

UCSRB Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2004

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

@Douglas County Public Services Building

140 – 19th St NW

East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Board Members Present: Ron Walter, Chelan County
Mary Hunt, Douglas County
Jerry Marco (for Joe Peone)

Others present: Denny Rohr, UCSRB Facilitator; Chuck Jones, Douglas County; Dick Nason, UCSRB Staff Coordinator; Dennis Beich, WDFW; Keith Wolf, KWA/CCT; Britt Dudek, Foster Creek C.D.; Julie Dagnon, Okanogan County; Mike Kaputa, Chelan County; Jennifer Jerabek, Chelan County; Bob Bugert, Governor's Salmon Recovery Office; Bob Rose, Yakama Nation; Lynn Hatcher, NOAA Fisheries; Heather Bartlett, WDFW – Fish; Shaun Seaman, Chelan County PUD; Brian Walsh, WDFW; John Hunter, WDFW Commission, Sandy Cox, Okanogan County

Action Items

1. **Bob Bugert** will take minutes and report back to the BOD regarding Salmon Recovery Plan Review meeting with TRT on the January 22, 2003
2. Heather proposed that she could speak again to the BOD at a later date re: US v Oregon – **Dennis** suggested that Heather's involvement could be part of the upcoming harvest workshop
3. It was suggested that there be some review and discussion regarding alternates attending meetings on behalf of BOD members who are unable to attend – Denny will look into this and discuss with BOD members
4. **Julie** and **Denny** to contact **Craig** and find out if he is available to give presentation on 1/22/04 at House Capital Committee Hearing
5. **Bob Rose** to call **Paul** and find out if he is available to give presentation on 1/22/04 at House Capital Committee Hearing
6. **Denny** to call **Paul** to find out if he is available to give presentation on 1/22/04 at House Capital Committee Hearing and to discuss UCSRB letter signatures
7. **Bob Rose** has the original "box" slide he will send to **Julie** – (7th bullet under X.)
8. **Julie** will send out PPT for House Capital Committee Hearing to everyone
9. **Bob Rose** suggested obtaining more information regarding the Bonneville Environmental Foundation – they may need a 4th pilot project – Bob Rose will work with Denny on bringing **Angus Duncan** in for a discussion.
10. **Lynn** to email to everyone a hand out previously distributed with questions for roll up document
11. **Dick** and **Lynn** to meet off line and discuss NOAA's matrix and UCSRB matrix
12. **Staff** to put together some different options regarding Public Involvement and IAC Contractual Requirements of 2003-05 Deliverables – put on March BOD agenda
13. Sub basin plan (what are we going to do with this and how are we going to role it into our subbasin plan – Staff discussion on this was suggested

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

Update was given by **Denny** on the following attendees:

- **Jerry** is sitting in for **Joe**
- **Mary** has to leave at 11:45am
- **Paul** has had a death in the family and is not able to attend today's meeting

Denny reviewed the agenda; **Dennis Beich** requested an addition to the agenda - Update by Heather Bartlett on summer Chinook will be added to the discussion of Hatchery Operations

I. Welcome and Introductions
Heather Bartlett CRFMP

Action Items:

II. Approval of Minutes: **Denny** asked for comments on the December, 2003 minutes. **Ron** moved to approve the December, 2003. **Mary** seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

III. RFP Process for 2003 – 05 Contract Deliverables (Nason)

- RFQ Process – Staff recommendation – **Mary** thought that it was a proactive thing to do – **Mary** moved to approve the Staff's request to develop a roster of consultants necessary to assist staff in the development of the state recovery plan. (this will be accomplished by the staff developing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and then advertising in various newspapers). **Mary** also moved that the Board approve the expenditure of the necessary funds to advertise for this assistance. **Jerry** seconded the motion, and the Board approved.
 - **Dennis B** – regarding element III, **Dennis** would like the WDFW to be involved in the selection for that
 - **Julie** – when the RFQ goes out we will create a roster and then choose at a later date, it will be specifically task related
 - **Britt** asked if RC& D needed to be involved? **Dick** said that Jay is not so concerned with the process as he is the result (Federal funds)

IV. Election of a vice chair (* added action item)

Mary nominated **Craig Vejraska** for this position, **Jerry** seconded the motion and the Board approved.

