



## **UCSRB MEETING**

Douglas County Transportation & Land Services  
Building  
140 19<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
E. Wenatchee, WA 98802

Thursday, April 22, 2010  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Board Members Present:**

Ron Walter, Chelan County  
Paul Ward, Yakama Nation  
Bud Hover, Okanogan County  
Mary Hunt, Douglas County, Vice Chair  
Bill Towey, Colville Tribes, Chair (via teleconference)

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

**Others Present:** Casey Baldwin, WDFW; Sam Bartling, NRCS and NCW RC&D; Britt Dudek, Foster Creek Conservation District; Jamie Howell and Jeff Ostenson, Howell at the Moon Production; Chuck Jones, Alliance Consulting Group for Douglas County; Joy Juelson, J & J Environmental Consulting; Mike Kaputa, Chelan County; Steve Kolk, USBR, Jeff Korth, WDFW; Phil Miller, RCO/GSRO; Kris Petersen, NMFS; Char Schumacher, Okanogan County; Shaun Seaman, Chelan County PUD; Nancy Warner, IRIS.

### Action Items :

1. Derek Van Marter and Britt Dudek will prepare a white paper regarding habitat farming for board members to use as a discussion tool when meeting with legislators and other policy makers.
2. The UCSRB awarded the Esther Stefinaw Memorial Award to Senator Patty Murray. Staff will order a plaque and prepare a letter for the Senator.
3. Barb and Derek will prepare the DC thank you letters for signature and work on getting them signed and sent out.
4. Joy Juelson will convene a workgroup for the creation of the Upper Columbia salmon recovery informational video by Howell at the Moon.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Vice Chair Mary Hunt. Chair Towey asked the Vice Chair to chair the meeting since he was joining the meeting via telephone.

### **Welcome and Introductions (Bill Towey and Mary Hunt)**

Bill Towey and Mary Hunt welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a round of introductions.

**1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (Mary Hunt)**

Mary Hunt asked for approval of the UCSRB meeting minutes from Thursday, February 25, 2010 conference call. The minutes were approved as drafted.

*Paul Ward made a motion to approve the UCSRB Meeting minutes from February 25, 2010. Ron Walter seconded the motion and all approved.*

**2. Overview of UCSRB 2010 Work Plan Summary (Julie Morgan)**

Julie Morgan reviewed the major elements of the 2010 UCSRB Work Plan with the group. There were no comments or additional suggestions.

**3. Partners and RTT Chair Subcontract Amendments (Julie Morgan)**

Julie reviewed the SOWs and contract amendments for Cascadia Conservation District, Chelan County, Douglas County, Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation, Okanogan County, and the Yakama Nation and asked for approval from the Board.

*Paul Ward made a motion to approve the SOWs and contract amendments for Cascadia Conservation District, Chelan County, Douglas County, Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation and Okanogan County. Bud Hover seconded the motion and all approved.*

**4. Beyond Traditional Conservation Easements, Response from the RCO/SRFB, and Next Steps (Derek Van Marter)**

Derek began by reviewing the letter to Mmes. Cottingham, Olson, Rides-at-the-Door and Mr. Tharinger dated January 28, 2010 from the UCSRB regarding the Habitat Farming Enterprise Program. He then reviewed the response letter from the RCO/SRFB expressing their appreciation for the UCSRB letter as well as outlining the law surrounding habitat farming per the State of Washington Administrative Code. The letter noted that leased based programs for conservation are not allowed. The letter also discussed a study conducted on the various conservation tools and found that leased based conservation tools were not necessarily warranted at this time. The Board discussed the issue and requested that Derek and Britt Dudek prepare a White Paper regarding habitat farming for board members to use as a discussion tool when meeting with legislators and/or policy makers.  The UCSRB and partners will continue to work for change in federal programs regarding habit farming in the Upper Columbia to benefit the salmonid populations.

