



YAKIMA BASIN
FISH AND WILDLIFE
RECOVERY BOARD

MINUTES

October 12th, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting

As approved by the Board of Directors on 11/8/06

6:30 to 8:45 pm, in the Fourteen Tribes Room, Yakama Nation Cultural Center, Toppenish

Attendance:

Board: David Bowen (Kittitas County), Paul Ward (Yakama Nation), Matt Bleich (Richland), Leo Bowman & Phil Mees (Benton County), Mike Leita & Terry Keenhan (Yakama County), Bryan Robinson (Benton City), Dave Brown (City of Yakima), Nancy Lillquist (City of Ellensburg)

Staff: Alex Conley.

Chair David Bowen convened the meeting. Roll was taken and the presence of a quorum confirmed. The agenda was accepted as presented. Minutes for the August 18, 2006 Board of Directors and Annual Meetings were approved as presented by a motion of the Board.

Approval of Board Letters

A draft letter to the Washington Congressional delegation regarding PCSRF and the Commerce appropriations bill was presented to the Board. A motion to authorize signature by the Board chair was made by Nancy Lillquist and second by Mike Leita, with the question called by Leo Bowman. Motion passed.

A draft letter regarding the IAC's 2007-9 state budget request was presented to the Board. Nancy Lillquist made a motion to approve signature pending correction of typos and addressing the letter to the Governor's Office with cc to legislative committee heads and SRFBoard Chair. Motion was seconded by Mike Leita, with the question called by Leo Bowman. Motion passed.

A draft letter asking the governor's office to continue the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office was presented to the Board. A motion to authorize signature by the chair was made by Leo Bowman and second by Mike Leita, with the question called by Leo Bowman. Motion passed.

Review of Board Contracts

The Board reviewed the proposed extension for its current contract with the Yakama Nation. A motion to approve signature by the chair was made by Nancy Lillquist and second by Mike Leita. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the FY 2007 WDFW Lead Entity Contract. Alex Conley noted that he would be presenting the Board with the required Drugs in the Workplace policy at a future meeting,

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and would review the insurance requirements of the contract to ensure we meet them. A motion to authorize chair signature was made by Leo Bowman and second by Mike Leita. Motion passed.

Review of Associate Director Job Description

The Board reviewed the draft Associate Director job description presented by Alex Conley. Leo Bowman raised Nancy Aldrich's comments that she wants a coordinator, not an assistant director. The Board discussed the position and agreed on the title of Program Coordinator and a salary range of up to \$50,000. The job description was revised to emphasize that the coordinator worked at the the direction of the Executive Director. A motion to approve the job description as revised and direct Alex to advertise the position was made by Leo Bowman and seconded by Mike Leita. Motion passed.

Lead Entity Project List Review

Alex Conley gave a power point presentation that described the 2006 Yakima Basin SRFB Project Review process and the projects included on the project list submitted to the SRFB. After a discussion about the projects and the role of monitoring in understanding project effectiveness, Leo Bowman made a motion to approve the Lead Entity project list as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mike Leita and passed. Board members expressed their appreciation for the detailed presentation.

BPA/NPCC Project Review Update

The Board reviewed the current status of the Northwest Power & Conservation Council's funding recommendation for the 2007-9 BPA Fish & Wildlife Program. Alex explained the role that he had played on behalf of the Board responding to the Council and providing information to project proponents in the Yakima Basin. He emphasized his focus on advocating for the basin's overall allocation without taking any sides within the basin. Alex worked with the Chair and members of the Executive Committee to draft two comment letters during this period. The Board reviewed these letters, and expressed approval for their content and the way Alex and Chair David Bowen worked together to get them out in a timely fashion.

Update on Salmon Recovery Plan Edits

Alex updated the Board on the current status of proposed edits to the Yakima Subbasin Salmon Recovery Plan and NOAA's Mid-Columbia Steelhead Recovery Plan and the timeline for providing revised information to NOAA. With respect to Board involvement in reviewing proposed edits, it was noted that most of the Board members do not want to function at a technical level, but would like Alex to provide information on the policy implications of changes proposed and provide all materials electronically with 2 to 3 days time for Board members to review and red-flag potential issues. Matt Bleich noted that he would like to participate in the technical review; Paul Ward noted that he relies on the technical expertise of David Lind, who is directly involved in the editing process. Alex described the schedule he, David Lind and Laura Berg would be following in making edits and providing drafts to the Board.

Miscellaneous Business

The Board reviewed the Activity & Financial Reports presented by Alex. The next meeting date was set for November 8th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, at Yakima County Courthouse. No public comment was received. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.