

Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

PUR BEAVER TOUR

Date August 17, 2010
Place Tiller Area, Elk Creek

CALL TO ORDER:

The tour bus left the Fowler Street parking lot at 8:10 a.m. It stopped at Ray's Market in Green, Seven Feathers Truck Stop and Days Creek store before arriving at the Tiller Ranger District. Fifty-three people signed the attendance sheet.

Agriculture & Livestock	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Jan Tetreault		X	M.A. Hansen	X	
Stanley Petrowski (President)	X		Vacant		
Paul Heberling	X		¹ Huebner ² Swingley		X

Timber, Aggregate, Construction & Mining	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Darin McMichael		X	Dave Russel		X
Mark Kincaid		X	Jake Gibbs		X
Dave Archambault		X	Carol Whipple		X
Mike Flewelling		X	Bill Rice		X

Fishing, Recreation & Conservation	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Jim Yingst	X		¹ Frankenstein ² Brochu		X
David Parker	X		Claude Sterling		X
Cindy Haws	X		Craig Burns		X
Ken Ferguson		X	Stan Vejtasa		X

Cities, Special Districts & Public Utilities	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Tracy Pope (Treasurer)		X	Richard Chasm	X	
Blair Nash		X	Vacant		
Rich Grost		X	Vacant		

County	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Tom Manton	X		Nathan Reed		X

Tribes	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Steve Rondeau		X	John Schaefer		X

Members at Large	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Alan Bunce	X		Janice Green	X	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Judy Kinyon	Lisa Renan	Jack Riley	Eric Riley	Linda Breach
Jesse Bauman	? Nichols	Ethel McElroy	Richard McElroy	Judy McElroy
Darlene Montgomery		Harry Green	Joe Laurance	Peter Nutting
Nancy Nutting	Jim Long	Barbara Ferguson	Tom O'Neill	Lois O'Neill
Kathy Love	Thomas McGregor	Audrey Urista	Debra Lee	Beverly August
Clare Easton?	Ruth Lantz	Don Deam	Louise Voyles	Vince Fox

Doug Roberts
Dan Jenkins
Joy Archuleta
Bob Kinyon

Larry Phillips
Lois Houston
Mikeal Jones

Harold Ettelt
Leonard Houston
Paul Nolte

Heather Bartlett
Jonas Parker
Heather Tugaw

Matt Ruwaldt
Jay Walters
Brian Swift

STAFF REPORT:

- Bob Kinyon, Coordinator:
 - Gave Terry her annual performance review. Eric sat in.
 - Worked with Stanley, Casey Baldwin, Amanda at Ecotrust and Lauren at NOAA to satisfy requirements for NEPA, permits and other requirements for an Ecotrust grant for the Upper South Umpqua/Elk Creek project.
 - Attended annual meeting at the Big K Guest Ranch.
 - Worked with Bob Nichols on amendments to an Ecotrust grant to pay for log hauling.
 - Met with Eric, Terry, Megan Collins and Dan Jenkins of ODFW and Ann Creighton of the News Review to discuss economic benefits of salmon restoration. Responded to inquiries from Ann regarding restoration funding and about Ralph Lampman's lamprey research. She wrote articles for both.
 - Worked with Eric and Terry to reduce budgets for several OWEB capital projects that are pending OWEB board approval in September.
 - Continuing to work with Tim Walters of ODFW on moving the Rock Creek Fishway project forward. There have been numerous barriers to overcome. Most notably, the lack of sufficient funding for the project and difficulties with getting a PUR grant extension from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.
 - On a related matter, the contractor for a pre-fishway pipeline installation at Rock Creek has filed a claim against ODFW and PUR for additional work performed. Paul Nolte, the PUR legal counsel, is assisting the Department of Justice to rebut the claim that PUR is a party to the claim, as the watershed council is simply the applicant for a grant to support funding the project.
 - Contacted by Leo Naapi, SRWC treasurer, to review Brian Swift's time and mileage for work with PUR in June and July.
 - Inspected the Mill Creek culvert replacement on Melqua Road on the way to work three mornings last week.
 - Hired Heather Bartlett as a monitoring technician to assist Sandy with water quality monitoring; assist with UBFAT culvert surveys; help Ralph with lamprey research; and potentially work with Holly Truemper on spawning surveys in the fall. Heather just completed a Bachelor's Degree in fisheries management from OSU.
 - Working with Heather Tugaw of DEQ to get two agreements signed for Diamond Lake modeling and for Diamond Lake WQ monitoring. Both grants from the EPA 319 program were approved this past spring. There are additional requirements for negotiating an indirect cost with the agency and for match sponsors to track their in-kind contributions monthly. Debbie is working on getting through the fiscal requirements.
 - Answered a query from Lisa Seals, doctorate student from the University of Florida, about PUR and salmon restoration on the Umpqua. Lisa has worked at Coos Bay BLM as a seasonal in the past.
 - Submitted an application for Umpqua Water Trails to the National Park Service. Thanks to Brian Swift and Amy Pinson Dumm for their hard work putting the application together and procuring letters of support.
 - Met with Eric, Don Porior and Terry to strategize about 18 culvert/bridge installations planned for this summer.
 - Katelyn Umetsu, AmeriCorps applicant from Hawaii, emerged at the top of the candidates interviewed by Nancy, Darin and Thomas McGregor. She will be offered the joint position at PUR and Phoenix Charter School doing outreach and education.
 - Facilitated the first meeting of the Formosa Mine Cleanup (FMC) subcommittee at the BLM office. This group will assist PUR staff with implementation of the Technical Assistance (TAG) Grant from EPA. Cindy Haws volunteered to chair the committee. Eleven people showed up for the meeting.
 - Met with John Kober and Kelly Crispin of the Pacific Rivers Council along with Stanley to discuss the possibility of a job share, using Kelly to assist PUR with restoration work in the Upper South Umpqua/Elk Creek area. Kelly is funded full time by PRC to do monitoring and analysis in the Umpqua Basin.
 - Office staff met with Tracy Pope, PUR Treasurer, to discuss the biannual revision to the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) account.
 - Found out from Jeff Dose of the Umpqua National Forest that the Forest Service cannot pay for food and beverages for the August 17th beaver tour. Instead Jeff will cover the bus expense and PUR will pay for food and beverages from a grant from the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils.
 - Visited the Upper Morgan Creek culvert site on Gazley Road with Eric and Terry. Contractor was assembling the aluminized multi-plate culvert.
 - At the request of Alan Bunce, set up a doodle to schedule a nominations committee meeting.
 - Attended DFPA monthly safety meeting.
 - Responded to a request from Mike Madar of the Tenmile Watershed Association regarding our local county requirements for project signoff, which is a \$50 Land Use Compatibility Sheet (LUCS). Lane County is requiring a conditional use permit for culvert replacements. Cost is \$1,150.

