

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS, AUGUST 22, 2013

Agenda Items without Formal Action

Item	Follow-up Actions
Director's Report	There were no follow-up actions.
Item 1: Available and Potential Funding for 2013-15 Biennium	There were no follow-up actions.

Agenda Items with Formal Action

Item	Formal Action	Follow-up Actions
Minutes	Approved the minutes from May and June 2013.	There were no follow-up actions.
Service Recognition for Outgoing Board Members	Approved resolution 2013-03, recognizing the service of Harry Barber to the board. Approved resolution 2013-04, recognizing the service of Melissa Gildersleeve to the board.	There were no follow-up actions.
Item 2. Project, Lead Entity, and Regional Organization Funding Allocation for the Remainder of the Biennium	Approved a target grant round of \$18 million for calendar year 2013, with allocations as shown in Table A-4. Approved \$4.33 million in funding for lead entities and regional organizations. Approved an additional \$100,000 for Lower Columbia and the Coast.	Brian Abbott and Jeanette Dorner to provide a more specific proposal regarding the \$200,000 in Puget Sound capacity funding referenced in their letter for discussion at the October meeting. Brian Abbott to present approaches for the communications plan proposed by the Council of Region for board discussion at the October 2013 meeting.
Item 3. Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) Grant Awards	Approved a list of early action projects for a total of \$9,675,786 in Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) funds. Removed all Hood Canal Projects from the final list.	Hood Canal early action projects to be considered by the board at the October 2013 meeting, pending a decision by the Hood Canal Coordinating Council.

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES

Date: August 22, 2013

Place: Olympia, WA; Some members participated via conference call

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Members Participating:

Attending in Person

David Troutt, Chair	Olympia
Jennifer Quan	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Megan Duffy	Department of Natural Resources
Rob Duff	Department of Ecology

Participating by Phone

Josh Brown	Kitsap County
Phil Rockefeller	NWPCC
Nancy Biery	Jefferson County
Harry Barber	Washougal

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.

Opening and Welcome

Chair David Troutt called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and a quorum was determined. He introduced Rob Duff as the new designee from the Department of Ecology.

Josh Brown moved to approve the minutes from May and June 2013.

Seconded by: Phil Rockefeller

Motion: APPROVED

Service Recognition for Outgoing Board Members

Chair Troutt read the resolutions for both Harry Barber and Melissa Gildersleeve. Other members commented on the contributions of both to the work of the board, and noted appreciation for their perspectives and involvement. Member Barber thanked the board and wished them well, suggesting that they keep a focus on limiting administrative costs.

Josh Brown moved to approve resolution 2013-03, recognizing the service of Harry Barber to the board.

Seconded by: Phil Rockefeller

Motion: APPROVED

Josh Brown moved to approve resolution 2013-04, recognizing the service of Melissa Gildersleeve to the board.

Seconded by: Phil Rockefeller

Motion: APPROVED

Briefings

Director's Report

Director Cottingham reviewed the staffing and board changes as presented in the memo provided with the advance materials. She mentioned the Congressional tour conducted on August 21 to discuss the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF). Member Quan noted that Congressional staffers recommended that Washington State reach out to other states for broader West Coast support for the overall program. Director Cottingham said that they also would ask Governor Inslee to work with other governors.

Item 1: Available and Potential Funding for 2013-15 Biennium

Brian Abbott, GSRO Executive Coordinator, reviewed Table 3 from the memo, which outlined the amount of funding available to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board). He noted that he expects the returned fund amount to grow. He reminded board members that the amount of state capital funding is for the biennium.

Chair Troutt asked if the source of returned funds is important. Abbott responded that it can be important. Generally, returned funds are about 70 percent federal, 30 percent state. Member Barber asked how these figures compare to previous years. Abbott responded that the returned fund rate is typical. In fact, a typical returned fund rate is \$2 to \$4 million per year. It appears very high right now because the biennium just ended. Director Cottingham noted that there is uncertainty about the amount of federal funding in federal fiscal year 2014.

Decisions

Item 2. Project, Lead Entity, and Regional Organization Funding Allocation for the Remainder of the Biennium

Brian Abbott, GSRO Executive Coordinator, reviewed the status quo funding levels for lead entities and regional organizations, and explained the methodology for determining the amounts for one-year funding. He then reviewed the staff proposal, including tables 3 and 4 from the memo. He noted that there could be a higher grant round in fiscal year 2013, but staff was recommending that they be conservative now in case PCSRF is lower in federal fiscal year 2014.

