

CHEHALIS BASIN BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS

Date: November 5, 2020
Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Location: Zoom online meeting

ITEM	FORMAL ACTION	FOLLOW-UP ACTION
1. Consent November 5,2020 agenda	Decision: Current agenda approved	No follow-up action.
2. Aquatic Species Restoration Plan (ASRP)	Direction/Discussion	WDFW staff and ASRP Steering Committee members will conduct outreach to individual Board members to discuss Steering Committee recommendations on the scope of the ASRP program, sequencing of actions, and implementation structure.
3. Aberdeen-Hoquiam North Shore Levee	Direction/Discussion	No follow-up action.
4. Flood Authority Local Flood Damage Reduction Projects	Direction/Discussion	Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority staff will bring a prioritized list of 2021-2023 local projects and costs to the Board for approval at their December 2020 meeting.
5. Outreach and Communication on Overall Strategy and Legislative Session	Discussion	OCB staff will seek input from the FCZD on the backgrounder document and will provide a revised version of the document to the Board in the future.
6. Next Steps and Closing	Discussion	No follow-up action.

Attendees

Chehalis Basin Board Members Present:

- Vickie Raines, Chair, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Edna Fund, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Jay Gordon, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- J. Vander Stoep, Office of the Governor
- Steve Malloch, Office of the Governor
- Glen Connelly (alternate to Harry Pickernell), Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation

Chehalis Basin Board Ex-Officio Members Present:

- Rich Doenges, Department of Ecology
- Stephen Bernath, Department of Natural Resources
- Michael Garrity, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Josh Giuntoli, Conservation Commission

Board Staff/Board Guests Present:

- See Attachment A

Welcome, Introductions

Chair Vickie Raines called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and welcomed the Board, staff, and audience.

Consent Agenda

The Board did not have additions or revisions to the agenda.

BOARD DECISION: Agenda approved by consensus.

Aquatic Species Restoration Plan (ASRP)

Emelie McKain (WDFW) provided the Board an overview of the Steering Committee's recommendations on the scope of the ASRP program, sequencing of actions, and implementation structure. Regarding the ASRP 2020 work plan, work has occurred to incorporate public comment feedback on the draft plan and add details regarding ways to increase effectiveness and feasibility of implementation. The Steering Committee has also proposed refinements to the ASRP scenarios. The revised scope of the ASRP now:

- Increases predicted benefits to native aquatic species and habitats beyond phase 1 analyses
- Focuses on reducing the worst effects of climate change that are predicted to have the most impact on native aquatic species
- Reduces uncertainty on whether actions will have lasting benefit by strategic prioritization based on known limiting factors for species and habitats

Moving into 2021, the ASRP Steering Committee is shifting their focus to implementation, which includes developing a sequencing plan to strategically focus project execution and build the infrastructure needed to implement the ASRP. The ASRP Steering Committee has set an aggressive pace of implementation in order to achieve results for native aquatic species and habitat within a 30-year program implementation timeframe. Near-term implementation focus areas include:

- Protecting and restoring unique and at-risk habitats that support specific species
- Focus on actions that will reduce effects of climate change
- Initiate actions with long ramp-up periods
- Employ targeted learning
- Concentrate efforts to produce demonstrable change

Emelie McKain (WDFW), Brandon Parsons (American Rivers), and Ryan Walker (Forterra) provided the Board an overview of how the ASRP implementation framework options were developed. An

Implementation Planning workgroup was created to advise the Steering Committee on recommendations for the implementation structure and processes. Several case studies were evaluated as part of the implementation planning effort to understand how other programs have successfully implemented large programs. Major challenges to ASRP implementation success identified included (1) necessary scale and pace of implementation, (2) landowner willingness, and (3) in-basin capacity to implement. Successful ASRP implementation requires solutions that:

- Utilize processes that provide overall direction, priorities and support to local creativity, relationships and project implementation expertise.
- Decrease time for reach scale project execution from 3-5 years to 1-3 years.
- Continue to build in-basin capacity and expertise to implement projects.
- Ensure projects continue to meet ASRP goals.
- Continue to build landowner and other stakeholder support for program that is aligned with the scientific recommendations.
- Maintain basin-wide management that can adapt over time to fix implementation challenges and adjust priorities based on monitoring and adaptive management results.

Below is a link to the presentation materials:

- [Scenario Refinement Presentation](#)
- [ASRP Sequencing Presentation](#)
- [ASRP Implementation Presentation](#)

Key comments and discussion topics included:

- Board members highlighted the importance of looking for ways to strengthen the relationship between the Chehalis Basin Partnership and the ASRP Steering Committee due to the connections surrounding water use and water needs that are being discussed by both groups.
- Board members are interested in seeing a more detailed description of the connections between habitat restoration and species predation, harvest, and genetics within the ASRP.
- Dave Bingaman (Quinault Indian Nation, ASRP Steering Committee member) acknowledged the importance of landowner willingness and securing funding over the long-term in order to ensure the ASRP is successful.
- Board members acknowledged the level of effort needed in the next 10 years is aggressive while understanding the importance of implementing projects early to achieve program success.
- Nicole Czarnomski (WDFW, ASRP Steering Committee member) acknowledged that this process does have a level of uncertainty regarding landowner willingness and engagement, but the ability to have people on the ground engaging with the community provides an opportunity to build effective relationships.

