



## **UCSRB MEETING**

Leavenworth Fire Hall  
228 Chumstick Highway  
Leavenworth, WA 98826

Thursday, June 3, 2010  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Board Members Present:**

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

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 and RTT Chair; Chuck Jones, Alliance Consulting Group for Douglas County; Mike Kaputa, Chelan County; Jeff Korth, WDFW via conference call; Keely Murdoch, Yakama Nation; Joe Peone, Colville Confederated Tribes; Char Schumacher, Okanogan County; Shaun Seaman, Chelan County PUD; Graham Simon, WDFW; Bob Steele, WDFW; Nancy Warner, IRIS.

### Action Items

1. Derek Van Marter will prepare a cover letter to NOAA Fisheries for transmittal with the implementation schedule update.
2. Julie Morgan will coordinate a meeting with Will Stelle with the UCSRB.
3. Barb Carrillo will coordinate an open house event for the UCSRB.
4. Staff will prepare an issue paper for the Board related to challenges to implementation.
5. Staff will develop an issue paper for Board review regarding existing public access points across the region.

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM by Chair Bill Towey.

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

Chairman Towey welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for a round of introductions.

### **1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (Bill Towey)**

Chair Towey asked for approval of the UCSRB meeting minutes from the Thursday, April 22, 2010 meeting. Bud Hover suggested an edit to the third motion and asked to add "Bud Hover made a motion to approve..." to the beginning of the first sentence in the motion. The Board members discussed the edit and agreed to the change.

*Lee Carlson made a motion to approve the UCSRB Meeting minutes from April 22, 2010, as revised. Bud Hover seconded the motion and all approved.*

**2. Upper Columbia Spring Chinook Salmon & Steelhead Recovery Plan Implementation Schedule Update (Derek Van Marter and UCSRB)**

Derek Van Marter began by giving a historical overview of the UCSRB annual implementation schedule update process. The Board then opened the meeting for public comment. There were no public comments, and the Board approved the updates to the *Upper Columbia Spring Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Plan* implementation schedule, as presented. The Board suggested that the update and the letter to NOAA Fisheries Service be sent via certified mail. Board members also suggested that staff ask NOAA Fisheries to update information on its website regarding the update, and to add a link to the UCSRB website from theirs. Derek will coordinate these items and the transmittal of the letter to NOAA Fisheries Service.

*Bud Hover made a motion to approve the updates to the Upper Columbia Implementation Schedule as presented, and to send a cover letter with the updated schedule to NOAA Fisheries. Lee Carlson seconded the motion and all approved.*

**3. UCSRB Management, Logistics and Updates (Julie Morgan, Barb Carrillo, Derek Van Marter, Casey Baldwin, Keely Murdoch, Jeff Korth, and James White)**

Julie provided an updated on the status of the budget. She also said that we are now receiving more grant sources and that staff is currently incorporating and tracking those sources. Bill Towey reminded all contract partners to get their final invoices in by June 30, 2010.

Julie also reminded the Board that Will Stelle was appointed Regional Administrator for the NW Region of NOAA Fisheries Service as of June 1, 2010. The Board discussed meeting with him. Julie will coordinate that invitation.

Barb briefed the Board regarding logistics for the upcoming UCSRB office move scheduled for June 23, 2010. Bill Towey suggested that the UCSRB host an open house. Barb will coordinate that event.

Julie gave an update to the Board regarding the status of the hiring process for the UCSRB Natural Resource Coordination Specialist. She said that staff would follow a similar hiring process to that which was used for the Data Steward position. The position closes June 30, 2010. She is looking to have the position filled by August 1, 2010.

Derek then gave the group an update regarding the current SRFB/Trib Fund/BPA project selection process. The Board and staff discussed regional coordination of funding for projects. Bill Towey suggested preparing a list of issues to successful implementation of the Recovery Plan that the Board could discuss and provide guidance to facilitate increased coordination among funding entities. Staff will prepare a list of issues for the Board related to challenges to implementation.

Casey Baldwin gave an update regarding the RTT Synthesis Report and Keely Murdoch provided an update regarding the current tasks for the RTT's Monitoring and Data Management Committee (MaDMC). Casey said that a preliminary presentation

of the RTT Synthesis Report will be delivered to the Board at its retreat on September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Chelan.

Jeff Korth, WDFW, gave an update regarding the current status of open fisheries in the Upper Columbia as well as current fish counts. Mary Hunt thanked Jeff and asked for a similar update at future Board meetings. The Board also discussed shoreline master plans, public access and the economic impact of sustainable fisheries. As part of this discussion, the Board is interested in understanding the status of existing public access points across the region. Staff will develop an issue paper regarding this topic. ✓

James White gave an update on the response to the Upper Columbia programmatic proposal. He said that we received comments from the Council's Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP), and that staff is working on responses to those comments. The responses will be submitted by June 30th to the ISRP for further review as an update to the initial proposal and a point-by-point letter to each of their questions to accompany the update to the proposal narrative.