Chair Troutt asked if the returned funds shown in the tables were funds in hand. Abbott responded that they are, and noted that RCO staff expends the oldest funds first. Director Cottingham noted the board may be able to have a higher grant round in state fiscal year 2015.

Abbott then reviewed Table 4, which addressed funding for lead entities and regional organizations. He noted that there is a gap between available funds and the amount needed for status quo funding. He explained that staff could have shown the gap in projects, but chose to show the gap in capacity because that was where the cut was taken in PCSRF funding.

Chair Troutt asked whether Scenario B would fully expend returned funds. Abbott said it would not. Director Cottingham noted, however, that it did not account for the other requests made of the board. She also reminded the board that they did not need to choose between Scenarios A and B because they were estimates based on future conditions.

Abbott then reviewed the additional requests, which were submitted as attachments to the memo. Abbott noted that there were some outstanding questions about the \$200,000 for the Puget Sound Partnership, and that the suggestions could be reviewed and brought back for board decision in October. Director Cottingham noted that the \$200,000 would be an additional draw on returned funds, in addition to the amount needed to fill the existing gap.

Member Quan asked if regions and lead entities are returning funds. Director Cottingham responded that they regularly return about a half a million dollars.

Chair Troutt suggested that Brian and Jeanette Dorner work on a specific proposal on the \$200,000 for the October meeting. The board concurred.

Chair Troutt referred to Table 4, and noted that the options were to fill the gap with returned funds or to decrease the contract amounts. The board discussed the proposal to fill the funding gap with returned funds. Member Barber asked if they would be filling the gap for capacity with project funds. Director Cottingham responded that based on the amount returned by the lead entities and regions, they would not be.

Public Comment

Jeff Breckel, Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board and Council of Regions, commented with regard to the request for the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (LCFRB) and Coastal Region, they appreciate staff's effort to maintain status quo in light of economic times. However, capacity to put projects on the ground and maintain infrastructure is challenged. He explained the background for the requests.

Jeanette Dorner, Puget Sound Partnership, noted that Brian Abbott did a good job of explaining the situation with the \$200,000 in question. She clarified that the funding was moved in 2011-13 to support lead entities, and that the Partnership wants to ensure that the \$200,000 is part of the equation. The decision about whether to include it and where it goes can be made in October. She would like \$100,000 to be given to the Puget Sound Region for lead entities. The remainder can be allocated as needed.

Phil Rockefeller moved to set a target grant round of \$18 million for calendar year 2013, with allocations as shown in Table A-4.

Seconded by: Nancy Biery

Motion: APPROVED

Nancy Biery moved to approve \$4,335,185 in funding for lead entities and regional organizations distributed as shown in memo table 4.

Seconded by: Phil Rockefeller

Motion: APPROVED

Phil Rockefeller moved to approve an additional \$100,000 for Lower Columbia and the Coast.

Seconded by: Josh Brown

Motion: APPROVED

Table 4 Funding Summary

State Fiscal Year 2014 Funding	
Regional Organizations	
PCSRF (Capacity)	\$2,400,150
Lead Entity Contracts	
State General Fund	\$456,614
PCSRF (Capacity)	\$929,850
GAP (See Options)	\$548,571
Total Capacity	\$4,335,185

The board then discussed the regions' request for additional funds for a communication and outreach strategy. The cost proposed was \$40,000. Member Biery commented that it was good idea. Member Quan noted that coordination will help secure funding in the future. Member Barber agreed it was important, and stated his hope that it would include state agencies and help break down their silos. He suggested that local partners could facilitate coordination between the agencies.

Chair Troutt suggested that the board could provide that type of facilitation. He thought that that the board could form a subcommittee to lead this work with the support of the Council of Regions. He wants to ensure that the board's voice is at the table. Member Biery concurred with the suggestion, and liked the idea that it be a board-led effort.

Director Cottingham reminded everyone that because these are federal funds, this cannot be a legislative strategy.

Member Quan noted that the Department of Fish and Wildlife needs to focus on legislative issues. She asked, if the funds cannot be used for that, what the purpose of the subcommittee would be. She also wondered if a subcommittee can be nimble enough to do this work.

Chair Troutt noted that a subcommittee can focus on different audiences such as private sector. He thinks the board can offer a statewide perspective. He asked if it was something that would need to be discussed with the Council of Regions. Breckel responded that some conversation would be needed to change the proposal. Chair Troutt suggested that there be more discussion, and that the decision be made in October. Director Cottingham suggested that Brian Abbott scope out what some possible approaches would look like. Board members concurred.

