

**SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS
DECEMBER 4-5, 2013**

Agenda Items without Formal Action

Item	Follow-up Actions
Item 1: Management Report	No follow-up actions requested.
Item 2: Salmon Recovery Management Report	No follow-up actions requested.
Item 3: Reports from Partners	No follow-up actions requested.
Item 5: Manual 18 Updates Proposed for 2014	Research will be done regarding riparian buffers and presented to board in March.
Item 7: Overview of Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) and projects	No follow-up actions requested.
Item 8: Recommendations for Monitoring Strategy	Sub-committee will meet to operationalize the recommendations and bring back options for the board to consider in March
Item 10: Salish Sea Marine Survival Research Project	No follow-up actions requested.

Agenda Items with Formal Action

Item	Formal Action	Follow-up Actions
Minutes	Approved October meeting minutes	No follow-up actions requested.
Service Recognition: Josh Brown #2013-03	Approved	No follow-up actions requested.
Item 4: 2013 Grant Round	Approved \$1,195,165 in SRFB funds for projects and project alternates in the Hood Canal Region Approved \$361,245 in PSAR funds for projects in the Hood Canal Region Approved \$2,700,000 for projects in Lower Columbia.	No follow-up actions requested.

	<p>Approved \$360,000 for projects in the Northeast Region.</p> <p>Approved \$6,795,035 in SRFB funds for projects and project alternates in the Puget Sound Region.</p> <p>Approved \$13,017,394 in PSAR funds for projects and project alternates in the Puget Sound Region.</p> <p>Approved \$10,823,625 in PSAR funds for Large Capital projects in the Puget Sound Region.</p> <p>Approved \$1,598,400 for projects and project alternates in the Snake River Region.</p> <p>Approved \$1,953,000 for projects and project alternates in the Upper Columbia Region.</p> <p>Approved \$1,620,000 for projects and project alternates in the Coastal Region.</p> <p>Approved \$1,776,600 for projects and project alternates in the Yakima Mid-Columbia Region.</p>	
<p>Item 6: Appeal of Review Panel Decision: Whidbey Camano Land Trust, Dugualla Heights Lagoon Restoration, RCO Project #11-1290</p>	<p>Approved Option 1 as presented.</p>	<p>No follow-up actions requested.</p>
<p>Item 9: Request by Department of Fish and Wildlife to Use Returned Funds for Fish – in/Fish-out Monitoring</p>	<p>Approved \$208,000 in returned funds for fish-in/fish-out monitoring.</p>	<p>No follow-up actions requested.</p>

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES

Date: December 4, 2013

Place: Olympia, WA

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Members Participating:

David Troutt, Chair	Olympia	Megan Duffy	Department of Natural Resources
Phil Rockefeller	NWPCC		
Nancy Biery	Quilcene	Rob Duff	Department of Ecology
Bob Bugert	Wenatchee	Jennifer Quan	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Josh Brown	Kitsap County		
		Susan Cierebiej	Department of Transportation

It is intended that this summary be used with the materials provided in advance of the meeting. A recording is retained by RCO as the formal record of meeting.

Carol Smith was excused.

Opening and Welcome

Chair David Troutt called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and a quorum was determined. Director Cottingham introduced Susan Cierebiej as a new member of the board, representing the Department of Transportation.

Megan Duffy arrived at 9:12am.

Phil Rockefeller moved to adopt the agenda.

Seconded by: Nancy Biery

Motion: APPROVED

Phil Rockefeller moved to approve the minutes from October 2013.

Seconded by: Nancy Biery

Motion: APPROVED

Phil Rockefeller moved to approve the service recognition for Josh Brown, #2013-03

Seconded by: Nancy Biery

Motion: APPROVED

Briefings

Item 1: Management Report

Director Cottingham presented information as described in her director's report. She reviewed staffing changes in the Recreation and Conservation Office, including: Alice Rubin, a grant manager working on SRFB grants; Jen Masterson RCO performance management specialist; Cindy Gower, an administrative assistant supporting the Recreation and Conservation grant section; and Kiri Kreamer, who has joined GSRO as an intern.

