



## UCSRB MEETING

Leavenworth Fire Station  
228 Chumstick Road  
Leavenworth, WA 98826

Thursday, August 23, 2007  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

## MEETING MINUTES

### Board Members Present:

Bill Towey, Colville Confederated Tribes  
Lee Carlson for Paul Ward, Yakama Nation  
Bud Hover, Okanogan County  
Mary Hunt, Douglas County  
Ron Walter, Chelan County

Julie Morgan, UCSRB Executive Director  
Derek Van Marter, UCSRB Associate Director  
Barbara Carrillo, UCSRB Admin. Assistant

**Others Present:** Casey Baldwin, WDFW; Chris Parsons, WDFW; Lee Carlson, Yakama Nation; Chuck Jones, Alliance Consulting Group for Douglas County; Mike Kaputa, Chelan County; Steve Rentmeester, ISEMP; Pamela Nelle, ISEMP; Bob Clubb, Douglas County PUD; Phil Miller, GSRO; Sara Simrell, Interlocking Software; Elizabeth Garr, NOAA Fisheries via phone.

### Action Items

1. Julie will collate plan update comments from the Board and contact Elizabeth Garr regarding those updates.
2. Julie will organize a conference call next week for the Board to approve a more detailed SOW from BioAnalysts, Inc. as well as to further discuss and clarify a response letter to Dr. Virginia Butler.
3. Mike Kaputa will call the Wild Salmon Center in Oregon to get more information about the organization and bring that back to the Board at a future meeting.

**The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chair Bud Hover.**

### **Welcome and Introductions (Bud Hover).**

Bud welcomed the group and introductions were made around the room.

### **1. Approval of minutes for July 26, 2007 and agenda addition.**

*Mary Hunt made a motion to approve the UCSRB meeting minutes from July 26, 2007. Lee Carlson seconded the motion and the motion passed.*

- Julie proposed an additional agenda item regarding the SRFB nominations.

*Lee Carlson made a motion to approve an addition to the agenda and all approved.*

## 2. Cost Estimates (Morgan)

- Derek briefed the Board regarding the ESA requirement that recovery plans must specify how much recovery will cost in the end, and not just an estimate of the first phase of recovery.
- Julie presented two options to the Board for estimating the total cost of recovery.
- Ron Walter motioned to approve the Hood Canal method for the total cost of recovery. After further discussion, Ron modified his motion to remove the 10-year line item from the implementation schedules.

*Ron Walter made a motion to approve the Hood Canal method for the total cost of recovery. Mary Hunt seconded the motion. Ron modified his motion to remove the 10-year line item from the implementation schedules. Mary Hunt seconded the revised motion and the motion passed.*

## 3. Plan Adoption Update (Garr)

- Elizabeth Garr informed the group that NMFS is close to having the plan updated and ready. Three drafts were provided to the Board: a response to public comments, a draft *Federal Register* Notice and a strikeout section of the plan. Bud noted that he would like more time to review the response to public comments before responding. Julie will collate comments and contact Elizabeth.
- Julie noted that the response to comment #90 would need updating and Elizabeth will have that modified. The group added that response to comments #52 and #59 also need to be revised.
- Under the estimated agency and organization staffing costs, Julie recommended \$10 million in place of the current \$4 million. Elizabeth noted that they are open to any changes that the Board would like to see.

## 4. SRFB Update (Van Marter)

- Derek gave an update to the Board regarding the RTT meeting the previous day and process timelines. Casey reviewed the scoring results of the Tributary Fund and SRFB recovery projects ranking list.
- Bill asked to make a formal request to the RTT to analyze the scoring issue of multiple versus single species in the ranking criteria.
- Derek reviewed with the Board a draft cover letter to the SRFB for the 8<sup>th</sup> Round.

*Mary Hunt made a motion to approve the cover letter to the SRFB. Ron Walter seconded the motion and the motion passed.*

## 5. Review of Appendix P: Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (Baldwin)

- Casey briefed the group regarding the RTT's responses to the questions from NMFS regarding Appendix P, the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, and the response letter to Rob Walton at NOAA Fisheries.

*Ron Walter made a motion to approve the cover letter to NMFS regarding the RTT review of Appendix P. Bill Towey seconded the motion and the motion passed.*

## **6. Adaptive Management (Carlson, Morgan)**

- Lee Carlson presented the concept and a schematic framework of adaptive management to the Board. He noted that the adaptive management schematic will be accompanied by a written plan to describe how implementation of the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Plan will be adaptively managed..
- Julie noted that a requirement of our contract is to complete an adaptive management plan, and the schematic is the first step in that process. She suggested that the Board contract for the completion of the accompanying narrative, and she presented the Board with two draft scopes of work with Terraqua, Inc. (Pamela Nelle) and BioAnalysts (Tracy Hillman). Bud entertained a motion to approve the draft scopes of work. After lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to hold a conference call next week to review and approve a more detailed SOW from BioAnalysts. ☑