- Signed an escrow agreement between ODFW, U.S. Bank and project funders for the Rock Creek fishway project. The contractor will be paid directly from the escrow account versus billing each funder.
- With Debbie and Terry, completed the PUR portion of the biennial Atlas of Accomplishments in support of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds for the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils. The completed version of the atlas will be available prior to the next legislative session.
- Attended a meeting at the courthouse of stakeholders involved in funding and operating gaging stations in Douglas County.
- Debbie Thornton, Fiscal and Data Manager:
 - Prepared payroll
 - Paid bills
 - Prepared fund requests
 - Arranged final details for annual meeting
 - Attended annual meeting
 - Met with Tracy to discuss revision to HRA
 - Made arrangements for August tour
 - Working on new requirements for DEQ
- Eric Riley, Restoration Coordinator:
 - Met with Ann Kercher to discuss contract work for UBFAT. Ann has been working on the database and is preparing maps to continue surveys in Smith River and re-survey "fixed" culverts
 - Inspection of Fish Passage projects: Jackson Creek, Mill Creek, Morgan Creek and Haines Creek.
 - Sat in on meeting with EPA regarding the Formosa Mine TAG Project
 - Met with RR Co., Coos BLM, ODFW, Brian Swift and Matt Ruwalt to discuss design plans and monitoring on the West Fork Smith River project. Plans are to put logs in with Columbia Helicopter, Inc. in two streams this summer. Monitoring will begin next summer prior to project completion.
 - Confirmed Project Designs on Upper Dean Creek, Charlotte Creek and Luder Creek with Randy Smith of ODF, Dan Jenkins, Matt Ruwalt and Brian Swift
 - Identified trees cutting locations with Randy Smith for Dean, Charlotte and Luder Creek projects
 - Met with Dan Jenkins to coordinate work efforts for this summer's project implementation and project design for future projects
 - Put contract for Danielle Ranch Culvert Replacement project together with Neatline Construction. Work began on 9 August.
 - Put contract for Morgan Creek instream project together and out for bid. Contract award to Ben Herr Excavation and Construction. Work to begin in late August.
 - Conducted initial project assessment for future Six Tribes Project with Dan Jenkins and Matt Ruwalt.
 - Meet with Bill Wynkoop of Seneca Jones Timber Company to discuss future Fish Passage Project options
 - Worked on permitting for Morgan Creek, Fate/Days Creek and Hoot-n-Holler Creek Instream Projects
- Terry Burleson, Planner:
 - Organized and held the OWEB Small Grant Team Meeting at Tomaselli's in Elkton. The group approved eight projects.
 - Enjoyed my annual review with Bob and Eric. This is now my 6th summer of work for the watershed council.
 - Attended a field tour with Laura Brophy, estuary guru, during the morning of the annual meeting.
 - Worked with the landowner to select trees for harvest for the Fate and Days Creek Instream Project.
 - Inspected the Jackson Creek culvert installation each day for several days. The project was left partially constructed and will be finished up during the week of August 16th.
 - Inspected the Mill Creek culvert replacement project each day for several days. Coordinated with the Contract Officer (Eric Riley) and the engineer (Don Porior) for inspection and completion. All that remains is a small amount of surface rock to place for the road bed.
 - Attended a meeting with the ODFW, Anne Creighton from the News Review, Bob Kinyon, and Eric Riley to discuss the economics of restoration.
 - Arranged and gave tours to contractors wishing to bid on two instream restoration projects on Morgan Creek and Fate/Days Creeks.
 - Inspected Morgan Creek culvert replacement on the Briggs ranch most days for about a week and a half. Reported to the contract officer and engineer when approval was needed for aspects of the contract.
 - Wrote the grants for the approved Small Grant Team projects.
- Sandy Lyon, Monitoring Coordinator:
 - On vacation

