



## UCSRB MEETING

Chelan Fire House  
232 East Wapato  
Chelan, WA 98816

Thursday, July 24, 2008  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

## MEETING MINUTES

### Board Members Present:

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

Julie Morgan, UCSRB Executive Director  
Derek Van Marter, UCSRB Associate Director  
James R. White, UCSRB Data Steward  
Barbara Carrillo, UCSRB Administrative Assistant

**Others Present:** Casey Baldwin, WDFW and RTT Chair; Char Beam, Okanogan County; Chuck Jones, Alliance Consulting Group for Douglas County; Russell Langshaw, Grant PUD; John Monahan, ISEMP/Geo Engineers; Pamela Nelle, ISEMP/Terraqua; Todd Pearsons, Grant PUD; Joe Peone, Colville Confederated Tribes

### Action Items:

1. Staff will facilitate the processing of the paperwork regarding the amendment to the agreement with the Colville Confederated Tribes.
2. Staff will facilitate processing of the paperwork regarding the agreement between the Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation and the UCSRB.
3. Staff will facilitate processing the paperwork to obtain satellite office space in Twisp for Derek.
4. Staff will facilitate the processing of the paperwork to support Derek in the Ag. Forestry Program.

**The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Chair Lee Carlson.**

### Welcome and Introductions (Carlson).

Lee welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 1. Request for Agenda modification (Carlson)

Lee noted there was a request to modify the agenda in order to accommodate an earlier presentation from Joe Peone.

Bud made a motion to modify the agenda in order to accommodate Joe Peone's presentation. Mary seconded the motion and all approved.

#### 2. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (Carlson)

Lee asked for approval of the meeting minutes of the June 6, 2008 Board meeting.

Bud made a motion to approve the Board minutes from June 6, 2008 meeting. Mary seconded the motion and all approved.

### **3. State and Federal 2009-2011 Priorities Table Update (Miller)**

Phil Miller presented a statewide and regional update regarding the status of the 2009-2011 state and federal priorities table that the Upper Columbia region developed in collaboration with the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO). On the statewide scale, Phil noted that the GSRO is currently preparing a draft report for the Office of Financial Management (OFM), the Governor and the legislature on the federal and state responsibilities to implement recovery plans. This information was requested from the legislature in reference to the Salmon Recovery Act. A draft will be provided to OFM by late September.

Follow through includes working with the BPA, NPCC members and staff on funding support for regional organizational activities which will support the relationship between the Federal Columbia River Power System BiOp and the recently signed Tribal memorandums of agreement. Phil noted other efforts toward integration, such as with the US Forest Service's state-wide approach on the revised Northwest Forest Plan. Drafts of that plan should be available soon for review by the UCSRB.

Phil commented that the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) asked for information about habitat project funding needs for the next biennium and how that would relate to the salmon recovery account. The regions also worked with the GSRO on this request to provide the appropriate information to the RCO. Other areas of focus include working with the WSDOT regional contacts and distributing WSDOT project plans to regional recovery boards.

In all, the GSRO is working with 16 state and federal agencies to address statewide issues related to implementing salmon recovery plans. In response to a question on the finality of the handout Phil said that the table is an ongoing living document, although the GSRO is using the current version for its work. Bud asked about the current challenging budget climate and Phil noted that the GSRO is focused on funds to support the regional organizations.

### **4. SRFB Meeting and State Budget Forecast Update (Morgan and Miller)**

Julie shared a memo from the RCO to the SRFB regarding 2009-2011 biennial budget decisions. The memo suggested an appropriate request for the next biennium from the legislature. Bud added that the SRFB had a significant discussion about this request at its last meeting, under the premise of the Governor's desire for minimizing increased and new requests. The ultimate number of \$24 million is a reality-based, rather than a needs-based, number for addressing salmon recovery implementation. Phil noted that the number was based on completed recovery plans as well as reviewing implementation plans. Mary asked if the \$190 million was an annual or biennial figure. Phil noted that it represents both state and federal dollars for the biennium. Julie also reviewed projected requests for the Family, Forests and Fish Program and the Puget Sound Aquatic Restoration Program and noted that both are asking for increases. The Lead Entity Program is also asking for an increase of just over \$1 million from the SRFB. All of these increased requests passed the SRFB.

Mike Kaputa noted that, at the local level, there is great appreciation of the SRFB's support of the lead entity request.

**5. COE Programmatic Permit Section 7 Update (Miller)**

Phil Miller provided an update on streamlining Section 7 consultations under ESA through the Army Corps of Engineers. The process was officially completed July 8, and includes endangered species. It covers 9 broad categories of restoration projects; generally, everything except major channel reconfigurations and artificial channel construction. A project proponent would submit a Specific Project Information Form (SPIF) to the Corps. When the application is deemed complete, they will process the SPIF within one week. The Corps contact is Maryanne Baird. She is available for troubleshooting problems and to participate in training that the UCSRB wants to organize.

**SRFB/Tributary Fund Project Review Update (Van Marter)**

Derek provided a brief update on the process to submit and review project applications, and provided a snapshot of the total number of projects and total dollar amounts based on the pre-applications.

