

Skagit Watershed Council – Final Notes
Meeting of the Board of Directors, via Zoom
August 5th, 2021

(Underline indicates decision point; ***Bold indicates action item**)

Attending: John Stein (Chair), Andrew Bearlin, Brendan Brokes, Bill Blake, Michael Kirshenbaum, Peter Browning, Devin Smith, Jon Vanderheyden, Richard Brocksmith, Aundrea McBride (notes)

Not in attendance: Jon-Paul Shannahan

Call to Order 10:25 am

- Introductions, Determine Quorum, and Approved Agenda
- Approved Board Notes for July 22, 2021 as revised. Motion by Michael, second by Brendan, approved unanimously; Bill abstained.

Executive Director's Report

Financial Report:

- No financial report while we transition to new bookkeeper. ***Will review two months next month.**

Salmon Recovery Council Debrief:

- Mega Projects small committee has been formed. Richard has volunteered to be on it since Skagit has some conceptual projects in that category. ***Will report out soon.**
- PSAR Large Cap '23-'25 will be focusing on weak stocks plus important projects benefitting multiple stocks and stocks close to recovery, as advocated for by this Board.

Committee Reports, etc.

- SWC Board members and Richard will be added to the SCL relicensing digest emailing list. ***Aundrea will work with Andrew to set this up.** Tracking the technical study committees would be ideal, but likely not possible due to the volume and speed of work (33 studies in 18 months). ***SWC's focus will be on how emerging science and recommended actions fit within our foundational strategies. *Richard will follow-up with JP and Peter on this topic.**
- An update on progress of the Protection Subcommittee was provided.
- M&AM Subcommittee met Monday and is developing a list of monitoring projects to add to the 4YWP. ***These will come back to the Board for review later.** 4YWP documentation is ongoing.

Old Business

Lead Entity Program Debrief:

- ***Bring back action items to committees and Board.**

Communications:

- Board heard an update on recent, in-depth dialogue with County and Swinomish Senate, among others. Kudos to our leaders for continuing to build relationships.
- Marblemount community members sent a letter of concern to the Barnaby project sponsors, cc'ing SWC. ***The project team will create a fact sheet generally addressing the concerns in the letter.** Several agencies are considering additional responses, particularly sharing the huge effort that has gone into making sure we are good neighbors.
- The County has a substantial potential to support the Barnaby project. ***They've been asked to write a letter of support for the Barnaby project which they have participated in since 2014.** While the County may not want to get too far into the weeds, we hope they can express their support for the gold standard process that has been undertaken and the goal of salmon recovery and floodplain restoration that incorporates community concerns.
- SWC's role is ensuring that there is a coordinated, factual, and complete response to any community concerns arising with respect to SWC-reviewed projects. We should provide information about our thorough review process, while also incorporating any outside questions or concerns.

2021/2022 Work Plan Dialogue — tabled

Adjourn 11:45am