FOLLOW UP ACTION: WDFW staff and Steering Committee members will conduct outreach to individual Board members to discuss the Steering Committee's recommendations on the scope of the ASRP program, sequencing of actions, and implementation structure.

Aberdeen-Hoquiam North Shore Levee

Kris Koski (City of Aberdeen) provided a recap of the flooding risks in both Aberdeen and Hoquiam and gave the Board an update on the North Shore Levee project. The project is currently in the final pre-construction activity phase, including right-of-way acquisition and design associated with alignment revisions. As the project shifts to implementation during the 2021-2023 biennium, there will be a funding request of up to \$21.4 million for phased construction and leveraging federal requests.

Brian Shay (City of Hoquiam) provided an update on the West Segment of the North Shore Levee. The Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) application has been submitted to FEMA for consideration of the continuation of the North Shore Levee to the west side of the Hoquiam River. If approved, this project will request up to \$4 million for final design and right-of-way acquisition in 2021-2023.

Below is a link to the presentation materials:

- [North Shore Levee Presentation](#)

Key comments and discussion topics included:

- Board members are interested in the pump station proposals that have been submitted as part of the Flood Authority's local projects solicitation and how they relate to the broader North Shore Levee funding requests.
- Board members are interested in understanding Aberdeen and Hoquiam's strategy moving forward in pursuing other funding sources, such as through the Department of Commerce.

Flood Authority Local Flood Damage Reduction Projects

Scott Boettcher (Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority Staff) provided an update on the Flood Authority's local flood damage reduction projects proposed for the 2021-23 biennium. There were 9 proposals submitted, characterized in 4 categories; Flood Pumps, Flood and Fish, Flood Conveyance, and Flood Studies. These projects totaled \$10.4 million dollars. Over the next month, project applicants will continue to refine costs, refine scope of works, develop investment options, and review projects against the Chehalis Basin Board's approved Local Actions Program outcomes. This will result in a ranked list of projects that will be presented to the Board and will include additional Flood Authority perspectives on how these projects overlap with the Local Actions Program outcomes.

Below is a link to the presentation materials:

- [Flood Authority Local Flood Projects Presentation](#)

FOLLOW UP ACTION: Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority staff will bring a prioritized list of 2021-2023 local projects and costs to the Board for approval at their December 2020 meeting.

Outreach and Communication on Overall Strategy and Legislative Session

OCB Director Andrea McNamara Doyle provided the Board an update on the overall outreach and communication strategy for the 2021 legislative session.

OCB's communication strategy between December-March 2021 will include:

- Outreach to basin legislators, informing them on where things stand with the strategy.
- Solicit Board member participation in both meetings and outreach with basin legislators.

- Prepare a status report in place of the Board's January 1st legislative report.
- Provide messaging regarding the CBB budget request before the beginning of the legislative session.
- Provide the Board a backgrounder document for use as a tool to inform individuals on the Chehalis Basin Strategy.

Key comments and discussion topics included:

- Board members suggested the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) provide input on the backgrounder document to allow them to provide their perspective on the proposed flood retention facility, including clarifying ongoing actions related to avoidance, minimization, and mitigation.
- Board members voiced support for legislative messages that focus on on-the-ground projects that have been implemented or are in progress.

FOLLOW UP ACTION: OCB Staff will seek input from the FCZD on the backgrounder document and will provide a revised version of the document to the Board in the future.

Next Steps and Closing

Jim Kramer (Facilitator) reminded the Board of the special Board meeting scheduled on December 2, 2020 and the regularly scheduled Board meeting on December 3, 2020.

Attachment A

- Andrea McNamara Doyle, Washington Department of Ecology, Director, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Anthony Waldrop, Grays Harbor Conservation District
- Arthur Grunbaum, Friends of Grays Harbor
- Betsy Dillin, Lewis County
- Brandon Parsons, American Rivers
- Brian Shay, City of Hoquiam
- Brian Stewart, Conservation Northwest
- Carson Coates, Office of Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler
- Celina Abercrombie, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Chrissy Bailey, Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Cindy Bradley, Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Claudia Yaw
- Colleen Granberg, Department of Natural Resources
- Colleen Suter, Chehalis Tribe, ASRP Steering Committee
- Dave Bingaman, Quinault Indian Nation, ASRP Steering Committee
- Diane Butorac, Department of Ecology
- Emelie McKain, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Frank Corbin
- Frank Gordon
- Gardner Johnston (Inter-Fluve) (Gardner Johnston)
- Gordon White, Department of Ecology
- Greg Green, Ducks Unlimited
- Heather Page, Anchor QEA
- Hope Rieden, Chehalis Tribe
- Izzy Zucker, Pyramid
- Jennifer Hennessey, Governor's Office
- Jessica Helsley, Wild Salmon Center
- Jim Kramer, Kramer Consulting (Facilitator)
- John Ferguson, Anchor QEA
- Ken Ghalambor, Ross Strategic
- Kirsten Harma, Chehalis Basin Lead Entity
- Kris Koski, City of Aberdeen
- Lara McRea, Lewis County
- Larry Karpack, Watershed Science and Engineering
- Mara Zimmerman, Coast Salmon Partnership
- Nicole Czarnomski, Department of Fish and Wildlife, ASRP Steering Committee
- Ron Averill, City of Centralia, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Ryan Walker, Forterra
- Scott Boettcher, Staff to Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Tammy Domike

- Teri Wright, Orca Conservancy
- Tom Gorman, Department of Natural Resources
- Trent Loughheed, City of Chehalis