Legislative and Policy Updates:

Nona Snell presented information as described in the staff memo. She noted that none of the issues that were addressed in the special session will be affecting salmon recovery, but there was talk of a transportation package, before the session starts in January. It could impact in some way fish passage barriers. She also addressed the mitigation matching project from the 2013-15 budget.

Item 2: Salmon Recovery Management Report

Brian Abbott and Tara Galuska reviewed the salmon recovery management report as presented in the staff memo. Tara Galuska stated that we have wrapped up the grant round. She stated that FFFPP was given \$2 million in 2013-15 biennium and ESRP was given \$10 million from the legislature. She addressed Item 2A, which shows the list of 22 recently completed projects since the last board meeting.

Brian Abbott presented an update on the communication plan, and the RFQQ proposals which were due on November 22, 2013. An evaluation team meeting took place December 3 to review the 12 responses to the RFQQ. They have decided to interview the top 3 firms in early January.

Director Cottingham added that she recently sent Brian Abbott back to Washington D.C. to meet with the congressional staffers. Brian made the trip with Jennifer Quan from WDFW and was guided by Rich Innes, contractor and Sam Ricketts from the Governor's D.C. Office.

Tara Galuska noted that Jennifer O'Neil from TetraTech has been selected as a new member on the SRFB technical review panel.

3: Reports from Partners

Jeff Breckel, Council of Regions: Jeff Breckel from the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board gave a brief update on regional priorities in terms of working with the board. He noted that the Council of Regions is looking at the monitoring strategies, and expressed the concerns about the Stillwater recommendations. He noted that they don't accurately reflect the message that they were trying to provide to them, and to the board. He explained that they are anxious to be working with the board to ensure that the board's monitoring investments not only meet the needs of the board, but also in terms of making good decisions about how the board's money is invested. He also touched on the funding picture and how they were going to deal with that. The regions would like to see a proactive approach over the next few months, to start looking at where are the real priorities.

Darcy Batura, Lead Entity Advisory Group: Darcy Batura gave an update on the Lead Entity Advisory Group. She noted that they have decided to change their name to better reflect their collective work. Their new name is the Washington Salmon Coalition – Community Based Salmon Recovery. They will be working over the next few months to reflect changes, both internally and to their partners, to make sure everyone is aware of the name change, and why they made it. The group also received training on legislative process from Phil Rockefeller, Raquel Crosier, and Nona Snell. This is done in preparation for their Legislative Outreach Day, scheduled for January 22, 2014. Batura introduced new Lead Entity coordinators: Todd Andersen with Kalispell-Pend Oreille Lead Entity; Jane Atha with Chehalis Basin Lead Entity; Scott Brewer with Hood Canal Coordinating Council; and Jason Wilkinson with WRIA 8. She also congratulated Richard Brocksmith on his new position as Executive Director of the Skagit Watershed Council.

Batura also gave an update on what they have been doing the last 3 months. This includes working closely with their sponsors, review panel, and RCO Staff to finalize their projects lists. She thanked everyone for their support on behalf of the Washington Salmon Coalition.

Lance Winecka, Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups (RFEs): Lance Winecka from the South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group gave an update on sustainable funding for the RFE program and explained the new budget proviso.

Jennifer Quan, WDFW: Jennifer Quan gave a follow up to the recent Washington D.C. trip. She explained that they met with almost all of the House of Representatives staff. She described some of the discussions and the importance of working with the federal agencies. There was a discussion on Puget Sound and EPA funding, PSNRP and Aquatic Invasive Species. Quan explained that there was a lot of conversation regarding the administrative use of PCSRF funding.

Susan Cierebiej, Department of Transportation: WSDOT constructed 19 fish passage projects in 2013, opening up nearly 60 miles of habitat for salmon. WSDOT is also planning to construct 10 fish passage projects next summer. They are currently designing another 34 projects to be constructed in the next biennium. WSDOT will be also installing log jams in the Skagit River, which will improve habitat for fish.

Megan Duffy, Department of Natural Resources: DNR anticipates starting the NEPA/ SEPA process for their Aquatics HCP in early April. The HCP cover 29 species, including salmonids. It also addresses three activities -- log storage, aqua culture, and over water structures. DNR welcomes comments on their HCP once it is released.

