

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

July 19, 2001

Mickey O'Reilly's Conference Center
East Wenatchee, Washington

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

At Meeting:

William Ruckelshaus, Chair	Seattle
Brenda McMurray	Yakima
Tim Smith	Designee, Department of Fish and Wildlife
Joe Williams	Designee, Department of Ecology

By Phone:

James Peters	Olympia
John Roskelley	Spokane
Steve Meyer	Executive Director, Conservation Commission

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order 4:30 p.m. This meeting had only one agenda item, the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project (PSNERP) Proposal.

Tim Smith presented this agenda item. See attached handout for details.

This is a three-phase project:

- Phase 1 (2 years) - Draft project criteria and model – limiting factors equivalent
- Phase 2 (2 or 3 years) - Revised project criteria and model
- Phase 3 – Final project criteria and model – EIS is done in this phase

The total timeline for this project is between 5-7 years.

PSNERP Scope of Work and Project Costs:

- Project management: \$350K
- Public information and outreach: \$200K
- Technical work: \$1 million

Next Steps:

- Project Management Plan (outline) by August 31
- Cost-sharing agreement signed by August 31
- Assemble Nearshore Science Team (NST) and appoint lead
- Assemble Steering Committee and Executive Committee
- Start project October 1, 2001

Requesting \$375,000 from the SRFB to contribute to the completion of the technical elements in Phase I.

Public Testimony:

Jay Watson, Hood Canal Coordinating Council, requested the Board fund this project to help avoid piecemealing nearshore projects and have one coordinated approach for all of Puget Sound.

Janet Kearsley, Island County, noted this project will help smaller jurisdictions to get projects completed, help with monitoring issues, and has a public outreach element which helps the coordination effort. She supports funding this project.

Lori Morris, Corps of Engineers, stressed that this project is a great way to coordinate with the state, local, and federal agencies. This collaboration is needed to have good projects. She supports the project.

Board Discussion:

The Board discussed various issues concerning this project. Lori Morris and Tim Smith were able to provide answers to the Board's questions.

Decision:

Brenda McMurray **Moved** to approve request for \$375,000 from SRFB. John Roskelley **Seconded**. Board **approved**.

There being no other business on this agenda the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

The Chair noted the great effort and good work by Tim Smith and others in pulling this proposal together.

SRFB APPROVAL:

William Ruckelshaus, Chair

Date

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 October 18 & 19, 2001 - Bellingham
 December 6 & 7, 2001 – Tacoma/Puyallup

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