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**Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Special Meeting via Telephone Conference Call
August 8, 2005
State Lands Building
Salem, Oregon**

Minutes

Members Present:

Bobby Brunoe
Dan Heagerty
Skip Klarquist
Jim Nakano
Jane O’Keeffe
Mark Reeve
Trish Smith
Diane Snyder
Michael Tehan
Dan Thorndike
Helen Westbrook

Staff Present:

Tom Byler
Bonnie Ashford
Ken Bierly
Cindy Kraai
Roger Wood

Others Present:

Jas Adams, DOJ

Members Not Present:

Paula Burgess
Alan Christensen
Dianne Guidry
Dave Powers
Scott Reed
Pat Wortman

Items presented to Board members at this special meeting were constructed to facilitate the initial distribution of funds for specific purposes identified in OWEB’s legislatively approved budget for the 2005-2007 Biennium. Further discussion and action on some of the items will be scheduled for the Board’s September 13-14, 2005, meeting in Jordan Valley.

Board Co-Chair Dan Heagerty presided over the meeting.

Ten voting members and one non-voting members were present on the conference call. The meeting began with a discussion of quorum requirements for funding decisions. Past legal advice from Bill Cook, OWEB’s legal counsel, stated that “If 10 voting members are present, it takes 8 yes votes (or at least 6 yes and no more than two abstentions) to approve a grant.”

A. Initial Distribution of PCSRF for the 2005-2007 Biennium

Board approval is needed to allocate \$1,062,564 of federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds (PCSRF) to cover the first quarter of the first year of the biennium (July 1 through September 30, 2005) for state agencies that received specific distribution of those funds in OWEB’s 2005-2007 legislatively approved budget. The funds are needed to cover appropriate program expenses for each agency through September 30, 2005. OWEB staff will work with each agency to develop agreements for the full biennium, and present the funding allocations to the Board for more detailed discussion and action at the September meeting.

The breakout of 2005-2007 Biennium funding allocations for the Departments of Fish and Wildlife, Environmental Quality, and Agriculture are as follows:

Agency	Purpose of Funds	Initial Funds for July-Sept 2005	Total Allocation for 2005-2007 Biennium
ODFW	Coastal Monitoring, Western Oregon Stream Biologists, Oregon Plan Monitoring, Recovery Plan Development, ESA Specialist Position	\$714,873	\$5,718,984
DEQ	Oregon Plan Base	\$101,787	\$814,293
ODA	Soil and Water Conservation Districts	\$245,904	\$1,967,233
	TOTAL	\$1,062,564	\$8,500,510

Executive Director Byler briefed Board members on a recent letter from NOAA Fisheries concurring that in accordance with the Section 5.7 of the revised MOU between OWEB and NMFS, the proposed allocation to state agency programs and activities will contribute to the restoration and conservation of ESA-listed, native salmonid populations and their habitats.

Board members unanimously approved an allocation not to exceed \$1,062,564 in Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds for distribution to the Oregon Departments of Fish and Wildlife, Environmental Quality, and Agriculture in accordance with specific legislative distributions for those agencies for the period of July 1, through September 30, 2005.

B. PCSRF Allocation to ESA Recovery Planning

During the 2005-2007 Biennium, the State of Oregon is investing significant resources to accelerate state participation in the development of ESA recovery plans for salmon and steelhead. The multi-agency effort being coordinated by the Governor’s Office will develop recovery plans for the Lower Columbia River, Willamette River, Mid-Columbia, and Snake River basins. The Legislature allocated \$750,000 to OWEB to work with the Governor’s Office to distribute funds as needed for recovery planning.

Board members unanimously approved expenditure not to exceed \$750,000 in Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds to support state participation in the accelerated development of recovery plans for salmon and steelhead under the federal Endangered Species Act.

C. Allocation of PCSRF for Watershed Council Support

In order to preserve the limited amount of non-capital Measure 66 Lottery funds appropriated by the Legislature for the 2005-2007 Biennium, OWEB staff asked for Board approval to reallocate \$24,320 in Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds to be used as part of initial funding for watershed council support. This will allow immediate distribution of the \$3,936,837 allocated

by the Legislature for watershed council support. The PCSRF funds were originally allocated to cover bonding and audits for watershed councils. To date, \$125,000 of the \$150,000 reserve has not been allocated.

Board members unanimously approved to allocate an amount not to exceed \$24,320 in PCSRF funds for watershed council support purposes. The \$24,320 is to be allocated from funds reserved by the Board for watershed council bonding and audits in September 2003.

D. Delegation of Distribution Authority of Measure 66 Funds to Executive Director

Board approval to provide the Executive Director with distribution authority will expedite the distribution and administration of Measure 66 funds, as well as to strengthen OWEB’s oversight of the use of the funds by requiring interagency agreements to track expenditures and uses of Measure 66 funds. The 2005-2007 legislative appropriations subject to delegation of distribution authority are:

Agency	Amount	Source of Funds
Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife	\$5,050,940	Measure 66 capital
Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife	\$2,060,974	Measure 66 non-capital
Oregon State Police	\$774,207	Measure 66 capital
Oregon State Police	\$5,421,826	Measure 66 non-capital
Dept. of Environmental Quality	\$3,876,542	Measure 66 non-capital
Dept. of Agriculture	\$3,623,710	Measure 66 capital
Dept. of Agriculture	\$7,621,030	Measure 66 non-capital
OWEB - IMST	\$956,600	Measure 66 non-capital
OWEB - LCREP	\$304,800	Measure 66 non-capital

Board members unanimously approved delegation of distribution authority to the Executive Director through the following motion:

“I move that the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board delegate to Thomas M. Byler, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Executive Director, the authority and responsibility for distributing Measure 66 Lottery Funds that the Oregon Legislature specifically allocated to particular entities or uses as part of the 2005-2007 OWEB Legislatively Adopted Budget; that the Executive Director shall consult with the OWEB Board Co-Chairs before distributing funds subject to this delegation; that upon consultation, the Co-Chairs and Executive Director may determine that certain legislative allocations of Measure 66 require consideration by the full Board, and in that case, the Executive Director will present those allocations for consideration and action by the full Board; and that this delegation of authority will expire on June 30, 2007.

Board Co-Chair, Dan Heagerty, welcomed OWEB’s three new Board members, Jim Nakano, Patricia Smith, and Helen Westbrook, and thanked them, in addition to the other Board members for their participation in the conference call.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.