Phil Rockefeller NWPC: Provided an update on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council. He stated that the council has two main missions, one being to develop the regional power plan, and the other is to develop and periodically update a fish and wildlife program to address the impacts of the hydropower operations in the Columbia and Snake River on salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, and wildlife in general. He explained the council also engages in ocean and estuary research activities, and their work extends into tributaries, and not just the main stem of the Columbia River. The council is currently updating the Fish and Wildlife program.

Rob Duff, Ecology: He noted that the Marine Resources Advisory council met for the first time. This council was set up in response to Governor Gregoire's blue ribbon panel on ocean acidification.

General Public Comment:

There was no general public comment.

DECISIONS

Item 4: 2013 Grant Round

Tara Galuska, Salmon Section Manager, presented the information from the memo for item 4. She gave an overview of the 2013 Grant Round and noted that the total amount of dollars to be awarded at this meeting is approximately \$42 million. The total approved for the grant round, including match is approximately \$81 million. There are no projects of concern remaining on the lists, although the review panel did condition 22 projects.

Salmon Section Managers gave a presentation on some featured projects proposed for funding. Projects of note are:

- Hood Canal - Dosewallips Riparian Corridor Acquisition – Phase 2, #13-1211;
- Lower Columbia - Wahkiakum Conservation District - Seven Springs Restoration, #13-1083;
- Washington Coast - The Nature Conservancy, Hurst Creek Habitat Restoration Pilot Project, #13-1077;
- Northeast - Kalispell Tribe, 13-1357 LeClerc Creek Restoration Phase I;
- Puget Sound - King County, Natural Resources and Parks, 13-1135 Upper Carlson Floodplain Reconnection;
- Snake Region - Asotin County PUD, Alpowa Instream Post Assisted Log Structures, #13-1399;
- Middle Columbia Region - Kittitas Conservation Trust, Cle Elum Side Channel Restoration Phase II, #13-1314;
- Upper Columbia Region - Trout Unlimited, Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID) Instream Flow Improvement, #13-1334.

Kelley Jorgensen, Review panel chair, presented the information as stated in the memo for item 4. Jorgensen noted the review panel has 7 members. She introduced the 3 that were present at the meeting. Jorgensen shared a few observations from the review panel, including:

- Large complex multiphase projects – The Panel is reviewing more of these types of project. They are more costly and come in at application in phases.
- Process-based restoration projects – The preference is for projects to pursue process based restoration. If this cannot be accomplished, the Panel recommended the Board consider strong encouragement for lead entities and regions to acquire property that allows process based restoration to occur.
- Data gaps/research projects – Projects continue to be submitted as data gaps that do not meet all the eligibility requirements. These will continue to receive project of concern status.

- Program vs. Project - Some projects come in that are more programmatic in nature, such as nutrient enhancement. If a trend continues, the Board may want to develop criteria for these types of projects.
- Lessons learned – monitoring – The panel sees a clear need for analysis of monitoring data and a need to share the data with project sponsors in order to inform project development.
- Sea-level rise analysis- The Board may want to consider setting a horizon year for sea level when used in project designs.
- Cost benefit analysis-The Panel has no true tool for true cost benefit analysis of projects.
- Typical project element cost ranges – The Panel could develop a document that shows the range of project costs that is typical for project implementation for project sponsors.

Jorgensen also reviewed two noteworthy projects for the 2013 grant round:

- 13-1336, Chewuch River Permanent In stream project which will place 10 cfs back in the river during lower flows and stops diversion of water in the late fall;
- 13-1334, MVID Instream Flow Improvement Project that will change the point of diversion for the MVID and compensate landowners for well development. It will also develop piping system on the east side of the Methow River

Comments from the Regions:

Hood Canal Coordinating Council, Scott Brewer – Provided an over view of the Hood Canal Coordinating Council, and updates over the past year. He explained that the council has withheld some of the PSAR funds to focus on what the top salmon recovery priorities are for the Hood Canal. He noted that HCCC is asking for the board’s support, patience and understanding as they move through this process of prioritization for salmon recovery. They are on task to have a final report by March.

Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board, Jeff Breckel – Breckel stated that PCSRF funds are the primary funds available in the Lower Columbia region. This year they are asking for funding for 17 projects and that they all address their highest priority tiers. In this grant round they have 8 restoration projects, 7 design projects, and 1 acquisition project. He noted that they work with a very diverse group of project sponsors, and noted that they have 8 different sponsoring organizations this year. Breckel stated that he would prefer more contact with the review panel in the future.

