BUSINESS MEETING OVERVIEW

For the August 5, 2026 Annual Meeting of the Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board

Numbers refer to agenda items. Item #s refer to Board materials available here: ANNUAL MTG MATERIALS.

1. We'll start the meeting at 2 pm with **introductions**, review and **approval of the agenda**, and review and **approval of the minutes** of the May 27st Board of Directors meeting. The agenda (Item #1) and minutes (Item #3) are attached, along with notes from the June and July Executive Committee meetings (Items #4 & #5).

2. Bring any **announcements** you want to make. Board updates will include:
    a. Accounting, Tech and HR support agreements
    b. Bull Trout Working Group Updates (including BTWG YBIP recommendations, Item #6)
    c. Lower Yakima updates
    d. Naches Forest Partnership Updates (staffing and funding)

3. The only correspondence in the meeting packet is a copy of the letter sent out to legislators in June (Item #7)

4. We will then open the floor up for any **public comments**.

5. There are three items to discuss under Board Logistics:
    a. RCO and PCSRF funding updates.
    b. Draft agreement with DNR for FY2027 support for the Naches Forest Partnership (Item #8); **staff will be asking for delegation of approval of the final agreement to either the Chair or the Executive Committee.**
    c. Proposed agreement with the Washington RCD for support for the Naches Forest Partnership
    d. We will review the quarterly fincial report (to follow on Monday).

6. We will review and **approve the 2025 Ranked SRFB Project Lists** (Item #9). This year we have three lists: one for regular SRFB project, one for the riparian grant funds and one for the Targetted Investment grant program. These lists will be submitted to the Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB), which will approve our recommended projects at its September meeting. The proposed lists were finalized by the Citizen's Committee at its meeting on 7/29. Cheyne will present the process used to generate the lists and describe the projects recommended for funding. The Board can either approve the lists as presented or remand them to the Citizen Committee for further consideration; the Board cannot change the project rankings. **We will also review and approve a letter from the Klickitat Lead Entity regarding our allocation sharing with them** (letter to be provided).

7. We will **review and approve the proposed updates to the FY2026-27 Work Plan and Budget** (item

#10), which was prepared based on input at the May and June Executive Committee meetings and the May 27st Board of Directors meeting. Do let me know if you have additional changes to propose to either the work plan or budget, and/or bring recommendations to the meeting.

8. This is our annual opportunity to review, and if needed, **update our bylaws.** The full bylaws can be found here: https://ybfwrb.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/2023-Updated-Bylaws.pdf. This year we have one proposal to change the bylaws to consider, to reduce the size of the Technical Advisory Group (see Item #11).

9. This is also an **opportunity to review, and if needed, update our board policies**.

   The complete current Board Operations manual can be viewed at:

   https://ybfwrb.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Operations-Manual-Aug-2021_Update.pdf

   The complete Board Personnel Manual can be found here:

   https://ybfwrb.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Personnel-Manual-August_2021_Update.pdf

   At this time no changes are being put before the Board of Directors for approval. We are working to complete updates to both manuals in the fall and we will briefly discuss the update process and schedule.

10. We will review the current **Board of Directors membership (see item #12)** and make any proposed changes and additions. At this time all Board of Directors seats are occupied except for the Yakama Nation seat (our incumbent is no longer on Council; YN is working to assign a replacement). If you have any changes to propose or new members to nominate, be ready to present them at the meeting!

    We will also collect the annual **Board of Directors member certification forms**. Please do send us your completed and signed forms (a blank form (Item #13) is attached to the materials email).

11. We will take nominations and elect **new officers**. There are three positions: Chair, Vice Chair/Treasurer and Secretary. Current officers are identified in bold on the member list (item #12). We will also **appoint a registered agent**. The agent receives legal notices and official correspondence on behalf of the Board). I currently serve as the registered agent.

    We will also need a **motion to add the Treasurer and Chair as signatories on our Wells Fargo bank accounts, remove any outgoing officers, and remove Yuki Reiss from all banking records.**

    The Board's Executive Committee is made up of five members; the three officers and two At-large members. We will **appoint the two at large Executive Committee members** at this time. Current members are identified in bold on the member list (item #12).

12. We will review the **proposed meeting schedule for Fiscal Year 2027 (item #14).** Please **check your calendars for conflicts and be ready to approve our meeting dates** for the next year.