

# Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

### North Umpqua Fish Passage Project Tour

**Date** August 16, 2011

**Place** Rock Creek and Soda Springs Fish Passage Projects

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The tour bus left the Fowler Street parking lot at 8:30 a.m. It stopped at the US Post Office in Glide before arriving at Rock Creek Fish Ladder Construction Site. Twenty-four people signed the attendance sheet.

#### **DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES:**

<b>Agriculture &amp; Livestock</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Jan Tetreault		X	M.A. Hansen	X	
Stanley Petrowski	X		Vacant		
Paul Heberling		X	<sup>1</sup> Huebner <sup>2</sup> Swingley		X

<b>Timber, Aggregate, Construction &amp; Mining</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Darin McMichael ( <b>President</b> )	X		Dave Russel		X
Mark Kincaid		X	Jake Gibbs		X
Dave Archambault		X	Carol Whipple		X
Mike Flewelling		X	Bill Rice		X

<b>Fishing, Recreation &amp; Conservation</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Jim Yingst		X	<sup>1</sup> Frankenstein <sup>2</sup> Brochu		X
David Parker		X	Claude Sterling		X
Cindy Haws		X	Craig Burns		X
Ken Ferguson		X	Stan Vejtasa		X

<b>Cities, Special Districts &amp; Public Utilities</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Richard Chasm		X	Vacant		
Blair Nash	X		Vacant		
Rich Grost	X		Vacant		

<b>County</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Tom Manton	X		Nathan Reed	X	

<b>Tribes</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Amy Amoroso		X	John Schaefer		X

<b>Members at Large</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Janice Green		X			

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Cheryl Caplan  
Alice Carlton  
Sam Moyers  
Eric Riley

Harold Ettelt  
Debbie Thornton  
Pam Sighting

Brian Swift  
Pat McRae  
Jake Winn

Kelly Crispen  
Becky McRae  
Joe Linn

Matt Ruwaldt  
Len Volland  
Dave Harris

**STAFF REPORT:**

- Eric Riley, Executive Director:
  - Coordinated with BLM, ODFW and PUR Staff on project designs, material staging and implementation
  - Facilitated TAC Meeting; Topic: Elk Creek landowner concerns about project and his bridge
  - Visited with Steve Hall to review project work for 2011 and sign contract
  - Completed major contracts for 2011 projects
  - Coordinated with Dave Archambault on project designs and implementation on Hardscrabble and Jack Crk culvert project
  - Attended PUR Board Meeting
  - Coordinated with Matt for project hand off in preparation for my leave for military duty
  - Met with Amy Amoroso and Dan Jenkins to look at and design a Phase II project on Jordan Creek
  - Inspected Chasm Creek log placement project
  - Military Duty 22July -7Aug
  - Returned to work on 8Aug and answered emails, returned phone calls, got project updates and coordinated with office staff
  - Coordinated ongoing project implementation and staging
  - Designed instream project in Deer Creek with Dan Jenkins
  - Met with Alice Carlton, the new Umpqua National Forest Supervisor
  
- Debbie Thornton, Fiscal and Data Manager:
  - Re-working contracts for contractors
  - Working on annual budget
  - Still working on new QuickBooks transition
  - Prepared payroll deposits & reports
  - Prepared paperwork for some new agreements with BLM
  
- Terry Burleson, Planner:
  - Maternity Leave
  
- Sandy Lyon, Monitoring Coordinator:
  - Wrote OWEB Project Monitoring reports for Norton Creek Riparian Planting & Fate/Days Riparian Planting
  - With Denise Dammann and Kris Lyon placed last of temperature loggers above and below boulder weirs in Wolf Creek
  - Took week of vacation
  - Met with DEQ for sampling for cyanobacteria at Myrtle Creek after a dog died in the area - this resulted in a health warning being issued
  - Installed the new probe on the Sonde for detection of cyanobacteria
  - Took photos and wrote OWEB Project Monitoring report for South Umpqua Fencing 2007 - Small Grant
  - Tested new Blue/Green Algae probe at Myrtle Creek and Lawson Bar
  - Sent report of results of BGA at Myrtle Creek and Lawson Bar to David Waltz, DEQ and Sean Negherbon, Myrtle Creek Water Treatment Plant Supervisor
  - Working on data and maps for PUR OWEB Monitoring report
  - Attended Hydro Breakfast where Renee Davis-Born and Marc Rempel came down from Corvallis (Institute of Natural Resources at OSU) and presented to us the current state of the Umpqua Explorer data tools
  - Continued correspondence with Renee about future possibilities to make data available to the public in a timely manner

- Matt Ruwaldt, Wetland Project Manager:
  - Continued design work on Weatherly Creek with Dan Jenkins
  - Went out to the Thompson Creek project with Dan Jenkins to flag sites and assist with boulder staging
  - Spent some time in the office coordinating projects
  - Spent a lot of time on West Fork Smith River including:
    - Finished staging boulders
    - Installed 15 out of the 16 boulder weirs we are doing this year
    - Installed 36 out of the 39 log structures we are placing with an excavator this year
  - Worked with Dan Jenkins and Josie Thompson, ODFW, on our R&E grant
  
- Kris Lyon, Technical and Monitoring Associate
  - Finished PUR Landowners Brochure in time to be available for Fair
  - Working on IT stuff at office
  - Working in Wolf Creek with Heather doing Cross-sections and pebble counts

### **Independent Contractor Report**

**July 13, 2011 – August 11, 2011**

- Nancy Geyer, Education and Outreach Consultant
  - Met with the stream cleanup committee; ordered posters; contacted the City of Roseburg and Douglas County about cleanup sites; worked with Kris L. to update the website; changed PUR's voicemail to include extension 112 as the "upcoming events hotline."
  - Planned and hosted a booth at River Day.
  - Picked up the Fish Toss Game and got it ready for the Douglas County Fair.
  - Attended the July board and staff meetings.
  - Presented at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School's summer childcare program.
  - Worked with Audrey Barnes and Eric R. preparing for PUR's presence and participation in the DTO tent at the Douglas County Fair.
  - Finished the 2010-2011 AmeriCorps paperwork.
  - Served as the AmeriCorps contact in Terry B.'s and Eric R.'s absence; offered the AmeriCorps position to Bridget Ayers Looby who accepted the offer.
  
- Ann Kercher, Culvert Inventory Specialist
  - Began identification of culverts that have been replaced or adjusted for fish passage and need to be resurveyed for UBFAT database by gathering data from relevant agencies and landowners
  - Prepared for continuation and completion of Smith River surveys with Heather B.
  - Contacted landowners with top-ranking culverts for possible project development.
  - Arranged for Phoenix School summer crew and Northwest Youth Corps crew to remove blackberries on Morgan Creek riparian project
  - Arranged for Phoenix crew to maintain the existing plantings on Fate/Days Creek by clearing invasive weeds; more blackberry will be removed by mowing on Days Creek
  - Added Joseph Robert to the family on July 24!
  
- Amy Pinson Dumm, Grant Writer:
  - Worked on grant application to the Coos RAC for the Waggoner Creek project.

**TOUR NOTES:**

- Tim Walters, ODFW, led the tour of the Rock Creek site. He gave a great overview of the project and its background. The group was able to walk onto the construction site and see the fish passage cells and appreciate the immense scale of the project.
- The second stop was at the Soda Springs Dam. Rich Grost led the tour off with a overview of the facility and the project. The group was able to go down to the construction site and view the work from a bridge. The site is extremely large and the construction plan is quite complex.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the PUR Board of Directors is September 20<sup>st</sup> 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 approximately 1545.

PUR Secretary