**5. UCSRB DC Visit Thank You Letter and Esther Stefinaw Memorial Award (Derek Van Marter, Barb Carrillo and UCSRB)**

Derek Van Marter reviewed the draft thank you letter to legislators, staff and agency heads to thank them for meeting with UCSRB members during their March 2010 visit. Derek then asked for approval for the content and mailing of the thank you letter. The Board discussed and approved the letter with the chair's signature for mailing. Barb will prepare the letters for signature and will send.

*Bud Hover made a motion to approve the DC legislative and agency thank you letter for mailing from the UCSRB. Paul Ward seconded the motion and all approved.*

The Board discussed nominations for the Esther Stefinaw Memorial Award regarding individuals who work on behalf of the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF). After discussion, the Board agreed to nominate Senator Murray for the

award. Staff will get a plaque and letter ready for delivery by Bud Hover who will be in Washington, DC in the near future and can present the award to Senator Murray in person.

*Bud Hover made a motion to award the Esther Stefinaw Memorial award to Senator Patty Murray. Paul Ward seconded the motion and all approved.*

**6. Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Video (Joy Juelson, Jamie Howell and Jeff Ostenson)**

Joy Juelson gave an overview of Howell at the Moon video production approach and reviewed the decision that was previously made by the Board to create a salmon and fish recovery awareness video for the Upper Columbia. She then introduced Jamie and Jeff from Howell at the Moon. Jamie and Jeff reviewed those elements of input they received from staff that were essential for the video such as education, economic benefits, history, accountability, communication and awareness. The Board approved a \$5,000 initial budget to move forward with the initial work on the video. Paul Ward asked for development of a specific message for the video utilizing a logic path model. Bill Towey suggested that a subcommittee be formed to further refine the product. The subcommittee was formed and Ron, Julie, Mary, Bill, Joy and Paul will participate on the subcommittee. Joy Juelson will coordinate the subcommittee meeting to further refine the video project.

*Bud Hover made a motion to authorize \$5,000 of initial funds to film some events for the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board video. Bill Towey seconded the motion and all approved.*

**7. Update on the Spring Chinook and Other Fisheries in the Upper Columbia (Jeff Korth)**

Jeff Korth, WDFW, gave an update regarding spring Chinook and the possibility of opening a hatchery steelhead fishery this fall in the Upper Columbia. He discussed the status of the Hatchery Genetic Management Plan for adult fish management, hatchery vs. wild fish, the permitting process, and other challenges to opening a fishery this year in the Upper Columbia for spring Chinook in the Wenatchee. The group discussed All-H coordination and habitat issues. Due to several complex issues and multiple agency coordination, he noted that a fishery may not be possible this year in the Wenatchee for spring Chinook but they are working steadily toward one next year. The Board then decided to further discuss All-H Coordination at the next UCSRB meeting and devote a specific block of time to the topic at the UCSRB retreat on September 22-23, 2010.

The Board also discussed reorganizing the board meeting agendas and devoting the morning portion of the meeting for action items and the afternoon portion of the meeting to more in depth discussion on policy related topics.

**8. GSRO/RCO and NMFS Updates (Phil Miller and Lynn Hatcher)**

Phil Miller gave an update regarding the status of the Salmon Recovery Funding Strategy Final Contract Scope of Work dated April 20, 2010. He said that Evergreen Funding Consultants was awarded the contract and will proceed with the work Tuesday, April 20, 2010. He said the UCSRB's current biennium contract has been revised to \$865,000 from \$870,000.

Phil also reviewed the status of state budget impacts to salmon recovery and watershed planning. He reviewed budget cuts in various state agencies and noted a hiring and contracting freeze are currently in place.

Lynn Hatcher and Phil then gave an update on the five-year NMFS/NOAA Stock Status Review. Lynn mentioned there are not that many changes occurring overall. Phil encouraged responses from regional salmon recovery organizations if possible. Responses are due by May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Lynn then gave an update regarding the Upper Columbia River artificial propagation ESA consultation briefing. He noted that they are now ready to receive public comment and when that closes they will issue a biological opinion and a permit.

