



## Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board

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March 1, 2024  
Board Meeting  
Webinar and In-Person Meeting  
WSDOT, Room 124  
11018 NE 51<sup>st</sup> Circle, Vancouver WA 98682

Final Minutes  
Approved: June 7, 2024

Present: Scott Brummer, Dan Cothren, Dalton Fry, Asa Leckie, Sue Marshall, Troy McCoy, Todd Olson, Sandra Staples-Bortner, Don Swanson, Jade Unger, and Dennis Weber

Absent: Marylynne Kostick, Robert Sudar, and Lynda Wilson. Chairman excused absent members.

Staff: Steve Manlow, Denise Smee, Steve West, and Lorie Clark

Guests and Public Attendees: Eli Asher, Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Eli Asher, GSRO, noted that this year the GSRO is working on the State of the Salmon report, and that his office will be reaching out to coordinate with regional organizations.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments were offered.

**PARTNER REPORTS:** Director Manlow presented the Viability Update from the Conservation and Sustainable Fisheries Plan Report.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Director Manlow noted that he sent out the Director's Report in advance of the meeting, but highlighted the following points:

- Director Manlow met with Member Sandra Staples-Bortner regarding expanding some Board outreach activities. Staff would like to follow up with the rest of the Board in the fall to discuss options.
- Columbia River Biological Opinion Litigation Stay: U.S. District Court approved a five year pause in litigation over the Columbia and Snake River hydro-system earlier this month. There is a Columbia Basin Regional Director's meeting on March 18 to learn more about the process.
- Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board (BAFBRB): There has been quite a bit of funding that has moved through the FBRB program this last biennium. This is a great opportunity for County Commissioner representatives to look at barriers in their respective watersheds, and to seek funding while it is available.
- Staff is gearing up for the 2024 grant round with various funding sources. Based on sponsor input to date, we may be receiving 30 to 40 applications, which would be a record high for the LCFRB and will pose challenges for site visits, which will likely need to be virtual.

## BUSINESS MEETING

### Item #1 Consent Agenda

Member Weber moved and Member Staples-Bortner seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. No discussion. Motion carried.

### Item #2 ESRI Contract for Salmon Resource Map

Director Manlow presented the item. At the February meeting, Ms. Johnson presented the new Salmon Resource Map which not only replaces the SalmonPORT map that is no longer functional, but also provides opportunities to add more information, update and adaptively manage information and share resources with our recovery partners. Over the last four months, staff has worked with ESRI to develop the mapping resource within the ArcGIS software.

Mr. Manlow noted that additional funding will provide extra support from ESRI for staff to code, update, troubleshoot, and help with maintenance over the long term.

Questions and comments from the Board:

- Member Staples-Bortner asked if this would be a one-time cost or an annual cost. Ms. Smee stated this would be for one year - if staff needed additional support, we could go to an hourly support fee with their technical support team.

Member Staples-Bortner moved and Member Marshall seconded to authorize the Director to enter into a contract for consulting services with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) to provide \$7,100 for one year of support for our Salmon Resources Map. No discussion. Motion carried.

### Item #3 Electronic Communication Systems Policy Update

This policy was presented at the December 2023 Board meeting and the Board asked staff to get more information and bring it back at a later meeting. Ms. Smee stated she reviewed and addressed the comments that were made in December. The updated language is included in the Board packet.

- Member Staples-Bortner provided additional comments in writing to staff to include to further amend the policy regarding the LCFRB's website and Social Media items for Board review. Chairman Olson asked Member Staples-Bortner to present her comments of the amended language to the Board for consideration.
- Member Leckie asked if staff has had legal review of the policy. Ms. Smee stated no.

Member Swanson moved to approve staff recommendations to the Electronic Communication Systems Policy without the additional amendments proposed by Member Staples-Bortner.

#### Discussion:

- Member Staples-Bortner noted by not having social media, it could have a negative impact to the Board. Social media is a way to reach out to target audiences, including the public, project sponsors and agency contacts, that may not have daily contact with LCFRB.

-Member Fry stated he would like to hear feedback from Board members as well as staff on the additional proposed edits presented by Member Staples-Bortner.

There was no second to Member Swanson's motion to accept only staff recommended changes. Motion failed.

Member Fry moved to table the item until additional feedback is received from Board members and staff and bring the item back for consideration at a future meeting.

Member Swanson withdrew his original motion.

Member Leckie seconded Member Fry's motion to table agenda Item #3, Electronic Communications Systems Policy Update.

Motion carried.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Member Leckie noted that item #3 would need to be on the next agenda because it was tabled.
- Member Leckie stated Skamania County has advertised the LCFRB Skamania County Citizen Representative position in the local paper.
- Ms. Smee stated the May Board meeting will be cancelled due to SRFB project site visits.
- Ms. Smee stated for clarification, at this time, the Private Property Representative position is still vacant and must be held by one of the county Citizen Representatives as written in law.
- Ms. Smee requested Board members submit their photos for the LCFRB website.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m. A full recording of the meeting is available upon request.

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Approved in open session on \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Todd Olson, Chairman