Northeast, Nick Bean and Todd Andersen – Nick introduced Todd Anderson, who will be the new Lead Entity Coordinator. Bean presented information from their grant round. Northeast has submitted 3 projects this grant round, with no projects of concern. He gave his appreciation to review panel and grant mangers on their work this year. Bean provided a synopsis of the Northeast Region and some of their efforts in salmon recovery this year. He noted their work with Invasive Species, and the removal of northern pike in the Pend Oreille River. This project has about a year left and has been very successful.

Puget Sound, Jeanette Dorner – Jeanette Dorner thanked the members for their service, and work on the board. She provided an overview of PSP, and explained the 22 listed Chinook population, steelhead, bull trout, and Hood Canal summer chum. She noted that they presented 11 projects for early action, and an additional 79 projects that they are hoping to have funded in today's meeting. There will still be PSAR money to obligate to projects throughout the rest of the year. PSP is working closely with RCO staff to ensure the money will be going to the best projects.

Dorner asked for the board's assistance on a project that was pulled entitled Marine Survival of Chinook in the San Juans. The project was proposed and reviewed as part of the San Juan Lead Entity project list, and was recently removed due to the project's inability to meet the SRFB project eligibility requirements. She has asked for the board to consider the "Marine Survival of Chinook in the San Juans" project proposal. Cottingham noted that the only funds that can be used for this project is our federal PCSRF money. San Juan LE does have additional funds in their PSAR allocation that can be shifted to an eligible project, thus freeing up federal funds to cover this project.

Member Quan provided information in support of the project, and noted that the WDFW director has made Marine survival in Puget Sound a priority.

Snake River, Steve Martin - Thanked the board for the allocation framework that they have provided. Also thanked the review panel for the technical review they have given, and gave a brief overview of the recovery efforts going on in the Snake River Region.

Upper Columbia, Derek Van Marter – Joy Juelson presented on behalf of Upper Columbia. She gave an overview of the consolidation of the three Lead Entities. She explained that they have 20 projects this year, 7 of which are above the funding line. She gave information on the Roaring Creek Instream Flow and Barrier Removal project, which is at the top of their list. She noted that over half of the wild steelhead are spawning in the Roaring Creek. She thanked GSRO and the staff at RCO for their work on the projects.

Washington Coast, Miles Batchelder – Miles thanked the chair and SRFB on their work. He explained Washington Coast's efforts to protect ESA listings throughout the state. He believes they had a great grant round this year, but explained that there were some challenges with local committees and not agreeing with the technical review panel. He thanked the technical review panel on their tremendous work throughout the year. Batchelder explained that the Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon plan was finally completed this summer, with the help of the Nature Conservancy who provided them with a full time staff member. He noted that the Coast is developing an implementation schedule.

Yakima Basin, Alex Conley – John Foltz began by presenting on behalf of Klickitat County Lead Entity. He noted that there were 2 projects from their Lead Entity on the funding list this year. He thanked Dave Caudill, RCO, GSRO, and the review panel for their work.

Alex Conley present for the Yakima Basin. He highlighted two things: one being Darcy Batura's work with their TAG, and another being their project list.

Tara Galuska provided board members with new motion language, and updated funding tables. She explained that the motions now include the San Juan Marine Survival of Chinook project.

Hood Canal:

Josh Brown moved to approve \$1,195,165 in SRFB funds for projects and project alternates in the Hood Canal Region, as listed in Attachment 5 of Funding Report, dated December 4, 2013.

Seconded by: Nancy Biery

Motion: APPROVED

Josh Brown moved to approve \$361,245 in PSAR funds for projects in the Hood Canal Region, as listed in Attachment 5 of Funding Report, dated December 4, 2013.

Seconded by: Bob Bugert

Motion: APPROVED

Lower Columbia

Josh Brown moved to approve \$2,700,000 for projects, as listed in Attachment 5 of Funding Report, dated December 4, 2013.

Seconded by: Phil Rockefeller

Motion: APPROVED

Director Cottingham noted that this includes two projects for the Klickitat County lead entity.