Public Comment

Jeff Breckel, Council of Regions, noted that the communication plan was a topic of discussion in the Council of Regions for a long time. They have realized that the time to act is now. The regions want to enhance the understanding of salmon recovery overall and ensure partnerships.

Public Comment

Jeff Breckel, Council of Regions, reviewed the comments made by the regions in their letter provided to the board. He asked for response from the board about whether the board was interested.

Chair Troutt asked Director Cottingham for her response. She responded that she has not supported the rollover of funds because the funds now go into the returned funds, and that gives the board flexibility. She noted that the maintenance is an issue because the funds are bond funds; other terms would be more

appropriate. Monitoring is limited in PCSRF, and they are nearly fully allocated, but the report is due in October. Brian Abbott noted that maintenance is a NOAA metric, and there would need to be some tight criteria around the topic. Chair Troutt suggested that there needs to be more staff work. Director Cottingham noted that this needs to be timed to coordinate with Manual 18 revisions. Director Cottingham also noted that the board entertains proposals for using returned funds and has flexibility to make decisions. In response to a question from Chair Troutt, Breckel noted that does not address all of the needs in the regions. They would like to keep the funds to complete work that they did not finish in the original timeframe of the contract, and look at the scope to define such work. Chair Troutt asked the Council of Regions to provide details and examples about what the regions are not able to achieve under the current structure around returned funds.

3. Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) Grant Awards

Brian Abbott and Tara Galuska presented the information and project list described in the staff memo.

Member Brown highlighted the actions taken at the August 21 Hood Canal Coordinating Council (HCCC) meeting, noting that there are projects on the list presented to the board that do not have approval from the HCCC. Abbott suggested that the board could approve the list and hold the contracts, waiting until December, or approving them as alternates. Jeanette Dornier clarified that \$1 million was approved for projects. An Appendix F-2 was submitted, but the early action projects are ranked 1, 4, and 5 on the overall list. Chair Troutt stated that he is uncomfortable approving projects that have not been approved at the local level, and suggested that the board defer until the local approval is clear.

Josh Brown moved to approve the list of projects as presented in Attachment A, except for those provided by the Hood Canal Coordinating Council, for a total of \$9,675,786 in Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) large capacity and regular funds.

Seconded by: Nancy Biery

Motion: APPROVED

Minutes approved by:



David Troutt, Chair



Date

Summary Spreadsheet PSAR, August 2013 List, As Approved

Lead Entity	Project Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	PSAR Regular Formula-driven Amount	Large Cap Amount	Match	Total
Green, Duwamish, and Central Puget Sound Watershed (WRIA 9) Lead Entity	<u>13-1239</u>	Seahurst Park Shoreline Phase IIb	Burien Parks & Recreation		\$2,277,806	\$607,567	\$2,885,373
Lake Washington, Cedar, Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Lead Entity	<u>13-1103</u>	Royal Arch Reach Protection - Selland	Seattle Public Utilities	\$214,500		\$71,500	\$286,000
Nisqually River Salmon Recovery Lead Entity	<u>13-1144</u>	Lower Ohop Restoration Phase III	Nisqually Land Trust	\$1,394,411		\$251,162	\$1,645,573
North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity for Salmon	<u>13-1062</u>	Pysht Floodplain Acquisition Phase III	North Olympic Land Trust	\$94,199		\$16,624	\$110,823
	<u>13-1066</u>	Dungeness Riparian Habitat Protection	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	\$221,775		\$39,140	\$260,915
	<u>13-1094</u>	Lyre Estuary & Nelson Creek Protection	North Olympic Land Trust		\$3,350,000	\$591,417	\$3,941,417
Pierce County Lead Entity	<u>13-1423</u>	Puyallup River S Fork Setback 2013	Pierce Co Water Programs Div	\$191,095		\$33,723	\$224,818
San Juan County Community Development Lead Entity	<u>13-1354</u>	Reid Harbor Conservation Easement	San Juan Preservation Trust		\$800,000	\$250,000	\$1,050,000
West Sound Watersheds Lead Entity	<u>13-1140</u>	W Bainbridge Shoreline Protection PSAR	Bainbridge Island Land Trust		\$810,000	\$396,000	\$1,206,000
	<u>13-1142</u>	Whiteman Cove Estuary Restoration - Design	South Puget Sound SEG	\$72,000		\$0	\$72,000
	<u>13-1143</u>	West Sound Watertyping III	Wild Fish Conservancy	\$250,000		\$45,000	\$295,000
		TOTAL		\$2,437,980	\$7,237,806	\$2,302,133	\$11,977,919