

# CHEHALIS BASIN BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS

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**Date:** July 7, 2022  
**Time:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
**Location:** Zoom Meeting

ITEM	FORMAL ACTION	FOLLOW-UP ACTION
1. Consent July 7, 2022 meeting agenda	Decision: Current agenda approved; June 2 meeting summary approved	No follow-up action.
2. 2021-23 Budget Status and Spending	<p>Decision:</p> <p>Board released the \$8.53 million in reserved 2021-2023 aquatic species habitat funds to be obligated for new ASRP projects and aquatic species studies.</p> <p>Board released \$104K for time sensitive experimental Skookumchuck River Chinook salmon study activities</p> <p>Board released the remaining \$7.18 million in reserved 2021-2023 flood damage reduction funds.</p> <p>Board prioritized ~\$3.3M in unobligated 2019-21 funds</p>	ASRP Steering Committee will return to a future board meeting to provide feedback on the proposed experimental Skookumchuck River Chinook salmon study.
3. Aquatic Species Restoration Plan (ASRP)	Discussion	No follow-up action.
4. Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative	Discussion / Direction	MIG will return to a future Board meeting with a refined outline of the LAND framework.

ITEM	FORMAL ACTION	FOLLOW-UP ACTION
5. Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District	Discussion	FCZD will return to a future Board meeting to discuss their draft avoidance, minimization, and mitigation plan.
6. Next Steps and Closing	Discussion	No follow-up action.

## Attendees

### Chehalis Basin Board Members Present:

- Vickie Raines, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Edna Fund, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- J. Vander Stoep, Office of the Governor
- Steve Malloch, Office of the Governor
- Glen Connelly, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
- Jay Gordon, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
- Tyson Johnston, Quinault Indian Nation

### Chehalis Basin Board Ex-Officio Members Present:

- Alex Smith, Department of Natural Resources
- Devin Reck, Department of Transportation
- Rich Doenges, Department of Ecology
- Josh Giuntoli, Washington State Conservation Commission

### Board Staff/Board Guests Present:

- See Attachment A

## Welcome, Introductions

Chair Vickie Raines called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and welcomed the Board, staff, and audience.

## Consent Agenda

The Board did not have additions or revisions to the [July 7, 2022 meeting agenda](#).

**BOARD DECISION:** Agenda approved by consensus.

## Approval of June 2, 2022 Meeting Summary

The Board did not have additions or revisions to the [June 2, 2022 Meeting Summary](#).

**BOARD DECISION:** June 2, 2022 meeting summary approved by consensus.

## 2021-23 Budget Status and Spending

OCB Director Andrea McNamara Doyle provided the Board with an overview of a list of funding requests seeking currently available, unobligated funds, including recommendations for specific fund sources (e.g., 2021-23 reserved funds, unobligated 2019-21 funds). Ten funding requests have been identified, totaling \$13.92 million.

Summary Table of Proposed OCB Recommendations:

Project Name	Cost estimate for remainder of biennium	OCB Staff Recommended Fund Source
ASRP Projects	Up to \$8,530,000	2021-23 Aquatic Species & Habitat Reserve Funds
Experimental Skookumchuck Chinook Salmon Study	Up to \$365,000	2021-23 Aquatic Species & Habitat Reserve Funds
Proposed FRE/Airport Levee Project & Final EISs	\$1,850,000	2021-23 Flood Damage Reduction Reserve Funds
Local Flood Authority Projects (China Creek flood & fish, Mill Creek, Berwick Creek, China Creek gage)	\$778,000	2021-23 Flood Damage Reduction Reserve Funds
Port of Grays Harbor Haul Road Short-Term Erosion Management	\$400,000	2021-23 Flood Damage Reduction Reserve Funds
Other Flood Authority, LAND, or CFAR projects TBD	\$4,145,000	2021-23 Flood Damage Reduction Reserve Funds
Fry Creek Pump Station	\$2,500,000	Unobligated 2019-21 Funds
Haul Road Reach-Scale Erosion Management Design	\$150,000	Unobligated 2019-21 Funds
SR 508 Lewis County Erosion Management Project	\$150,000	Unobligated 2019-21 Funds
Chehalis Basin Stream Gage Master Plan Update	\$75,000	Unobligated 2019-21 Funds
Targeted Outreach & Participation Funding for Underserved Populations	\$50,000	Unobligated 2019-21 Funds

Below is the link to the presentation materials:

- [Board Memo re 21-23 Reserve and 19-21 Unobligated Funds](#)
- [Appendix A-J for Board Memo 21-23 Reserve and 19-21 Unobligated Funds](#)

Key comments and discussion topics included:

- Board members requested OCB staff provide a more detailed funding table that summarizes the overall breakdown of projects funded for aquatic species restoration, flood damage reduction, and integrated projects that could be used for outreach with the legislature and key stakeholders.
- Board members requested that the ASRP Steering Committee review and provide feedback on the utility of the proposed experimental Skookumchuck River Chinook salmon study.

**BOARD DECISION:** Board approved the following recommendations by consensus:

- Board released the \$8.53 million in reserved 2021-2023 aquatic species and habitat funds to be obligated for new ASRP projects and aquatic species studies.
- Board released \$104K for time sensitive Skookumchuck River Chinook study activities, to be funded through unobligated 2019-21 funds.
- Board released the remaining \$7.18 million in reserved 2021-2023 flood damage reduction funds.
- Board prioritized ~\$3.3M in unobligated 2019-21 funds for construction costs associated with the Fry Creek Pump Station, and integrated projects including Haul Road Reach-Scale erosion management design, SR 508 Lewis County erosion management construction project, Stream Gage Master Plan update, and targeted outreach and community engagement with underserved populations.