V. Salmon Recovery Plan Review discussion paper for GSRO (* added action item)

- Submittal of Staffs comment regarding letter
 - **Dick** – comments received from **Chuck, Lee, Keith, Jennifer** and **Britt**
 - Would like approval from the BOD to submit this to GSRO on UCSRB letterhead
 - **Bob Bugert** – Quarterly reviews showing progress in completing the recovery plan, completeness etc – convening tech & policy folks to review
 - The minutes will act as the working document

- Follow-up issue – we are scheduled to meet for review on 1/28 – contracted to meet one month after deliverable

V. Salmon Recovery Plan Review discussion paper for GSRO (continued)

- Suggest that we have a brief meeting with GSRO, this will meet the terms of the contract – **Bob** will take minutes and report back to the BOD
- Discussion ensued regarding precedence of land use vs. water, public forum processes now used, **Mary** referenced CTED and an action taken against a Washington county regarding their GMA process, **Bob** felt that this presented a good opportunity for discussion with CTED
- **Bob Bugert** mentioned that **Leonard Bower** has been appointed by **Heather Balish** (sp?) and CTED is working being able to go out and speak to BOD's at any time
- ***Ron** moved to approve the comments document to be sent to the GSRO, **Mary** seconded the motion and the Board approved.*

VII. Discussion of Hatchery Operations (Beich, Bugert, Nason)

- **Dick** – the workshop scheduled for today was postponed on staffs recommendation in order to give more time for preparation and will present a workshop to the BOD in February
- Want to finish this process up in April so that we can incorporate public comment prior to May due date
- **Bob Bugert** - Biology /Institutional – (genetics) this is the building blocks for other issues
 - Variability (the higher the number the more variable), DNA testing, Lumping and Splitting issues (crucial), Springs, Summers and Falls (races of salmon), Big debate on the consequences of losing a species, ESU's considered, Smoltification different species this process takes place at different times of their development, depends on the fish, environment etc., Mainstem spawners hit hard by Hydro power, White River is very different than the Chiwawa and the species adapt very differently, on going debate in Hatchery Communities, do we hatchery each of the rivers or do we lump and have only 3 approaches instead of 10, **Keith** mentioned that there is interspecies cross over in nature and that is a good thing (natural strays), the TRT has lumped into 3, Heather mentioned a presentation done that didn't have Snake River data where they went the splitting instead of the lumping route, debate on what hatcheries can be used and which ones cannot, quite a standstill on this debate, satellite hatcheries, Methow has a very high tech hatchery funded by Douglas County PUD, hatcheries can basically be defined as a Fish Factory, hatcheries manage the mean, much improvement on guarding against (against the mean), Tom Quinn New Zealand studies, Carson's Stock debate (was only first generation) in the Methow, another debate is distance traveled to transplant a species, Early Hatchery Programs (Mitchell Act) put hatcheries close to dams, recent hatchery programs (LSRCP and PUD) increased number of hatcheries, big concern that there are more fish but, most are from hatcheries not wild, this is an on-going debate that takes place between co-managers and we in the UC need to be more mindful of all of this, **Dick** mentioned that there is probably very little opportunity for the Board to

orchestrate any change, **Ron** mentioned costs (look at the timber industry), lumping vs. not lumping, local economies, **Bob** stated that under HCP there will be a Hatchery Committee comprised of HCP signing parties,

VI. Discussion of Hatchery Operations (**Beich, Bugert, Nason**) (continued)

Keith – point of BOD – role of hatcheries in recovery plan, **Dennis** – that is why he believes that these presentations are important for the BOD to hear

