Notes

Attendees: Daniel Bertram, Windy Schoby, Mike Edmonson, Rosana Reith, Harley Wallis, Kelly Shade, Ken Gebhardt, Mike Overacker, Steve Stringham, Tammy Stringham, Graham Freeman, John Lofredo, Justin Petty, Brian Drake, Bruce Mulkey, Jeff McLaughlin, Kat Giles-Rector, Chad Fealko, Heidi Messner, John Procat, Jason Hussman, Matt Belnap, Abbie Gongloff, Matt Green, Ryan McCutcheon, Amanda Harber, Cindy Salo, Karma Bragg, Cassi Wood, Bob Minton, Merril Beyeler, Curtis Beyeler, Jared Talley, Lucy Littlejohn, Amy Cassel, Amber Christofferson

Agenda Modifications: None

Approval of Meeting Notes: Notes from the March 9, 2022 meeting where approved.

New business - Vacant Positions

A discussion was held to bring on additional members. Mike might be able to switch to the Main Salmon landowner and an additional person from NGO could join. Daniel will draft a letter to garner interest.

Main Salmon Landowner

Shoshone – Bannock Tribe

Custer County Commissioner

Presentation

* Collaboration – Jared Talley (OSC, BSU)
  + There is typically discourse surrounding environmental issues. Environmental issues are human issues. How do we best work together in the Western US?
  + Trust and capacity are not always enough. We need to recognize who is coming to the collaboration and why. There are three categories of collaborators (based on Laura Van Riper):
  + The “Ideal” - “A focus on cooperation, building and advancing relationships, and communication that fosters extended dialogue as a way to engage, understand, and develop solutions that address people’s differing perspectives and needs…An attempt to redistribute power through: 1) the use of democratic processes, 2) a concern of equity and an ethic of caring, and 3) a focus on public education as well as participation in traditional science and a broad acceptance of alternative ways of knowing.”
  + The “Social License” - Many collaborate to rubber stamp their organizational or social requirements notto affect more democratic, holistic outcomes. They are **required**to participate, but they are not **responsible****for** or **accountable****to** the collaboration. The social license gives the appearance of collaborative credibility without actual collaborative accountability.
  + The “Steamroller” - Some participate in collaborations not to share ownership in problem definition and solutions; instead they seek to **convince** **others** of their position and **guide solutions** toward their own ideological commitments. The steamroller will not commit to collaborative outcomes that don’t perfectly align with prior commitments.
  + Situations only become problems once a value is attached to them. It is important to define what is relevant and what values make a situation a problem.
  + Acceptance of another person’s view of a problem is an important part of collaboration “Why, given our desire for others to feel a sense of ownership of our problems, do we find it so difficult to share in the ownership of their problems?...By accepting someone’s view of the problem, we often believe we have to negate our own view, our own actions, and, in many cases, our own beliefs. For many of us, acknowledging the larger problem is akin to denouncing our own identity and being” Todd A. Bryan
  + A collaboration should commit to 1) understand the situation, 2) Co-define the problem, 3) redefine the problem, and 4) define solutions. Collaborations should also be explicit about everyone’s motivations and how committed they are.
  + Collaborations are typically not a simple process.

Tech Team Update:

* IDFG upper salmon basin redd distribution study slides were presented and discussed
* Little Sawmill adaptive management presentation was given to TT
* A Hayden Confluence Project was ranked
* The initial counts for Chinook are looking good for 2022 escapement

Advisory Committee Membership Update

* Bureau of Land Management (Price) – No update.
* Governor’s Office of Species Conservation (Edmondson) – Graham Freeman is now in Mike’s old position, wolf compensation and prevention funds are being discussed to help pay on “probable kills” as well as “confirmed kills” because $90,000 was left unspent this past year, Tulley is going to work for Mt. Hood environmental and Heidi Messner is a new planner.
* Idaho Department of Fish and Game (Murphy) – Screen shop is up and running for the 2022 irrigation season, Harvey Goddard retired, and the shop is looking to hire. The July IDFG Commission Meeting will be in Salmon. Enforcement and biologist positions are fully staffed.
* Landowner – East Fork (Baker) – N/A.
* Landowners – Lemhi (Mulkey) – Ice took out his fish screen and his pivot was installed without a filter, so he recommends more contractor oversight.
* Landowner – Main Salmon – N/A.
* Landowner – Pahsimeroi (Wallis) – It is still dry in the Pahsimeroi.
* Lemhi County Commissioner (Madsen) – N/A
* Lemhi SWCD (C. Beyeler) – Bob is retiring and interviews are being held this week.
* Non-agency fish and wildlife interest (Overacker) –LRLT has a fundraiser July 24th at Sweetwater.
* NRCS (Rieth) – EQIP has been obligated, following up on Kirtly weeds post-treatment.
* Recreation (Stringham) – Rain and cool weather is good for the rivers.
* UI Cooperative Extension – Salmon (Williams) – N/A.
* U.S. Forest Service (Schade) – Ken is taking on Tom Fords duties (Gebhardt) .Collaboration is also important for wildfire, USFS is in a surge-hire for additional capacity, long-term drought is being anticipated and range staff is communicating with lease partners, prescribed burn projects are moving forward.

Schedule Next Meeting September 7, 2022 at 1:30 pm