

MEETING OVERVIEW

For the Oct 20, 2021 YBFWRB Board of Directors Meeting

This will be an online meeting that you can join via computer and phone. We have cancelled the pre-meeting work session, so the meeting will commence at 2 pm.

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- 1. We are using GoTo Meeting. Please join the meeting 5-10 minutes early so that you have time to set up any required plug-ins, etc.*
- 2. If you are having trouble joining the meeting, email or text Alex (509 654-0394; aconley@ybfwrb.org)*
- 3. Please do use the computer link so that you can view shared materials and use the chat bar to participate and request a chance to speak.*
- 4. Use of video is optional but recommended.*
- 5. Note that using computer audio and/or video requires a fast web connection; if your connection is struggling, call in via phone.*
- 6. We will be monitoring the chat bar during the meeting; please do use “??” if you would like us to call on you to speak. We may also use the chat function to call for Yeahs and Nays on motions.*
- 7. When not talking, please mute yourself on the GoTo meeting control panel to avoid feedback and background noise.*

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Numbers refer to agenda items. Item #s refer to Board Materials email attachment numbers.

- 1. Introductions:** We'll start the meeting with introductions, review/approval of the agenda, and review/approval of the minutes from our January Board of Directors Meeting. The **agenda, draft minutes for the August Annual Meeting and notes of the Sept 15th Executive Committee meeting** are attached (**Items #1,3 & 4**).

2a. Announcements and Updates, to include:

- New streamlined process for state permits
- Updates on federal funding proposals related to salmon recovery
- Nelson Dam construction update

- d. Board staffing update
- e. Fish Barrier Removal Board 2022-23 Project Solicitation
- f. Other updates from meeting participants?

2b. Correspondence

There is no incoming correspondence of note for Board review.

The outgoing correspondence packet (Item #5) includes two letters that were discussed at the annual meeting and approved by the Executive Committee call, the first being an email in support of the inclusion of the Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) in the federal infrastructure bill, and the second being a letter to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board regarding the criteria for their new Targeted Investment program. You'll also find two new letters in the packet, one noting our appreciation of Julie Schilling's contributions to our Board that I sent to the City of Union Gap, and a second expressing support for UDFS Land and Water Conservation Fund (LCWF) requests to acquisition of checkerboard parcels in the Taneum watershed.

We will also review the letter we sent to WDFW in July regarding non-native species management (Item #6) and discuss whether to weigh in in person or in written form with the state Fish and Wildlife Commission on October 22.

3. Review and Approval of Audited Fincial Report and IRS 990 for FY 2021

The FY 2021 Audited Fincial Statement and IRS 990 form are attached (Item #7 & 8) for Board review and approval (the 990 form is due to the IRS in early November). Abby Bailey, the auditor, will join us to give a brief presentation and answer any questions.

4. Funding Agreements

The Benton Conservation District agreement has been completed and closed out. It funded completion of two products- a white paper on methods of managing water stargrass ([available on our website](#)) and a database of monitoring locations and available data that will inform ongoing monitoring coordination work in the basin (to be incorporated into a future web map). Alex will provide updates on other funding agreements at the meeting. There may be one new proposal (a small support contract for strategic plan development) that we will discuss and potentially approve as part of the 10-year strategic plan development agenda item.

5. Recovery Program Updates

Alex will update the Board on recent Bull Trout Working Group activities, Steelhead Recovery Plan work, and fish passage inventory and prioritization work.

6. Lead Entity Program

Michael Horner will update the Board on the conclusion of the 2022 Grant Round and preparations for the 2022 Grant Round (draft schedule attached as item #9). Our focus will be on discussing the SRFB's new option to submit a single Targeted Investment proposal for our region, to complete statewide for a \$3.5 million pot based on the benefits proposals have for increasing the abundance of chinook stocks that are identified as important to Southern Resident Killer Whales. We will discuss whether and how we solicit Targeted Investment proposals from the Yakima Basin (and possibly also from the Klickitat Lead Entity), and, if we receive more than one, how we select which one to forward to the SRFB (we would need a new evaluation method to focus on benefits to non-listed Chinook. At this meeting we are looking for direction to build into the 2022 Lead Entity Manual we will approve at our January meeting.

Mike will also show us the brand-new update of our venerable funded projects booklet.

7. Winter/Spring Board Initiatives

Legislative outreach for the 2022 supplemental session

I'm compiling info on agency requests submitted to the governor's office that we may want to provide feedback on; we'll also talk about planning for late January/early February legislative outreach.

Planning for area-specific board workshops and presentations.

We'll talk about content and timing for 4 proposed meetings this winter/spring:

- 1) Benton County members meeting and evening workshop on lower Yakima issues?
- 2) Yakima County members meeting and work shop (topic TBD)
- 3) Meeting with Yakama Nation Natural Resource Program leadership (no public meeting?)
- 4) Yakima County members meeting and work shop (topic TBD)

Work plan for strategic plan development and possible support contract*

We'll review/edit that attached work plan (Item #10) for developing a 10-year strategic plan (something we committed to in the Board work plan approved at our annual meeting) and potentially delegate authority to the Executive Committee to put out an RFP for consultant service to support the effort and select and contract with the best respondent.

8. Board Logistics

- a) The SRFB has released the 2021 grant round schedule which gives us slightly more time to complete key steps. To make full use of this new flexibility, we propose moving the August annual meeting from August 3rd to August 10th. Please come prepared to decide on this so we can lock down the 2022 meeting schedule.
- b) Financial Reports for the July to September 2021 Quarter are attached as **Item #11**.