▪ **Heather Bartlett**

- – US v Oregon – treaty between states and tribes, production harvest agreement Columbia Fish Plan, tribes to agree to some level of harvest of the fish, state held accountable to produce a certain level of fish, supplementation (produce fish, maximize variability) seeing impacts of Chiwawa River – under productive because we can't get our hands on the adult fish, disagreement between co-managers on how to handle production issues (lumping and splitting), **Ron** – on high runs can product be stored, **Heather** yes, captive brood programs, captive brood is a high risk option, low runs produce an imbalance in male/female and wild/hatchery numbers, **Keith** – supplementation – hatchery production can produce wild fish, What are the implications to the UC – Heather - Summer Chinook run times are different – direct harvest in the lower Columbia (zone 6), ratchet up harvest levels depending on runs, **Bob Bugert** this is a good process, changed significantly in the last 10 years, Heather – need to provide summer Chinooks to Colvilles and Wanapums, wild and hatchery fish production have both been doing well, **Jerry** – thanked **Bob** and **Heather** for their presentations and believes that we need more of it

VIII. Covered Species “re State Contracts (**Peone, Ward**)

- This topic has been deferred to the February BOD meeting

IX. Discussion of Public Involvement and IAC Contractual Requirements of 2003-05 Deliverables (**Kaputa**)

- Section 1 and 1.2
- County to county this is done differently
- Staff trying to come back to BOD with options and alternatives on how to involve stakeholders
- How can we go about this and make it practical for those that are involved in so many different meetings – get some direction from the BOD on how to proceed
- **Dick** – suggesting getting 2 or 3 different options together that would then be presented to the BOD probably at the March meeting
- **Chuck** – mentioned that this could mean a change to the by-laws
- **Ron** – thought that this would go back to RC&D and what they require and want – bylaws are set up with a purpose and changing them needs to be given some thought – pursue the direction you are headed in - it will vary from city to city but at some time there will be similar impacts and relevance
- **Bob Bugert** – mentioned the previous contract

X. Discussion Of Proposed Letter Requesting Extension of Due Dates for 2003-05 IAC Contract Deliverables (Nason)

- **Dick** – Staff met to discuss contract deliverables and is asking to modify due dates to reflect quarterly dates and the IAC requires a letter to that effect
- Asking for Board's approval for to send this letter to IAC
- **Jerry** suggested that we add the notation that it does not effect the recovery plan due date
- ***Ron** moved to approve the letter, **Mary** seconded the motion and the Board approved.*

XI. Discussion & Preparation for House Capital Committee Hearing – January 22, Olympia (Dagnon)

- **Bob** – want to limit # of folks because of time constraints
- **Dick** talked to Kramer and names of Chair and Vice Chair
- **Mary** asked whether she needs to attend or not
- Discussions with **Jim Kramer, Bob Bugert**
- **Julie** has a concern about who will be presenting this (30 minutes including committee questions)
- Want to describe an overall structure not just specific to Upper Columbia since we are the only board that is presenting
- **Ron** asked about the use of the slide (picture) showing the unorganized boxes and putting them in order – [**Joe's** original presentation done in Brewster (**Alison Squires** put that together)]
- It was thought that this may be a question that comes up - Designation through the statutes (Representative **Buck's** letter to **Ruckelshaus**)
- **Mike** pointed out that in the letter/email there may be the connection of the regional recovery boards and local
- Staffer for the House committee wants to know who is going to present (left message on **Dick's** cell)
- Leave presenters listed as Chair and Vice Chair and if a stand in has to go they can make the presentation for them
- **Bob Rose** suggests that **Lee** would be a good presenter if **Paul** is not available
- **Ron** asked what if the question gets asked – board's connection in 2 years – who will monitor the project – **Dick** – this group has a better opportunity to bring in \$\$ as opposed to individuals etc
- **Mike** asked - Why is the meeting going before the House Capital Committee Bob answered (handout) there is a (law?) that all appropriations (etc, etc) need to be reviewed
- SRFB has come under fire for the 5.1 million for recovery planning
- **Ron** – feels that it is important re: regional board – he said that they are the only avenue available to him so that he can participate in the Federal process
- **Bob Rose** – Bonneville Environmental Foundation – need a 4th pilot project – 10 year commitment, public involvement, might be a good discussion for us to have – the BOD may want to consider bringing in **Angus Duncan** for a discussion – **Bob** will work with **Denny** on this

