Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board

September 6, 2019 Draft Minutes
Board Meeting
WDFW SW Regional Office
5525 South 11th Street
Ridgefield, WA 98642

Present: Mike Backman, Paul Greenlee, Lee Grose, Richard Mahar, Hal Mahnke, Gary Medvigy, Todd Olson, Dean Takko, Jade Unger, and Del Wilson

Absent: Taylor Aalvik, Gary Stamper, Don Swanson, Olaf Thomason, and Dennis Weber, Chairman Olson excused the absent members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were given.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- Director Manlow introduced Paul Greenlee as the new SW WA City Representative. Mr. Greenlee is currently a Washougal City Councilman, since 2007, and his term extends through 2021. Mr. Greenlee has served on a number of Municipal Board and Councils, including Regional Transportation Council, Clark County Mosquito Control Board, and as an alternate to the CTRAN Board and the Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC). Mr. Greenlee is also a fisherman, and based on conversations to date, he is well versed in the various issues we deal with as a Recovery Organization.
  - Board member Unger asked if the City Representative position was new for the Board. Director Manlow stated no, it has been vacant since June 2017.

- The SRFB will meet on September 10 & 11 in Olympia. There are several key items on the agenda that Director Manlow will be commenting on, including, a SRFB proposal to invest in two areas in the state to move delisting efforts forward. These include Hood Canal Summer Chum and Mid-Columbia Steelhead. In addition, the SRFB is shifting toward 3-year project lists. This would be a challenge for the Board and we don’t know what it would mean regarding capacity funding.

- The Director noted that we continue to work on the FHMP update with Tacoma Power, and that we have an In-Lieu meeting set up for 9/19/19 to discuss the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) preliminary decision on fish passage in the North Fork Lewis River watershed.

- The Upper Cowlitz-Cispus Public Workshop is scheduled for 9/24/19 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the White Pass High School in Randle. Ms. Johnson and Mr. West attended three site visits on 9/3/19, one of the project alternatives will be selected for conceptual design. The workgroup is working toward a final report and one conceptual design. Fliers are available on the table for more information.
BUSINESS MEETING

Item #1  Consent Agenda

Board member Mahnke moved and Board member Grose seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. No discussion. Motion carried.

Item #2  Election of Vice-Chair

Director Manlow presented the item, noting that at the July meeting, Chairman Linde resigned from the Board, leaving the Chair position vacant. Todd Olson, Vice-Chair was nominated and elected to the Chair position, thereby vacating the Vice-Chair position. The Board decided to table the election of a new Vice-Chair until the September Board meeting. Director Manlow reminded the Board that nominations can be made, and that you could also self-nominate.

Nominations:
Board member Greenlee stated he would like to serve as Vice-Chair if the Board didn’t have any objections.

Board member Mahnke moved and Board member Grose seconded to nominate Board member Greenlee as Vice-Chair. No discussion. Motion carried.

TECHNICAL PANEL DISCUSSION (presentations are posted on the website)

A. Assessing Recovery Progress, Amelia Johnson, LCFRB
B. Columbia River Fisheries and Harvest Management, Bill Tweit, WDFW: Mr. Tweit is a Special Assistant in the Fish Program. He leads the Columbia River Management Unit which manages fisheries in the mainstem Columbia and addresses salmon and steelhead survival through the hydro-system.
C. Hatcheries Overview, Eric Kinne, WDFW: Mr. Kinne is the Hatchery Division Manager and oversees hatchery operations statewide, including marking and tagging programs, hatchery data and hatchery evaluations.
D. Conservation and Sustainable Fisheries Plan & Mitchell Act and Monitoring, Bryce Glaser, WDFW: Mr. Glaser has been the SW Washington Region 5 Fish Program Manager since January 2018. He oversees hatchery, fishery managements, and monitoring programs for the rivers, streams and lakes in SW Washington.

At 3:35 p.m. the Board adjourned.

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Approved in open session on _______________ Signed: ____________________________

Todd Olson, Chairman