

## Skagit Watershed Council - Final Notes

### Meeting of the Board of Directors, SWC Office – July 11, 2019

(Underline indicates decision point; parentheses indicate attachment #; \***bold indicates action item**)

Attendance: Richard Brocksmith, Brendan Brokes, Michael Kirshenbaum, and John Stein

Not in attendance: Jon-Paul Shannahan, Chair Ken Dahlstedt, Bill Blake, Steve Hinton, and Jon Vanderheyden.

#### 11:25 Call to Order

- Introductions, Determine Quorum, Approve Agenda (#1), Approve Board Notes: June 6, 2019 (#2)
  - No Quorum present. Notes tabled for next meeting.

#### Executive Directors Report

- Approve May Financial Report (#3) – tabled for next meeting.
- July 10 SRFB Meeting Report Out re: extra state allocation of \$6.4M – this was discussed with all Board Members present at LECC earlier in the morning. No further discussion.
- Richard shared with Board that he has been asked to sit on Skagit Wildlife Area Advisory Committee to represent salmon and ecological concerns.

#### Old Business

- Update on Coordinated Culvert Strategy – Several stakeholders have been discussing an “Integrated Plan” to remove barriers and address Temperature TMDL, among other goals. Richard and Ken discussed this and put it on the agenda for the Board. Integrated Plans have history of better funding. In order to get an integrated plan, all interest areas need to be represented and onboard. This will include Ag and Tribal; Farm, Fish, & Flood initiative could help proceed; waterfowl and hunting. John Stein suggests members of the PSP Leadership Council helping with facilitating and discussing benefits and trade-offs with broad community, specifically inviting folks like Toby Murray who is a forest industry rep on PSP Leadership Council. Board understands that in order to meet recovery goals, multiple interest groups are going to need to work together.
  - Some are suggesting that SWC/community picks some Chinook/Steelhead recovery projects, water and water quality, and generally win/win projects and package it together before the next legislative and congressional sessions.

Picking non-controversial projects can help fund Chinook Recovery and be a steppingstone for more partnerships and future recovery.

- Board Nomination Committee – **\*Michael will help lead the committee**, there is at least one position, up to three, open. **\*Ken will appoint and Richard will call.**

### **New Business**

- Approve Financial Re-investment – tabled for following meeting when quorum is present.
- SWC Officer Elections
  - Jon-Paul is stepping down as Vice Chair of SWC Board but would like to remain on the Board. This stepdown is just to help manage his worktime. This will open the Vice Chair position, **Board members present at this meeting suggest to nominate John Stein as new Vice Chair, and he'll consider the request.** This nomination would need to be officially made when there is a quorum present.
  - Ken has offered to step down as Chair if someone else would like to take the role. **Board members present at this meeting suggest to keep Ken in this role.**
- Good of the order
  - Brendan has been nominated for the Region's Drought Committee and is asking for people to keep him informed if anyone hears of necessary actions or concerns occurring (e.g. rock dams in rivers).

**11:56 Adjourn**