**FOLLOW-UP ACTION:** ASRP Steering Committee will return to a future Board meeting to provide feedback on the proposed experimental Skookumchuck River Chinook salmon study.

## Aquatic Species Restoration Plan (ASRP)

Celina Abercrombie (WDFW) reminded the Board of the three spring 2022 early action reach site tours that Board members and ASRP Steering Committee members attended. Celina invited Board members and Steering Committee members to provide additional comments on their experience.

Below is the link to the presentation materials:

- [ASRP Site Tour](#)

Key comments and discussion topics included:

- Board members acknowledged the significant size of the early action reach projects and stressed the importance of identifying future large-scale acquisition projects that can provide significant restoration benefits
- Board members voiced their appreciation for the time and effort required to identify and implement early action reach projects
- WDFW staff reminded the Board that dedicated funding for ongoing operation, maintenance, and stewardship is a key part of the long-term success of early action reach projects

## Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative (LAND)

Glen Connelly (LAND Steering Group Co-Chair) provided an overview of the June LAND Steering Group (SG) meeting, including a recap of the discussion related to addressing residential and commercial flood impacts through a continuum approach for flood-safe structures. The continuum approach would include actions ranging from assistance with flood insurance to relocation efforts. Discussions also included draft LAND guiding principles, such as the idea of developing short, medium, and long-term recommendations which could potentially be used as criteria to inform future analysis.

Alex Dupey (MIG) provided Board members an overview of the LAND framework elements derived from the May 2022 Values Planning Workshop. These elements are being used to guide development and

analysis for the LAND Alternative and will continue to be refined with LAND Steering Group input, community surveys, and stakeholder input.

Below is the link to the presentation materials:

- [Preliminary Draft LAND Framework](#)

Key comments and discussion topics included:

- Board members are interested in whether the LAND process schedule will be adjusted given the potential delay in finalizing the SEPA and NEPA EISs due to the proposed mitigation alignment.
- Board members were reminded that MIG is under contract until the end of the calendar year, but staff anticipate work will continue at least into Q1 of 2023.

**FOLLOW-UP ACTION:** MIG will return to a future Board meeting with a refined outline of the LAND framework.

## Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District

Jim Kramer introduced Erik Martin (Lewis County), Matt Dillin (Lewis County), Mike Witter (HDR), Michael Kasch (HDR), and Scott Wells (Portland State University) who provided the Board with an update on the work the FCZD has done to fulfill their commitment to clarify questions related to concerns identified in the draft SEPA and NEPA EISs on wetlands, fish species and habitats, water, wildlife species and habitats.

The FCZD noted the following commitments related to wetlands, fish species and habitats, water, wildlife species and habitats:

- Minimize disturbance and leave existing vegetation
- Active Monitoring: Monitor vegetation survivability
- Active Management: Replace dead non flood tolerant species

The FCZD also discussed and clarified some misconceptions about their revised draft vegetation management plan. The major finding of that analysis is that there could be a 40 to 85% reduction in temperature impacts compared to what was originally identified in the Draft SEPA EIS.

Below is the link to the presentation materials:

- [FCZD project updates](#)

**FOLLOW-UP ACTION:** FCZD will return to a future Board meeting to discuss their draft avoidance, minimization, and mitigation plan.

## Next Steps and Closing

Jim Kramer (Facilitator) thanked Board members for their participation and adjourned the meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2022, to be held hybrid (in-person/online). Board members and presenters are encouraged to attend in-person and public should continue participating online.



## Attachment A

### **Board Staff/Board Guests:**

- Alex Dupey, MIG
- Alissa Shay, Port of Grays Harbor
- Alexandria Gustafson, Trout Unlimited
- Andrea McNamara Doyle, Department of Ecology, Director, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Ann Constanza, Anchor QEA
- Anthony Waldrop, Grays Harbor Conservation District
- Bob Amrine, Lewis County Conservation District
- Brian Shay, City of Hoquiam
- Cindy Bradley, Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Cindy Hansen, Orca Network
- Cynthia Carlstad, NHC
- Dave Bingaman, Quinault Indian Nation, ASRP Steering Committee
- Hope Rieden, Department of Natural Resources
- Heather Page, Anchor QEA
- Jennifer Tice, Ross Strategic
- Jerry Otto
- Jim Waldo, Flood Control Zone District
- John Robinson, Flood Control Zone District
- Jim Kramer, Kramer Consulting (Facilitator)
- Ken Ghalambor, Ross Strategic
- Larry Karpach, Watershed Science and Engineering
- Lee First, Twin Harbors Waterkeeper
- Lizzie Jespersen, Pyramid Communications
- Mark Glyde, Quinault Indian Nation
- Matt Dillin, Flood Control Zone District
- Nat Kale, Department of Ecology, Office of Chehalis Basin
- Matt Szymanowicz, HDR
- Marri Martz, Anchor QEA
- Michael Kasch, HDR
- Mike Witter, HDR
- Scott Boettcher, Flood Authority
- Scott Wells, Portland State University
- Renelle Smith
- Randy Raymond, Parametrix

- Pete Krabbee, Pinchot Partners
- Tammy Domike
- Teri Wright, Wild Orca