



UCSRB MEETING

Douglas County Transportation and Land
Services Building
140 19th Street NW
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Friday, January 9, 2009
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Paul Ward, Yakama Nation
Ron Walter, Chelan County
Bud Hover, Okanogan County
Mary Hunt, Douglas County
Bill Towey, Colville Tribes via conference call

Julie Morgan, UCSRB Executive Director
Derek Van Marter, UCSRB Associate Director via
conference call
James R. White, UCSRB Data Steward
Barbara Carrillo, UCSRB Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Casey Baldwin, WDFW and RTT Chair; Dale Bambrick, NMFS; Ken Bevis, WDFW; Lee Carlson, Yakama Nation; Chuck Jones, Alliance Consulting Group for Douglas County; Scott Hecht, NMFS via phone; Mike Kaputa, Chelan County; Dee Ann Kirkpatrick, NMFS via phone; Jennifer Molesworth, USBR; Mike Rickel, Cascadia Conservation District; Char Schumacher, Okanogan County; Ken Sletten, Okanogan County Farm Bureau via phone; Bob Steele, WDFW; Kate Terrell, USFWS and RTT Vice Chair.

Action Items :

1. Julie will contact FEMA regarding having a representative from their organization attend a future UCSRB meeting to update the group on FEMA's NFIP Biological Opinion and it's effects on local government.
2. Staff will initiate scheduling meetings with legislators in Washington, D.C. for UCSRB members for March 11, 12, and 13.
3. Staff will begin the process of updating the UCSRB DC informational brochure for UCSRB members visiting legislators in March.

The meeting was called to order at 11:16 AM by Chair Paul Ward.

Welcome and Introductions (Paul Ward)

Paul Ward welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a round of introductions.

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (Paul Ward)

Paul asked for approval of the meeting minutes from October 23, 2008 and the conference call minutes from November 20, 2008.

Mary Hunt made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from the October 23, 2008 meeting and the conference call minutes from the November 20, 2008 meeting. Bud Hover seconded the motion and all approved.

2. Briefing on Recent Biological Opinions (Dale Bambrick, Scott Hecht, and DeeAnn Kirkpatrick; NMFS)

Dale Bambrick gave a brief overview of Scott Hecht's presentation regarding the recently completed EPA biological opinion of the EPA's re-registration of Chlorpyrifos, Diazinon, and Malathion pesticides. Scott Hecht, Ph.D., with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division, then began his presentation by describing the recent biological opinion briefing with all currently ESA-listed salmonids on the west coast within California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho. He said the federal action notes "authorization for use or uses described in labeling of a pesticide product containing a particular pesticide active ingredient." He discussed the stressors and uses of the pesticides containing the ingredients and how they negatively affect salmonids. Scott also discussed the four species model he used with Coho, ocean-type Chinook, stream-type Chinook, and Sockeye salmonids. He then reviewed the Reasonable and Prudent Alternative (RPA) elements: 1. No-application buffers: 500 feet for ground and 1,000 feet for aerial, 2. Twenty foot vegetative filter strips, 3. Wind speed restriction, 4. Do not apply when soil moisture is at field capacity or when weather patterns are predicted to produce runoff within 48 hours of post application, 5. Report all incidences of fish mortality within four days following application, 6. Monitoring program for off-channel habitats. He also noted the next biological opinion is due March 31 on three insecticides and the last opinions are due February 2012. For further information, Scott mentioned that the current pesticide biological opinion URL is located at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/about/archive.htm>.

Mike Kaputa asked if Washington State's data from Entiat and Wenatchee was incorporated into this opinion and Scott said yes. Bud Hover then discussed the RPA regarding the 500 foot buffer and the issues surrounding trading the orchards that sit along the river for sub-division houses and what the ramifications were of denying people the use of these products and noted the 500 foot buffer would take out orchards or housing. Mary Hunt mentioned that when the orchards go out and the homes go in, control could be lost over what is applied on those properties since residential application does not have the same requirements as application for agriculture.

DeeAnn Kirkpatrick, NMFS, then gave a presentation regarding FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) biological opinion. This biological opinion was completed last September and is a result of a lawsuit – NWF vs. FEMA. Consultation started with Washington State and later in the Puget Sound area. She reviewed the NFIP negative effects to critical habitat for salmon and killer whales over the next 20 years. She noted that the species status for salmon and steelhead are at a high risk and for killer whales they are endangered and depleted. She then reviewed cumulative effects and synthesis of effects on salmon as well as effects on killer whales. She reviewed the Reasonable and Prudent Alternative (RPA) elements including community rating system, mapping and mitigation as well as the RPA minimum floodplain management criteria.

