

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD

Summary MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

February 18, 2000
8:45 a.m.

Bremerton City Council Chambers
Bremerton, Washington

SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Ruckelshaus, Chair	Seattle
Larry Cassidy	Vancouver
Brenda McMurray	Yakima
John Roskelley	Spokane
Steve Meyer	Executive Director, Conservation Commission (afternoon session)
Tom Eaton	Designee, Department of Ecology
Jeff Koenings	Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife
Craig Partridge	Designee, Department of Natural Resources
Shari Schafflein	Designee, Department of Transportation

A tape of the meeting's proceedings is retained by IAC as the formal record of the meeting.

Call to Order:

Mike Shepard, Bremerton City Council member, welcomed the Salmon Recovery Funding Board to the city of Bremerton. Mike stressed the importance of salmon to the area and the need to work together.

After being welcomed to the city, Chair Ruckelshaus opened the meeting at approximately 8:45 a.m.

Topic #1 – Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2000, Meeting:

The first item on the agenda was the approval of today's agenda and minutes from the January 21st meeting. Larry Cassidy made the **motion** for approval of the minutes from January 21, 2000 meeting. Brenda McMurray **seconded** the motion and the Board **Approved**.

Topic #2 – Management and Status Reports:

Director's Report: Laura Johnson started her management report by asking the Board to thank the IAC/SRFB staff for the tremendous amount and quality of work they've produced this month. She also noted the quality of Early 2000 grant applications being received. In the Early 2000 grant cycle, the SRFB received over 200 applications.

Financial Management Services Report: Debra Wilhelmi gave an overview of the SRFB grants and funding status. She also noted that we have not yet received approval for spending the \$18 million in Federal Funds. It was requested by one of the Board members that a monitoring program be in place for the Forest and Fish funds. Debra assured the Board members that deliverables will be included in the final contract.

Grant Project Services Report: Eric Johnson discussed the current project application intake process. Staff has reviewed about 250 new applications. Eric explained the three phases of project management: 1) intake, 2) management, and 3) ongoing stewardship. Currently staff are in the first two phases and once more projects are closed the third part will take more time. The third component may be able to be monitored by the Lead entity groups as they become more mature.

Legislative Update: Jim Fox gave an update on legislative activities concerning salmon recovery. Two of the earlier bills have died but there are three bills that are still active: SHB2406, re-establishes definitions vetoed from SB5595 last year; ESHB2589, allows funding of projects that are the legal obligation of property owners; and HB3028, establishes a 15 member Lead Entity in Southeast Washington.

The last day of session is March 9th; if the budget has not been finalized then there may be need for a special session. House and Senate budget versions should be out next week.

Topic #3 – GSRO Report:

Chris Drivdahl, Salmon Team Leader, gave the GSRO Report.

Chris informed the Board that the Early Action Plan is being remodeled; she will give a more detailed presentation and more information at the April meeting.

Agriculture, Fish, and Water (AFW) negotiations are underway, the AFW Board is considering having a Westside and an Eastside panel since the irrigation issues are so different depending on location.

The GSRO is putting together the JNRC comments on the 4(d) rules. All the agencies agree on the comments on the rules - all agree the current 4(d) rule needs a lot of change.

Tom Eaton, Department of Ecology, gave an update on the SMA guidelines - there is an informal set of guidelines out for review by Legislature, NMFS, and Tri-County group. There is one bill (SB6446) that sets a timeline for local entities to update their Master Plans on a salmon recovery priority schedule.

Topic #4 – NMFS Update:

Will Stelle, NMFS, gave the SRFB a general overview of status of the 4(d) rule and what NMFS is doing throughout the state concerning the ESA listings. Will offered to do a follow-up discussion at a later meeting – possibly in April.

Topic #5 – Tools for Measuring Success:

This presentation consisted of five different products or tools that the state is currently using to measure the results of salmon recovery activities.

1) Chris Drivdahl, GSRO Team Leader, gave a presentation on Balanced Scorecard process being employed by the Joint Natural Resources Cabinet (JNRC).

- 2) Will Kendra, Department of Ecology, gave a presentation on the Water Quality Scorecard indicators.
- 3) Scott Redmond, Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team, presented information on Environmental Indicators for Puget Sound developed by the Action Team.
- 4) Randy McIntosh WDFW and NWIFC, gave an overview of the SSHIAP program and how SSHIAP fits into the rest of the monitoring efforts around the state.
- 5) Steve Leider, GSRO representing the Independent Science Panel (ISP), gave an update on what the ISP is currently doing in regards to monitoring. The ISP recently released a white paper entitled "Preliminary Review of Issues Regarding Development of a Statewide Salmonid Recovery Monitoring Program" and will continue to work on monitoring indicators and data quality guidelines.

At a future meeting other tools will be presented, including the SRFB's PRISM system.

Topics #6 – Early 2000 Grant Process:

Jim Kramer provided the SRFB with an overview of the Review Panel meetings this last week. Jim reviewed how the evaluation process has worked to date. Prior to the March 16 & 17 SRFB meeting, staff will combine Review Panel recommendations and SRFB policies and develop a staff recommendation. The staff recommendation will be released for public review prior to the meeting. At the meeting on the 16th there will be a presentation by Review Panel members and time for public testimony. On April 7 there will be a workshop with Lead Entity representatives and others to review this whole grant cycle.

Topic #7 – Board Work Plan for 2000:

Laura Johnson reviewed the proposed content of the remaining 2000 SRFB meetings.

Jeff Koenings, Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, shared his message on the role of science in salmon recovery efforts.

Topic #8 - Contract Update:

Debra Wilhelmi let the Board know that she is working on contracts for SRFB-approved programmatic funds. The Forest and Fish Contract is continuing to evolve.

Topic #9 - Changes to Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

Larry Cassidy **moved** and Bill Ruckelshaus **seconded** the motion to adopt resolution #2000-01 establishing the meeting schedule for 2000. The motion was **adopted**.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the SRFB is scheduled for March 16 & 17, 2000, in Wenatchee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