Northeast

Phil Rockefeller moved to approve \$360,000 for projects in the Northeast Region, as listed in Attachment 5 of Funding Report, dated December 4, 2013.

Seconded by: Josh Brown

Motion: APPROVED

Puget Sound

Nancy Biery moved to approve \$6,795,035 in SRFB funds for projects and project alternates in the Puget Sound Region, as listed Attachment 5 of Funding Report, dated December 4, 2013.

Seconded by: Phil Rockefeller

Motion: APPROVED

Nancy Biery moved to approve \$13,017,394 in PSAR funds for projects and project alternates in the Puget Sound Region, as listed in Attachment 5 of Funding Report, dated December 4, 2013.

Seconded by: Phil Rockefeller

Motion: APPROVED

Nancy Biery moved to approve \$10,823,625 in PSAR funds for Large Capital projects in the Puget Sound Region, as listed in Attachment 5 of Funding Report, dated December 4, 2013.

Seconded by: Phil Rockefeller

Motion: APPROVED

Snake River Region

Bob Bugert moved to approve \$1,598,400 for projects and project alternates in the Snake River Region, as listed in Attachment 5 of Funding Report, dated December 4, 2013.

Seconded by: Josh Brown

Motion: APPROVED

Upper Columbia Region

Josh Brown moved to approve \$1,953,000 for projects and project alternates in the Upper Columbia Region, as listed in Attachment 5 of Funding Report, dated December 4, 2013.

Seconded by: Phil Rockefeller

Motion: APPROVED

Bob Bugert recused himself.

Washington Coast Region

Phil Rockefeller moved to approve \$1,620,000 for projects in the Coastal Region, as listed on Funding Table as listed in Attachment 5 of Funding Report, dated December 4, 2013.

Seconded by: Nancy Biery

Motion: APPROVED

Yakima Region

Phil Rockefeller moved to approve \$1,776,600 for projects and project alternates in the Yakima Mid-Columbia Region, as listed in Attachment 5 of Funding Report, dated December 4, 2013.

Seconded by: Josh Brown

Motion: APPROVED

Director Cottingham noted that 2 projects for Klickitat LE are included.

BRIEFINGS

Item 5: Manual 18 Updates Proposed for 2014

Tara Galuska presented the information as described in memo for item 5. She gave an overview of Manual 18, and its purpose in the grant round, and then went on to highlight an overview of proposed changes for 2014:

- Grant Round Schedule
 - Maintain similar schedule as 2013, which eliminates the July feedback loop as an efficiency measure to save time and resources.
- Riparian Projects
 - Allow riparian stewardship projects to be funded under riparian category to protect planting investments.
- Move Salmon Project Proposals out of the body of the Manual into Appendices. Take out any redundancies in questions.
 - Allows sponsors to easily download the proposal applicable to their project.
- Funding Report
 - In the future, we will look at streamlining the report and regional submittals.

Riparian Buffers

Leslie Connelly, RCO policy specialist, provided a background on riparian buffers width guidelines and the National Marine Fisheries Service recommendations for minimum buffer widths. She provided questions to the board to consider regarding adopting a policy on minimum riparian buffer widths:

- Should there be a minimum riparian buffer threshold?
- Where should it apply?
 - Puget Sound agriculture lands only or other geographic areas?
- What types of projects?
 - Projects in which riparian restoration is the main goal or all projects that include some riparian restoration work?
- How should it apply?
 - As an eligibility requirement or part of the review panel's evaluation?
- When should the board act?
 - Now or wait for final recommendations from NOAA?

Connelly also provided pros and cons regarding setting a riparian buffers threshold, staff recommendations and concluded with potential next steps should the board approve the staff recommendation.

General Public Comment:

Todd Bolster, NWIFC- provided comments regarding riparian buffer policy. He states that the NWIFC strongly supports the SRFB moving forward with this decision.

Eli Asher, Cowlitz Indian Tribe – Provided comments that he doesn't support any changes toward a minimum buffer width and asked that the board consider the impact before any decision is made.

Jeff Breckel, LCFRB – Encouraged the board to step back from this and do more research before any decision is made. He believes that this could be a significant issue for his sponsors.

