

Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Recreational Advisory Board (CRSSRAB)

May 4, 2010 , 9:00am-3:15pm
Dept of Ecology Conference Room, Yakima

Attendees:

Denny Way, Clark/Skamania Fly Fishers
Bob Whitehall , Entiat Watershed Planning
Jerry Rhoads , CCA and Camp Patriot
Dave Graybill , Trout Unlimited
Irv Conner , Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers
Ed Wickersham , CCA
Del Groat , Snake River Salmon Recovery Board
Steve Watrous , Lower Columbia , SAS-PFMC
Steve Martin , Snake River Salmon Recovery Board
John Long, WDFW CRSSRAB Liaison
Mike Tonseth, WDFW – CRSSRAB Technical Lead
John Whalen, WDFW – Region 1
Jeff Korth, WDFW – Region 2
John Easterbrooks (Easty), WDFW – Region 3
Wolf Dammers, WDFW– Region 5
Dave Carl, WDFW– Watershed Steward, Snake River Region

Additional attendance:

1. No members of the public were present.

Actions taken at the meeting were:

1. Roll Call and Introductions
2. Discussed rules and procedures for conducting meetings (provided by Denny Way) – allow common sense and courtesy to prevail.
3. Authorized expenditure for voice recorder system for CRSSRAB meetings.
4. The 1/27/2010 meeting notes were approved by the Board and entered into the record.
5. Discussion regarding removing Riffe Lake from eligibility – the board agreed.
6. Update of endorsement sales as of 4/22/10 = \$516,038 in revenue. OFM has authorized spending of \$500K for the first FY (to end 6/30/2010). An additional \$800K has been authorized for the next FY (7/1/10 to 6/30/11).
7. Presently there are two people with signature authority for this fund (John Long – Fish Program and Garret Ward – Enforcement).
8. Jeff Korth introduced the decision criteria for discussion that is the basis for the decision elements scoring matrix. A number of edits/suggestions were made particularly for the scoring matrix. Jerry Rhoads offered to make changes to the matrix and was provided an electronic copy to work with.
9. The Board has expressed an interest in having a list compiled of current fisheries within the endorsement fund area showing what the present funding level is, funding source, and reliability of the funding. Regions 1,2,3, and 5 will look at the feasibility and will provide the information to Mike T. for review, final assembly, and distribution.
10. Four proposals (summer Chinook fishery below Priest Rapids Dam, upper Columbia biologist, Wenatchee River spring Chinook creel, and expanded Snake river spring Chinook fishery) were presented to the board for review, discussion, and vote. Three of the four proposals were approved for 2010 only. The fourth proposal (UCR biologist) was approved through 6/30/2011 .

Other Business:

1. The board discussed having standardized staff time delineated

within proposals as well as mileage rates (including estimates of mileage). Additionally it is the intention that future proposals will be provided to the Board well in advance of meetings.

2. Discussion took place to have some level of enforcement participation at the CRSSRAB meetings. It is unclear what that participation will be at this time.

3. The Board discussed updating the web page as well as developing an icon that will direct viewers to CRSSRAB links.

4. A recommendation was made to destroy the audio recording of meeting post approval of meeting minutes by the Board. RCW's will be reviewed for clarification to ensure there will not be conflict with the public information act.

5. Write-ups of the Region 2 (Jeff Korth) verbal proposals will be provided to the Board.

6. The Board requested a running total (dollar amount) of proposals to date.

7. Mike T. will provide a draft "Application" format for the Board to review to make the information received consistent and easily incorporated into the scoring matrix.

Public Comment:

No public comments were received.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Board is expected to be between 26 July and 6 August. Mike T. will send out a Doodle request to poll members for the best meeting date. The Board plans to meet in Yakima and will set the meeting times once the date has been selected. John E. will make arrangements for the Department of Ecology meeting room.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15pm