negotiated with BPA at this time to begin field work in the Spring. Much of the work will be carried out by USFS, WDFW, Ecology, and the PUDs.

VII - Identification of List of Salmon Issues Needing BOD Attention in 2004

(Dennis Beich/Bob Bugert) (Hot Spots document and Harvest Document)

- Proposing (4) workshops with (1) follow-up session to provide Board with education and opportunity for by-in on product

- could set up a sub-committee to develop the outline and line up outside folks to present broad view and provide diversity

VII - Identification of List of Salmon Issues Needing BOD Attention in 2004 (continued)

- **Craig** made the comment that with all of the effort that would be required for a project like this why not open this up to a round table – this would involve and provide stakeholders with a look at the process that this board goes through
- difference between stakeholder and authority
- **Bob Bugert** commented that opening up more fishing could delay delisting
- **Jay** suggested a Board Structure list (RC&D, BOD etc)
- **Bob Bugert** suggested that over the next couple of months that these meeting be set up
 - would last 2 hours
 - invite public stakeholders
 - at end of meeting provide a forum for public testimony (no comments or debate)
 - begin next month
- **Keith** suggested handling it as a Council meeting forum
- **Jennifer** suggested using the Public testimony to serve as part of the public comments in the plans
- it was suggested that a table be created to show if you do such & such you get money from a certain source(s)
- **Keith** suggested beginning with the easiest topic first to ensure success (Recovery Goals are a pretty heavy subject)
- **Mary** suggested that the invitation include the schedule of the 4 workshop/meetings and list the times of 1 – 5pm and 6:30 – 9:00pm, Public comments would last 30 – 45 minutes
- put public announcement out on the radio
- **Craig** mentioned that it was too early to get all of the authorities around at this point
- **Chuck** wouldn't be ready for a January meeting with the magnitude that's being talked about – would need outline for ideas and approaches
- **Jennifer** suggested that a trial run be made at the next BOD meeting with a control group
- **Jennifer** also suggested setting sub-basin planning meetings and locations through May for scheduling sake
- **Mary** suggested starting in January with the Hatcheries topic
- **Bob Bugert** suggested that the next BOD meeting be held at the Chelan Fire House (more centrally located) and run from 1 – 5pm and the forum would be from 6:30 – 9:00pm.
- RRA would use this list
- EDD meeting on the 15th in Manson
- Staff to set up
- **Britt** noted that Chelan Watershed Planning meets on the 3rd Thursday from 6-9pm

Paul **adjourned** the meeting at 2:58 PM.

Summary of Motions

Mary Hunt made a motion to approve the July and August, 2003 minutes accepting **Bob Bugert's** addition. **Paul** seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Denny Rohr, Facilitator Date

Sandy Cox Date