**An Introduction to ISEMP Collaborative Partnerships for Accountability in Salmon Recovery - Entiat Case Study (Monahan and Nelle)**

John Monahan from GeoEngineers and Pamela Nelle of TerraAqua, provided the Board with a presentation on the status of the Integrated Status and Effectiveness Monitoring Program (ISEMP). John provided a background on ISEMP and focused his discussion on the Entiat-Wenatchee pilot sub-basin. John noted that ISEMP is an innovative effort regarding monitoring and evaluation programs in the Columbia to obtain consistency in monitoring efforts. Objectives are coordination, strategy and design planning and implementation and tools, refinement and testing among others. Principal funders include BPA and NOAA, with a variety of cooperators.

The UCSRB Regional Technical Team and the Entiat Watershed Planning Unit are technical advisors and give oversight. The Entiat monitoring goals are to restore actions, bring recovery and coordinate actions to implement with monitoring as well as to monitor within a framework that tests hypothesized effects and covariates. John discussed continued growth and expansion of the program. John also discussed the need for making information accessible to partners such as air photography and hydraulic monitoring. They will make some of the items web accessible. A new data synthesis report is now available. In this report, not enough data has been collected but certainly there is information available. John also noted that they need pretreatment data from the monitoring sites but only have one year of post treatment data at this time. Funding issues were discussed and is an important part of the feasibility assessment. John concluded that ISEMP continues to work to keep the Upper Columbia in the lead on monitoring and recovery accountability looking eventually toward species reclassification and delisting. Julie commented that the implications of the ISEMP work are broad and would contribute to salmon recovery beyond the Wenatchee and Entiat watersheds.

**PRCC White River Update (Rohr and Langshaw)**

Russell Langshaw, Grant County PUD, gave an update regarding the White River spring Chinook temporary acclimation sites and evaluations for 2009. Russell reviewed project sites near McComas and Tall Timber near Lake Wenatchee, WA. He

said they will net off a portion of the channel on the McComas property. He also said that the plan is to put about 20,000 fish in these sites and evaluate the fish movement in and out of the acclimation site. He reviewed the Tall Timber site as well and noted the various project elements involved including monitoring on-site for small predators. He also briefed the group regarding community meetings, and coordinating with Chelan County on information dissemination regarding Lake Wenatchee.

### **Chief Joseph Hatchery Presentation (Peone)**

#### **Colville Tribes' Live Capture Gear Selective Fishing Presentation**

Joe Peone, Director of Fish and Wildlife for the Colville Tribes, gave a presentation regarding the Chief Joseph Hatchery Live Capture Gear Selective Fishing and brood stock collection. He noted the benefits of live-capture selective fishing are harvesting hatchery origin fish and then releasing unharmed natural origin fish, to protect and restore ESA-listed fish. He reviewed the various types of live capture gear available and their effectiveness, and engaged in a dialogue with the Board members. Mary Hunt requested that Joe present this information to the Douglas County Commissioners, as he had already done with the Okanogan County Commissioners.

## **6. Management, Logistics and Updates (Morgan)**

### **Budget Update**

Julie gave a budget update and there were no questions.

### **Amendment to Colville Confederated Tribes' Agreement with UCSRB**

Julie reviewed the amendment to the agreement with the Colville Confederated Tribes to decrease the not to exceed amount by \$22,000 and asked for approval. The decrease would be for the current biennium.

Bud motioned to approve the Colville Confederated Tribes amendment to decrease the not to exceed amount by \$22,000. Mary seconded the motion and all approved.

### **Support for MRC through agreement with MSRF**

Julie reviewed a service agreement proposal between the Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation and the UCSRB for \$6,000 to assist the Methow Restoration Council – the Watershed Action Team for the Methow sub-basin – in its efforts.

Bud motioned to approve the initial service agreement between the Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation and the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board for \$6,000. Bill seconded the motion and all approved.

### **Twisp Office Space**

Julie reviewed the opportunity to obtain shared office space for Derek Van Marter with a number of our salmon partners in Twisp. Julie then requested board approval for space and costs related to a satellite office to include the use of a conference room, cleaning, maintenance and utilities.

Bud made a motion to approve a satellite office space lease in Twisp, to be authorized by the UCSRB Chair, not to exceed \$200/month. Bill seconded the motion and all approved.

### **Derek Van Marter Agriculture Forestry Training Approval**

Julie asked the Board for approval to support Derek regarding training with the AgForestry Leadership Program. Bill Towey and Mary Hunt were in support of the training effort but also cautioned Julie and Derek regarding time commitments and workload issues while they are both in the training program.

Mary motioned to support Derek Van Marter participating in the AgForestry Leadership Program. Bud Hover seconded the motion and all approved.

### **Public Comment**

Mary Hunt noted that there are currently some movements to amend the Clean Water Act to remove the word “navigable” from the legislation. It would mean that all waters of the U.S. would be regulated under the CWA, and would require permits from the ACOE. She noted that the counties are working hard to keep this amendment from moving forward.

### **Adjourn Meeting**

Lee thanked everyone for attending and noted that the next meeting of the UCSRB is scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Entiat Fire Hall. Lee then adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

### **Summary of Motions**

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