XII. Discussion of UCSRB Communications Protocol (Cox)

- **Sandy** presented a 2-page list of protocols regarding timing and content for board meeting agendas and board packets, staff meeting agendas and staff meeting packets, meeting minutes and deadlines, distribution lists and the people on each list (Board members, Staff members and the Public outreach list) – **Denny** mentioned that this will be a dynamic list that will change as our needs dictate - the goal of this document is to give some structure to and set expectations for communication between all of us

XIII. Staff Meeting Report (Nason)

- State recovery plan (Rose spreadsheet) who is responsible and who is needed (discussed at last TRT meeting in Ellensburg. January 22 meeting policy meeting has been changed from a policy meeting to a discussion regarding the deliverables January 20, meeting will be a pre-TRT meeting
- Staff will be meeting on 1-28-04 and will concentrate on filling in the rest of the blanks leftover from the TRT meeting.
- **Dennis Beich** mentioned that **Heather** has called a meeting for the January 20th as well to discuss the matrix in Ephrata
- **Dick** – by EOM we should have a pretty detailed matrix
- **Lynn Hatcher** – hand out that was previously handed out has questions in it that need to be answered (Roll up into recovery plan)
 - **Lynn** to email this document around
- **Lynn Hatcher** mentioned the Domain team meeting – February 17th meeting
- **Dick** – we can't vary from the matrix – will this cover NOAA's requirements
 - **Dick** and **Lynn** to meet off line about this

XIV. RTT Report (Bugert)

- Regularly scheduled meeting was yesterday - reviewing
- 5 questions identified (were geared at helping them to review the document)
- Next month we will be taking a look at synthesis
- Monitoring strategies (slowing down now – seeing light at the end of the tunnel)
- We are the pilot and the rest of the Pacific NW will be following what we have set up
- Total cost of this 986,000 for first year and subsequent years is 800,000 (this is an ongoing thing) (Bonneville has said that this is too much) (WDFW and Forest service did very good with their part) – lot of donated time being given to this - **Chuck** asked if the donated time is being documented – **Julie** thought that **Chris** (keeper of the spreadsheet) is documenting that time
- Paid by Bonneville through the BiOp
- ISAB has given it a positive review and it will go on to the Council
- Wenatchee, John Day and Upper Columbia
- Obligation through the BiOp not the
- **Chuck** asked how many jobs this might create – **Bob** said a fair amount so they are working with WVC to create a 2-yr fisheries technician degree program (Bob, Peven & Forest service) – hopefully up and running by next Fall - **Chuck** suggested asking the Colvilles if they have training that is similar

- One level of support that they do need – (reams and reams of data) need one repository for all of the data – they want one local group (in sync with the rest of the

XIV. RTT Report (Bugert) (continued)

- world) They have suggested Chelan PUD. NOAA fisheries “stands up” the program and Chelan PUD will manage the program.
 - A letter to **Tom Karier** to help push through
 - The letter will need to go out within the month
 - **Bob Bugert** is drafting the letter
- Dept of Ecology put out a letter and it was between the DOE and Forest Service (they were cheaper and local- but there is a lot of ecology type issues to deal with) – For the long term they are going to move folks over here, forest service didn’t really want to do it because of the work involved, **Mike Ward** took lead on all of the contractors etc., was reviewed with Bonneville (**Mike Ward** and **Chris Joel**)
- (way to develop random sites), 40 parameters (woody debris, fish at night, fish in day, pebbles, etc) Experts coming in March to train staff here and will be done during summer low flows and other things will happen then too
- **Ron** asked about the competitive process and the contract with the DOE vs. work going to local business etc – economics – **Ron** will pursue checking into the competitive process of the DOE being hired to do the work – will need to know (Ron doesn’t want to de-rail the process) – **Bob Bugert** encourages **Ron** to call Mike Ward, but **Bob** is confident that its all on the up and up – **Jennifer** has **Mike’s** phone number (**Dennis Beich** feels that it is very important to keep the momentum moving)
- RTT is an advisory group and have no governing authority – independent of the UCSRB
- **Mike** – re: sub basin plan (what are we going to do with this and how are we going to role it into our subbasin plan – Staff discussion on this was suggested

XV. Public Comment (Rohr) – no discussion on this item

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm

Summary of Motions

Ron moved to approve the December 18, 2003 Board meeting minutes. **Mary** seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

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