Mike Kaputa asked if the biological opinion only applies to the Puget Sound area or if there is a schedule for moving outside of that area? DeeAnn said that is up to FEMA.

Mary inquired when FEMA would be coming up with more up-to-date mapping and DeeAnn said they just finished some updates. Chuck Jones asked how the information is being related to financial institutions and if people will not be able to get flood insurance and DeeAnn said that is FEMA's responsibility. Paul Ward suggested having a representative from FEMA's notification process to attend a UCSRB meeting and inform the group regarding how they are going to implement the biological opinion and see how it will roll out over time. Bud Hover agreed and mentioned we need more information to see what the effects will be for local government. Paul Ward then suggested having a representative address the board at an upcoming meeting speak about these issues.☑

3. SRFB Request for Funds to State (Char Schumacher and Julie Morgan)

- **Key Message (Schumacher)**
- **State Funds for 2009-2011 Biennium (Morgan)**

Char Schumacher began by noting that the key message we need to send is that now is not the time to reduce funding and the work that is being done is being done well. 10 million is in the governor's budget for salmon recovery and 24 million is what the SRFB had requested. Char said we also want to focus on what we are doing right and that we have good projects and project sponsors. Bud commented that we want to make sure that the others on the SRFB know that there has already been a significant investment made, that the grassroots approach is working, and that we need to keep our infrastructure intact.

Julie Morgan then reviewed with the group that PCSRF funds are coming in at historic amounts and the State will pursue a similar amount as previous years.

4. UCSRB Work Plan Summary for 2009, UCSRB Staff Work Group Short-Term Assignment Table and 2009 Meeting Calendar (Julie Morgan)

Julie Morgan reviewed the development of the UCSRB 2009 work plan summary as well as the staff work group assignments and the 2009 meeting calendar. Julie asked for board approval of the 2009 calendar. Julie also noted the (National Association of Counties) NACO conference in Washington, D.C. is scheduled for March 7-11, 2009. Julie then discussed scheduling a tour of visits with congressional staff in DC for UCSRB members in conjunction with the conference.

5. Implementation Schedule Updates (Derek Van Marter and Julie Morgan)

Derek Van Marter gave an historical overview of the updates to the implementation schedule and also reviewed the comments from the Okanogan County Farm Bureau (OKFB) dated December 22, 2009, as well as his response, on behalf of the UCSRB, to those comments dated January 4, 2009. Ken Sletten, Okanogan County Farm Bureau, then noted he would review Derek's response to his comments by the executive committee of the OKFB. Ken Sletten also suggested a database to house all project information and Derek replied that the Habitat Work Schedule (HWS) regional database is now online and is a tool to coordinate with all entities to identify, track and house projects. Derek also mentioned that within the year, the HWS should be fully operational. Paul Ward then thanked Derek Van Marter and Ken Sletten for their comments. Paul asked for any other public comment and Ken noted that he had some miscellaneous comments he would address at the end of the meeting.

Bud Hover made a motion to approve the updates to the Implementation Schedule and send a cover letter to NOAA Fisheries. Ron Walter seconded the motion and all approved.

Derek also thanked the Watershed Action Teams for the participation in the update process. Additionally, Julie Morgan thanked Jennifer Molesworth and Mike Kaputa and their staff for their assistance in the update process. Julie said we are also in the process of pulling funding coordination elements into the updates and we will be working with the WATs to create a more specific three-year work plan.