Alex Conley, Yakima Basin- Commented that he is concerned about the effects on the landowners, and that he hasn't heard anyone complain that riparian buffers aren't working on their land. He believes that the SRFB shouldn't fix what is not broken.

Kelley Jorgensen, Review Panel - added some additional information regarding the buffer discussion. Jorgensen explained the variability in cost of buffers, and explained her concerns regarding the riparian buffers.

The board discussed the merits and challenges with setting a minimum riparian buffer for proposed projects. Members expressed concern for how a minimum buffer would be implemented and whether there would be "chilling effect" on applicants submitting riparian restoration projects for funding. Chairman Troutt recommended staff research the impacts on previously funded projects as a case study, meet with external partners to hear more feedback, and come back in March with more information and data as to the impacts of a minimum buffer on SRFB projects. There was no objection with this concept from the board. Staff will look at the impact of riparian buffers on a set of previously funded projects and bring that information to the March board meeting.

Item 6: Appeal of Review Panel Decision: Whidbey Camano Land Trust, Duguala Heights Lagoon Restoration, RCO Project #11-1290

Marc Duboiski presented the information as explained in the memo for item 6. He explained that the Skagit Watershed Council does not support the grant, as well as the landowners who are not interested in changing the design.

Pat Powell, Whidbey-Camano Land Trust (project sponsor), and Fred Wilmot, President of the Duguala Heights homeowner's association, detailed their appeal of the SRFB review panel recommendation.

Paul Schlenger and Pat Powers from the SRFB review panel provided information on the technical diagram included in the board memo. Marc Duboiski explained 3 possible options for SRFB to consider:

- 1 – Allow the current design. Allow the Skagit Watershed Council to remove their PSAR funding. Backfill the grant balance from the Island County lead entity PSAR funding allocation.
- 2 – Allow WCLT more time to negotiate a higher tide gate elevation closure, or an operation plan with the landowners acceptable to the review panel. Grant expires June 30, 2014.

3 – Terminate the grant, resulting in PSAR funds returned to the lead entities and SRFB funds back to RCO.

A decision was made by the board to adopt option 1 as presented.

Josh Brown moved to approve option #1 as listed above.

Seconded by: Nancy Biery

Motion: APPROVED

Item 7: Overview of the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) and projects

Betsy Lyons and Mike Ramsey presented the information as described in the memo for item 7. Betsy provided a background of ESRP, and noted that ESRP is managed by WDFW, RCO and PSP through an interagency agreement. She went on to explain that most of the programs funding comes from state bonds appropriated by the legislature in the state capital budget.

Betsy provided an overview of the last ground round, and projects of note:

- Skokomish Estuary Restoration Phase III, Skokomish Flats
- Three Crabs Nearshore and Estuarine Restoration
- Seahurst Park Shoreline Restoration (City of Burien) – underway
- Washington Harbor Restoration (Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe) – recently completed
- Discovery Bay Railroad Grade Removal & Restoration

Betsy provided the board with some opportunities for collaboration. Those include:

- Federal funding partners
- Coordinated floodplain funding
- Storytelling around river deltas
- Supporting tribal treaty rights

Meeting adjourned for the day at 4:56pm.

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Place: Olympia, WA

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Phil Rockefeller	NWPCC	Rob Duff	Department of Ecology
Nancy Biery	Quilcene	Jennifer Quan	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bob Bugert	Wenatchee		
Josh Brown	Kitsap County	Susan Cierebiej	Department of Transportation

Carol Smith was excused

Opening and Welcome

Chair David Troutt called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and a quorum was determined.

Item 8: Assessment and Proposed Recommendations for the Board’s New Monitoring Strategy

Brian Abbott, Keith Dublanica presented the information as described in the memo for item 8. Jody Lando from Stillwater Sciences was present as well. Abbott provided the history of the SRFB Monitoring program, highlighting the current SRFB strategy (Three –legged stool), and explaining the purpose of why the presentation is being done today. He gave an overview of SRFB-Funded Monitoring Efforts, and presented the board with the six proposed recommendations, that GSRO/RCO staff, Stillwater and SRFB subcommittee developed as a result of the November 22, 2013 meeting. The recommendations are as follows:

1. Establish (or restate) the SRFB goals with respect to monitoring.
2. Develop a functional Adaptive Management Program.
3. Establish an Independent Science Advisory Board.
4. Provide specific requirements of each monitoring component.
5. Resolve IMW implementation problem.
6. Identify how the SRFB can improve coordination with other-statewide monitoring.