*Lee Carlson made a motion to approve the Terraqua, Inc. scope of work, and to defer on the BioAnalysts, Inc. scope of work until the Board receives more information on products and timelines. Bill seconded the motion and the motion passed.*

## **7. FCRPS Bi-Op Update (Miller)**

- Phil Miller provided an update to the Board regarding the FCRPS BiOp process. He noted that the recent letter to Bob Nichols from the Board regarding advancing coordination between the federal action agencies and the regional boards reinforces consistency.
- Bud entertained a motion to approve a similar letter to Bob Lohn.
- Mary suggested a revision to the draft letter to NMFS by including the State of Washington as another party. Ron Walter supported the motion. Bill said that the intent of the letter is to reiterate support for coordination directly between regional boards and the action agencies, and in light of that, he did not agree with the motion. Mary agreed to withdraw the suggested amendment.

*Mary Hunt made a motion to approve a letter, as originally drafted, to Bob Lohn at NMFS. Ron Walter seconded the motion and the motion passed.*

## **8. Wild Salmon Center Proposed Stronghold – Wenatchee (Miller)**

- Phil Miller presented information to the Board regarding a proposed stronghold in the Wenatchee River by the Wild Salmon Center in Oregon. They are proposing initiating a partnership in the Wenatchee River basin to protect salmon, particularly those that are not currently ESA-listed.
- Julie reviewed the stronghold concept with the group and informed them that the Wenatchee have been identified as potential strongholds. She also informed the group that they may have resources to assist in land swaps as well as other negotiation skills.
- Phil Miller said Paula Burgess is the contact person at the Wild Salmon Center. Mike Kaputa agreed to call Paula to obtain more information about the organization, and to bring that information back to the group at a future meeting. ☑

## **9. SRFB Nomination Process (Miller)**

- Phil Miller informed the group that six nominations have been received from the Columbia Basin and that one seat should be filled by the end of

September. It is still unclear as to when or if the Chair will resign, and if so, when his replacement will be named.

#### **10. STEM Databank Presentation and Discussion (Cowen, Rentmeester)**

- Steve Rentmeester presented information to the Board regarding the STEM databank and the Integrated Status and Effectiveness Monitoring Program (ISEMP). He informed the group that ISEMP work flow involves programmatic coordination, sampling designs, test field protocols, test metrics or indicators, implementation of experiments and test evaluation tools. ISEMP contributes data that is used to report to Congress on the federally funded Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund. It provides a central repository for field data. Data in the STEM databank is housed and backed up at NOAA Science Center, and provides an opportunity for users to review and report the data for a variety of purposes.

#### **11. Management, Logistics, and Updates**

##### **Funding Assessment Study (Van Marter)**

- Derek gave an overview to the Board regarding fund raising and a deliverable in our continuing and current contracts requiring a fundraising plan. He suggested a possible first step in completing that contract deliverable is to hire an individual to conduct an assessment of funding needs across the region. Derek requested Board approval to develop a scope of work. He informed the Board that the budget currently has \$10,000 for this item and suggested presenting the Board with a draft scope of work at its next meeting. No formal motion was needed and the Board agreed to have a draft scope of work initiated.

##### **Data Steward Long-term Funding Strategies (Morgan)**

- Julie briefed the Board regarding the plan for initiating meetings with the various PUD's to implement coordination of fundraising efforts for the data steward position. She will work with individual Board members to facilitate the logistics of those meetings.

##### **Monitoring Forum Representative (Morgan)**

- Julie reviewed with the Board an agenda for the Washington Forum on Monitoring meeting to be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> in Olympia. She asked the Board if they would like her to be the representative for the monitoring forum.

*Mary Hunt made a motion to designate Julie as the Board's representative to the Governor's Forum on Monitoring Salmon Recovery and Watershed Health and designated Derek as an alternate. Lee Carlson seconded the motion and the motion passed.*

##### **Enloe Dam (Morgan)**

- Julie reviewed the letter from Dr. Virginia Butler to the Okanogan County PUD regarding a potential study above the dam, and a draft response from the UCSRB. After further discussion, it was decided that the draft response letter to Dr. Butler would be discussed further during a conference call that Julie will organize for next week.

##### **Amendment to Colville Tribes Subcontract (Morgan)**

- Julie briefed the group on the Colville Confederated Tribes request for additional money towards hiring an FTE during the current year using continuation contract dollars. Julie asked for an amendment to the Colville Tribe contract with the UCSRB to provide financial support for that FTE for the first year.

*Ron Walter made a motion to approve an amendment to the continuation contract between the Colville Tribe and the UCSRB to provide first year funding for an FTE. Mary Hunt seconded the motion and the motion passed.*

#### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

#### **Adjourn Meeting**

Bud Hover adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.

### Summary of Motions

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