6. DC Visit Key Objectives, Meeting logistics and Next Steps (Morgan and Carlson)

Lee Carlson began by providing background to the group regarding previous UCSRB DC legislative visits over the last few years. He commented that education and a green economy should be stressed as we go into our March 2009 legislative DC visit as well as re-emphasizing the grass-roots effort that our organizations have participated in from the beginning. He also emphasized the message that there is still a large amount of work that needs to be done and that cutting out PCSRF dollars is not a good idea at this time. He also suggested revisiting the Forest Service items as they relate to roads on Forest Service lands and how they have contributed to some of the issues we are experiencing. Lee then asked for input and other information that needs to go into the brochure. Bud Hover mentioned emphasizing the huge effort that we have started and that we need to continue and follow through. Paul Ward recommended emphasizing the grass-roots approach and keeping things going in that manner. Dale Bambrick emphasized our participation in the FCRPS as key to our economy. Bud also emphasized the work being done in cooperation between the tribes and the funds that are going back into the economies of the counties. Lee emphasized the work being done in the implementation schedule and how we need to keep that going. Bud said we are uniquely positioned to carry these messages to Washington since we are moving ahead of others in the state; we just need the resources to continue. Ken Bevis commented regarding the brochure that we should eliminate some of the bottom area and insert a picture of a sports fisherman, or an excavator working on the project to emphasize the economy and also suggested minimizing out-of-basin effects. Kate Terrell mentioned emphasizing partnerships issues and climate changes in the brochure. Chuck Jones suggested obtaining supporting partner statements and direct quotes from them. Mary Hunt suggested getting a picture from the Foster Creek Conservation District from the erosion control project they have done in conjunction with the Bridgeport School curriculum. Julie noted that we will initiate changes to the brochure with a different message and use more of an educational slant in preparation for the UCSRB DC legislative visit.

Bill Towey said he will send his thoughts out via email to the board members regarding the trip. Bill would like to see real distinct goals in mind of what we want to accomplish like funding and legislation, some thing beyond the educational component. Mary Hunt commented visiting later in the year might be beneficial with the presidential transition. Paul noted in the house and the senate we should have the folks that we need to talk with available in March. Dale said if your message is about budget then they will have a good idea in March of what the budget is going to look like. Mary suggested scheduling meetings on March 11th, 12th and 13th directly following the National Association of Counties (NACO) Conference ends. Derek volunteered to set up meetings or schedule meetings while he is there the two weeks

before. Julie asked for approval for Barb to start scheduling meetings after February 1st and the Board agreed. Mary suggested meeting with Dave Reichart from the Ways and Means Committee. Dale suggested meeting with Sam Rauch again. Mary suggested meeting with Nancy Pelosi or Harry Reid. Mary suggested contacting Chris Andreason again. Bud mentioned trying to not mix back to back meetings with the House and the Senate. Jennifer Molesworth said she will work with Joe Spinazola for a contact person to meet with and get back to us. Dale suggested Ron Walter contacting Rollie Schmitt for additional contact names.

7. Management, Logistics, and Updates

Regarding the Entiat Watershed Planning Unit Phase 4+ funding status, Mike Rickel is working with Senator Parlette and Shiloh Burgess. Mike will continue working on the issue and will give an update at the next Entiat Watershed Planning Unit meeting.

Julie Morgan reviewed the latest UCSRB profit and loss report and noted she will be convening a meeting of the finance committee soon regarding budget planning.

Derek gave a brief overview of the recent permitting workshop held in Chelan November 4th 2008, and noted it was a result of a need identified by the Implementation Team last spring. The UCSRB co-hosted the workshop with the Governor's Office on Regulatory Assistance and over 40 people attended. Ken Bevis added a comment that another surprising outcome was the different regulatory agencies hearing what the other regulatory agencies needs were and vice versa. Derek added that next step include working with WATs on their needs as we go forward.

Derek then reviewed the final regional ranked list for the SRFB Round 9 and thanked everyone for a robust effort.

Julie then asked for approval for the 2009 UCSRB employee holiday schedule memo.

[Bud Hover made a motion to approve the 2009 UCSRB employee holiday schedule memo. Mary Hunt seconded the motion and all approved.](#)

To accommodate the significant changes needing to be made to the UCSRB DC brochure, Julie asked to reschedule the UCSRB conference call currently scheduled for January 29th to Wednesday, February 11th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. She also asked to reschedule convening a UCSRB Board of Trustees meeting to March of 2010 rather than September 2009.

[Ron Walter made a motion to reschedule the UCSRB conference call from January 29, 2009 to February 11, 2009 and to move the Board of Trustees meeting from September 2009 to March of 2010. Bud Hover seconded the motion and all approved.](#)

Public Comment

Ken Sletten, requested copies of slide presentations today and Barbara Carrillo will get those to Ken. Regarding the three chemicals discussed in the biological opinion today, he would hope there is a way to keep the orchards running. He thanked Derek for his work on the implementation schedule and his comments today. Ken also noted that the Go To conference meeting set up today went very well. In addition, Ken mentioned he looked at the Habitat Work Schedule online and saw a numerous

projects listed but nothing for his county. Derek noted many projects from our region are currently being updated to the site.

Adjourn Meeting

Paul thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Summary of Motions

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