A decision was made by the board to continue the board’s monitoring subcommittee, which includes David Troutt, Phil Rockefeller, Jennifer Quan and Rob Duff. Brian Abbott, Keith Dublanica and Kaleen Cottingham will continue to provide support and feedback. The purpose of the subcommittee will be to develop options for the board to consider for operationalizing the

recommendations from the Stillwater Report. The subcommittee will address recommendations 1, 4, and 5. After that meeting, the subcommittee will meet with the Council of Regions chair, and WSC chair to address recommendations 2, 3 and 6. Results of these meetings will be brought back to the board in March to consider options for implementing the recommendations. This will also include an updated monitoring program goals and overall strategy.

Rob Duff stated that he would like to see an adaptive management program move forward, as well as a science panel.

Public Comment:

Bruce Crawford, NOAA – provided information in relation to his background with monitoring and gave a very brief history on purpose of the monitoring requirement in the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund. The basic question that monitoring should answer is do restoration projects produce more fish.

Jeff Breckel, Alex Conley, Miles Batchelder, Jeannette Dorner, Steve Martin, Council of Regions - Breckel explained that the COR is there to discuss a much broader issue than the two requests presented in Abbott's presentation. He explained that there was a lot more work that has been done that was not fully recognized in the Stillwater report, and they would like to see an opportunity to sit down and work with the SRFB and agencies, to better shape the work that will be happening. He believes that there is more work that could be done to add to the Stillwater report.

Steve Martin, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board - agrees that Breckel has summarized everything well. He believes the report failed to recognize the monitoring efforts done by the regions.

Jeanette Dorner, Puget Sound Partnership - adds that she believes that clarifying SRFB goals is key to the decision making. Dorner explains her concerns on monitoring, and decision making process, and believes it is important to have the opportunity to have the conversation regarding what are the regions developing, what is the SRFB accountable for, and what is the best use for the monitoring funds?

Alex Conley, Yakima Basin - provided his input in regards to the recommendations for the board's new monitoring strategy.

Jennifer O'Neal, Tetra Tech - Jennifer O'Neal explained that in 2009 a review was done of what was working in project effectiveness and what needed to be increased or enhanced. One of the outcomes of that review was for in stream structure projects, and for flood plain enhancement projects we needed to expand that sample size in order to answer the questions of what is working better, and what are some better ways for projects to be implemented on the ground. In 2012, there was an increase by the SRFB in the sample sizes for those categories. So, we added 8 in stream

projects, and another 6 projects in floodplain enhancement. She believes there are still questions to be asked in terms of project effectiveness and there are some ways to address those additional questions as they are coming forward in the next several years.

Jen Bayer, PNAMP - Explains the communication now, isn't as good as it was in the past when the monitoring forum was active. She looks forward to working with Keith Dublanica and her board and further communication and ways to proceed.

Item 9: Request by Department of Fish and Wildlife to Use Returned Funds for Fish-in/Fish-out Monitoring.

Bob Bugert moved to approve \$208,000 in returned funds for fish-in/fish-out monitoring.

Seconded by: Phil Rockefeller

Motion: APPROVED

Item 10: Salish Sea Marine Survival Research Project

Long Live the Kings presented the information as described in the memo for item 10. Jacques White presented a simplified conceptual diagram of the Salish Sea Marine Survival Research Project.

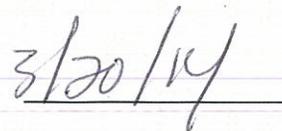
Michael Schmidt, program director for Long live the kings presented background information on the Salish Sea, and mortality occurrence in the Puget Sound. He explained the problem of Marine Survival in the Puget Sound, as well as in other regions. He gave an overview of the Salish Sea Marine Survival Project, the operational structure that will be involved with the project, provided information on the project process, and scope of work. Michael explained some of the factors that are affecting survival, and also briefed the board on research activities, and their results.

Meeting adjourned for the day at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes approved by:



David Troutt, Chair



Date