**4. UC RTT Chair SOW and Subcontract Amendment (Julie Morgan and Casey Baldwin)**

Julie Morgan asked the Board to approve the SOW for the Chairperson of the UC RTT and approve the UCSRB Chair signing the amendment between the UCSRB and WDFW. The Board approved both of the requests.

*Ron Walter made a motion to approve the SOW for the Chairperson of the UC RTT and approve the UCSRB Chair signing the amendment between the UCSRB and WDFW. Mary Hunt seconded the motion and all approved.*

**5. Wild Salmon Center Grant and Land Exchange Effort in Chelan County (Mike Kaputa and Julie Morgan)**

Mike Kaputa and Julie Morgan asked the Board to approve the SOW and contract between the Wild Salmon Center and the UCSRB.

*Bud Hover made a motion to approve the SOW and contract between the Wild Salmon Center and the UCSRB. Ron Walter seconded the motion and all approved.*

Julie Morgan also asked the Board to approve the SOW and subcontract amendment between the UCSRB and Chelan County.

*Mary Hunt made a motion to approve the SOW and subcontract between the UCSRB and Chelan County. Bud Hover seconded the motion and all approved.*

**6. Approve GIS Contract with EcoAIM, Inc. (James White)**

James White asked the Board to approve the SOW and subcontract between the UCSRB and EcoAIM, Inc. and the Board approved the request for an amount not to exceed \$6,900.

*Bud Hover made a motion to approve the SOW and subcontract between the UCSRB and EcoAIM, Inc for an amount not to exceed \$6,900. Ron Walter seconded the motion and all approved.*

**7. Restructuring of the UCSRB Meetings to Focus More on Policy Discussions (Bill Towey, Julie Morgan and UCSRB)**

Julie began the discussion by reviewing current UCSRB key policy discussion topics such as All-H coordination and major impediments to recovery. The Board discussed the need for increased and ongoing key policy discussions surrounding these topics and other key policy topics as they arise. The Board also discussed the need to delegate more day-to-day operations and decision-making to the Executive Director and the UCSRB Finance and Executive Committees to allow more time in meetings to discuss broader issues. The Board then decided that UCSRB letters can now be approved by the UCSRB Executive Committee or they can decide to take them to the full Board for approval. The Board also discussed and decided that the UCSRB Finance Committee can approve appropriate expenditures, as needed or decide to take them to the full Board for further action.

**8. Coho Reintroduction Project (Keely Murdoch)**

Keely Murdoch with the Yakama Nation gave a presentation regarding the Coho reintroduction project in the Wenatchee and Methow basins. She said the goals of the current feasibility study are broodstock development, natural production and species interactions. The Board reviewed her presentation and discussed integrative approaches and trends surrounding Coho reintroduction.

**9. Colville Confederated Tribes Update Presentation (Joe Peone)**

Joe Peone gave a presentation and summary regarding the Chief Joseph Hatchery program and an update regarding other current events with the Colville Confederated Tribes in relationship to salmon resources. Joe discussed the need for the hatchery program at Chief Joe, policy management, partner issues and technical and scientific aspects of the program.

Bill Towey asked for a presentation regarding the Chief Joseph Hatchery Weir project as part of the All-H discussion at the UCSRB retreat September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**10. White River Program Update (Julie Morgan)**

Julie Morgan gave an update regarding the White River Policy Group, an ad hoc group comprised of representatives from the decision-making agencies. She said the group is focusing on a program consistent with recovery and best management practices. She will continue to give updates at future Board meetings regarding the policy group's progress.

**11. UCSRB Policy Discussion on All-H Coordination (Derek Van Marter, Bill Towey and UCSRB)**

The Board discussed the continuing need for All-H Coordination, and decided that a more in depth discussion will be scheduled for the UCSRB retreat, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Staff will continue to prepare and coordinate for that discussion.

**Public Questions and Comment**

Bob Steele introduced Graham Simon as the new WDFW employee funded by the Yakama Nation MOA's. He said that Gina McCoy is also a new employee the WDFW in this region, funded by the CCT MOA.

**Adjourn Meeting**

Chair Towey thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 3:07 PM.

### Summary of Motions

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*Ron Walter made a motion to approve the SOW for the Chairperson of the UC RTT and approve the UCSRB Chair signing the amendment between the UCSRB and WDFW. Mary Hunt seconded the motion and all approved.*

*Bud Hover made a motion to approve the SOW and contract between the Wild Salmon Center and the UCSRB. Ron Walter seconded the motion and all approved.*

*Mary Hunt made a motion to approve the SOW and subcontract between the UCSRB and Chelan County. Bud Hover seconded the motion and all approved.*

*Bud Hover made a motion to approve the SOW and subcontract between the UCSRB and EcoAIM, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$6,900. Ron Walter seconded the motion and all approved.*

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