- Matt Ruwaldt, Wetland Project Manager:
 - Organized and attended tour of estuary sites before our annual meeting with staff and Laura Brophy
 - Attended our annual meeting
 - Spoke before the Reedsport City Council to propose a LWD and spruce planting project on City lands in the Scholfield Creek estuary. The proposal was very well received!
 - Toured the Scholfield Creek Estuary by boat
 - Had a newspaper interview with Alex Powers of the Umpqua Post
 - Re-located and altered sites on Charlotte and Luder Creeks with Eric, Brian, Dan Jenkins, and Randy Smith
 - Looked at the Six Tribs drainages for potential projects with Eric and Dan Jenkins
 - Continuing to develop new projects
 - Spent the last two weeks of July on vacation with family in Wisconsin
- Kris Lyon, Technical and Monitoring Associate
 - On vacation
- Brian Swift, Smith River Watershed Council Coordinator:
 - Limited out on crab two days in a row out of Windy Bay, no salmon yet, been hearing about lots of sturgeon caught in the river around Reedsport.
 - Worked on annual work plan for SRWC coordinator.
 - Attended Gardiner-Reedsport STEP monthly meeting and barbeque, obtained their support in assisting in the Smith River Country Fair.
 - Watched the professionals design some nice structures to be placed by helicopter this fall in Luder and Charlotte Creeks.
 - Was invited by Mike Northrop from the Siuslaw National Forest to assist them with this coming fall's Tsalila Festival educational program to be held in Reedsport.
 - Obtained consensus from SRWC directors to assist PUR in obtaining UBFAT field data in the Smith River Watershed.
 - Worked with Amy to get partners on board with the brand new Umpqua Water Trails project.
 - Commuted to the grange by boat from Reedsport, and then dropped off some small grant paperwork at a residence on Otter Slough on the way back to town.
 - Attended a Ford Family Leadership progress meeting in Winchester Bay.
 - Made preparations for the Smith River Country Fair.
- Nancy Geyer, Education and Outreach Program Manager
 - Hosted a PUR booth at River Appreciation Day.
 - Attended the PUR annual meeting in Elkton.
 - Interviewed AmeriCorps candidates.
 - Finalized the beaver tour plans with the YMCA.
 - Enjoyed a splendid 2 week vacation!
- Amy Pinson Dumm, Grant Writer:
 - Attended annual meeting at Big K Ranch.
 - Found and looked over more information on water trails (Oregon Water Trail Plan 2005-2014)
 - Looked over letter of support from Salmon Harbor at Brian's request and made suggestions
 - Worked on application to the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program with the NPS for the Umpqua Water Trail Project.
 - Talked to Claudine Rehne with the Tillamook Estuaries Partnership (TEP). (She put an RTCA application together for the conceptual planning of the Tillamook County Water Trails). Talked about her experience with the RTCA program and how they put together a successful application.
 - Reviewed TEPs successful apps to the RTCA program.
 - Made edits to Umpqua Water Trail project description from Bob and Brian.
 - Met with Brian at the PUR office and discussed Umpqua Water Trail Project and letters of support that he has received so far. Made plan to complete application after his contact at NPS reviews the current draft.
 - Met with Terry at the PUR office and put together a map of the project area for the water trail. We worked on finding GIS data for parks, camps, day use areas along the water trail route.
 - Received comments from Dan Miller (Brian's contact at NPS RTCA program) about our draft app and started addressing these in the app. Talked to Brian on the phone about Dan Miller's suggestions and then again after I had completed the final draft.
 - Finished and sent RTCA app, letters of support and map of project area to RTCA program managers, Michael Linde and Dan Miller.

- Sent brief summary of information I have acquired on Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) to Bob Kinyon.
- Summarized information about Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI) project application and selection process at Bob's request.
- Contacted WNTI coordinator about the due date for the application: due date is October 1.
- Continued Research on BEF looking for examples of community support at Brian's request; read through BEF article in Fisheries publication and searched BEF web site.
- Worked on funding plan for water trail project.
- Picked up additional letters of support and maps at the PUR office that Brian has been collecting.
- Summarized and listed partners for Umpqua Water Trail Project and wrote cover letter in preparation of sending additional materials to the RTCA program director in support of the water trail project proposal.
- Started looking through info Bob emailed about NOAA Restoration Center funding opportunities and OWEB 2011-2013 council support grants.

TOUR NOTES:

- Leonard Houston led the group onto the Tiller – S. Umpqua bridge to view river beaver sites as well as clusters of suckers in the river, holding tight above large boulders.
- The second stop was near the confluence of Drew Creek and Elk Creek. Chris Rusch, FS botanist, talked about the Elk Creek watershed and provided an overview of stream flows, Mikeal Jones, FS hydrologist, discussed the stream gage upstream of the tour stop and the necessity of tracking stream flow throughout the year for numerous resource technicians and the public. Kevin Sands, FS wildlife biologist, discussed beavers, other mammals and birds that occupy the Elk Creek sub-basin.
- The next site was the Bill and Marsha Montgomery property. Bill had cleared paths to the stream where beaver activity could be seen. He talked about developing this trust property as an educational location for stream and beaver restoration. Lunch was provided at this stop by the S. Fork Café in Tiller.
- The fourth stop was at the Stauch Ranch, where riparian site preparation had been done by Matt Crume. Native vegetation will be planted to encourage beaver translocation.
- The bus stopped briefly to look at "three falls" where boulders will be removed or rearranged to facilitate passage of salmon upstream.
- The last stop was the Three Horn campground on the Tiller Trail Highway. Chuck Jackson, Umpqua Indian Tribal Elder, talked to the group about the history and changing conditions of Elk Creek over the decades.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the PUR Board of Directors is September 21st at 9:00 a.m. at the ODFW conference room at 4192 N. Umpqua Highway, Roseburg.

ADJOURN The tour bus returned to the Fowler Street parking lot at 5:15.



PUR Secretary