**9. Project and Funding Coordination Progress Update (Julie Morgan, Derek Van Marter, and Casey Baldwin)**

Derek reviewed the rainmaker diagram that outlines the funding coordination for BPA non-accord funds and all other funding sources. He reviewed project and program development, and project identification, selection, and implementation.

Derek also gave an overview of the Implementation Schedule update process and status of the Multi-Year Action Plan (MYAP). Derek reviewed the memo to the Board dated April 22, 2010 regarding the update. He said after public review and Board approval, UCSRB staff will again transmit the implementation schedule to NOAA Fisheries as an official update to the Recovery Plan.

Julie then suggested an in person meeting to accommodate the Implementation Schedule update public review process and also discussed moving the May 27 board meeting to June 3, 2010 to accommodate schedules. The Board agreed to an in person meeting and to move the next UCSRB meeting to June 3, 2010.

Derek then gave an update regarding the status of the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) Narrative Review. Individual ISRP members had completed comments and they are being compiled into one response to be released soon. He also discussed the BPA programmatic and noted the UCSRB expects to respond to the ISRP comments and finalize the programmatic by early summer.

**10. FTE Modeling Related to M&E, Data Management, and All-H Coordination (James White, Julie Morgan, Steve Kolk, and Derek Van Marter)**

Julie reviewed the Board's prior approval of a half-time data tech, a natural resource coordination specialist and a fiscal and contract specialist, and noted that UCSRB staff is currently moving forward with securing the resources to hire these positions. Funds are available to hire the natural resource coordination specialist and the hiring process for this position will start shortly.

**11. UCSRB Management, Logistics, and Updates (Julie Morgan, Casey Baldwin, and Barb Carrillo)**

Julie gave a budget update and said that the UCSRB budget will be increasing due to new funding sources from BPA and the Yakama Nation. She requested a meeting with the UCSRB Finance Committee to discuss those changes. The Board approved her request.

Casey reviewed the changes to the scope of work for the RTT chairperson that were approved at the March 10 RTT meeting. At that meeting the RTT approved a motion that the chairperson of the RTT now be a voting member and be eligible to review and score projects.

Julie reviewed coordination for the UCSRB retreat scheduled for September 22-23, 2010. The Board discussed venues for the retreat and decided on Campbell's Resort in Chelan. Barb Carrillo will coordinate with Campbell's regarding arrangements. All-H Coordination and a review of the RTT Analysis Workshop Synthesis report will be the focus of the retreat.

Julie asked the Board to approve the hiring of temporary employee(s) when needed as the budget allows. She also said that at the last Staff Work Group meeting, the workgroup recommended an increase, as needed, over the current \$10,000 to the temporary employee hiring budget. This would allow more flexibility as long as the budget allows paying for additional work as needed. The Board approved her request.

*Bud Hover made a motion to approve the hiring of temporary employee(s) with a budget over \$10,000 when needed as the budget allows. Mary Hunt seconded the motion and all approved.*

Barb Carrillo presented a matrix of new locations for the UCSRB office move in June and reviewed the top location based on the matrix. Julie then reviewed the lease agreement and language for that location and asked the Board for approval to enter into a lease. Paul suggested language be added to the lease to allow the UCSRB to be released from the lease if funding is not available. The Board approved the request.

*Bud Hover made a motion to approve the Executive Director to enter into a new lease agreement with UCSRB Chair approval and signature with the release clause in case funding is not available. Paul Ward seconded the motion and all approved.*

## **12. North Central Washington RC&D Update (Samantha Bartling) NASA Project Update in the Okanogan Sub-basin**

Sam Bartling, Coordinator of the NCW RC&D gave a presentation of the organization's current structure, priorities and projects. She also gave an update regarding the climate study by NASA currently underway in the Okanogan Sub-basin. The goal of the joint Canadian-American project is to improve water resource forecasting and group management of water resources.

### **Public Questions and Comment**

There were no public questions or comments.

### **Adjourn Meeting**

Vice Chair Mary Hunt thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 2:15 PM.

## Summary of Motions

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