

# Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

**Date** February 16, 2010

**Place** ODFW Conference Room, 4192 N. Umpqua Highway, Roseburg OR

### CALL TO ORDER:

The PUR president, Stanley Petrowski, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL:

There were twenty-eight people in attendance. There was a quorum of directors present.

### 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 (President)	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	X		Dave Russel	X	
Mark Kincaid		X	Jake Gibbs	X	
Dave Archambault	X		Carol Whipple		X
Vacant			Vacant		

<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
Gerald Wisdom	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>
Tracy Pope (Treasurer)		X	Richard Chasm	X	
Blair Nash	X		Vacant		
Vacant			Rich Grost		X

<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>
Steve Rondeau		X	John Schaefer	X	

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

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Scott Lightcap	Lee Russell	Dave Loomis	Mikeal Jones	Harold Ettelt
Glenn Harkleroad	Lenny Schussel	Diane Phillips	Bruce Miller	Todd Buchholz
Matt Ruwaldt	Sandy Lyon	Terry Burlison	Brian Swift	Bob Kinyon

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes and staff report from the January 19, 2009 watershed council meeting were approved via consensus with a motion from Dave Russel and a second from Dave Archambault.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INPUT:**

- Richard Chasm and David Parker: They both brought up the issue that their fishermen friends complained about the fact there are so many salmon in the river yet so few are fin-clipped (keepers). A discussion followed regarding ODFW and the agency fishing regulations for the Umpqua. Stan Petrowski recommended that Tim Walters of ODFW address this topic at a future council meeting.
- Sandy Lyon attended the recent "State of the Beaver" conference and found it to be awesome, with an excellent slate of speakers. Kudos to Lois and Leonard Houston and to Stan for a great workshop. M.A. Hansen thanked the volunteers who helped out, Sandy, Terry, et.al.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Stan Petrowski

- Beaver Conference: There were attendees from 12 western states. Of the many fine presenters, one was from Norway and one was from the Penobscot Indian Nation in Maine. The support at the conference center from the Umpqua Tribe was outstanding. The event organizers used the lamprey conference as a guide for planning this workshop. Stan has been getting emails from folks in England who want to witness what we are doing here on the Umpqua. David Parker asked, "Where can I get beavers for my place?" They are not presently available.
- Bill Rice gave notice that he is retiring from the PUR board. Bob is getting a plaque made to honor Bill. There are several vacancies on the board to fill. The board members should strive to fill those slots.
- The Umpqua Fisheries Enhancement Derby banquet and auction was well attended. Dave Loomis noted that there were 486 people in attendance and the derby raised about \$119,000 gross, about the same as last year.
- The Umpqua Watersheds banquet was held last Saturday at the fairgrounds. Stan received the "Conservationist of the Year" award at the event. There were fourteen PUR members in attendance.
- The use of committees to hammer out issues was a topic of discussion at the last education committee meeting. Stan emphasized in the strongest terms that the use of committees was not meant to exclude anyone from speaking up or as a way to circumvent consensus, but is a forum for serious, open discussions about issues. This provides a more efficient and effective way to utilize limited board members' time at the monthly council meetings.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tracy Pope:

- In the absence of Tracy and Debbie, Bob provided the following financial report:

Description	\$ Previous Month	\$ Current Month
Bank Accounts	34,525.22	91,032.45
Outstanding Bills	19,460.07	140,089.14
Cash on Hand	15,065.15	(49,056.69)
Unrestricted Funds	152,423.00	154,098.01
Funds Requested	106,829.38	186,820.67

**STAFF REPORT:**

- Bob Kinyon, Coordinator:
  - Walking tour of 2.5 miles of Big Creek in Smith River with Sam Moyers, Brian Swift and Matt Ruwaldt. Sam installed the structures in the lower portion 9 years ago and the upper portion 6 years ago. This is a great learning lab for habitat maturity. We try to walk this stretch every 3 years to note changes over time.
  - Attended WC meeting at ODFW conference room.
  - Met with the Executive Committee to discuss my 2009 performance at Karen's Coffee Cup after the WC meeting.
  - Facilitated the first planning meeting for W. Fork Smith River instream log and boulder placement with 11 stakeholders at the Roseburg Resources office in Reedsport. The BLM, ODFW, RR Co, SRWC and PUR were represented. Coos Bay BLM subsequently allocated \$125K in seed money to start the project.
  - Gave a 1 ½ hour presentation to members of the Bear Creek and other Rogue Basin watershed council members. They wanted to hear about successes and challenges we have faced on the Umpqua over the past 15 years. They were especially interested in how PUR gets more funding and work accomplished than eight watershed councils on the Rogue put together.

- With Sandy, met with Tom Williams from Umpqua Research in Myrtle Creek. We discussed monitoring of all types. Tom wants to get involved with council activities and observe some of our monitoring.
  - Visited with Craig Reed, a *News-Review* reporter, about PUR restoration projects funded by the Umpqua Fisheries Enhancement Derby.
  - Conducted a staff meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Emphasis was on finding a strategy to accomplish project development and grant writing over the next couple of months. Workload demands are increasing on all the staff.
  - Generated an attendee list for the Derby dinner and banquet.
  - Scheduled several committee meetings using the doodle.com site.
  - Signed two grants from ODFW to be administered by PUR for the Rock Creek fishway construction. One is a fish passage grant and the other is a screening grant. Funding amount is \$75K for each.
  - Spent one day in the field doing implementation monitoring of completed projects. Took monitoring photos of Huntley Cr. instream; Honey Cr. instream and culvert; and Susan Cr. instream, all on the North Umpqua. Also visited Quarry Cr. culvert in the Olalla/Lookingglass watershed and Manzanita Creek culvert, a tributary to Union Creek that flows into Cow Creek near Riddle.
  - PUR is a team member on a Pacific Rivers Council-hosted restoration project on Canton Creek, a tributary to Steamboat Creek.
  - Worked with Terry on 3 OWEB final reports that are due the end of March.
  - Assisted Debbie with resolving a funding issue between Cardinal Services and OWEB fiscal.
  - Met with Terry, Dan Jenkins and Fabian Carr to discuss roles and responsibilities for upcoming collaborative projects.
  - Received a call from Courtney Shaff at OWEB who said the agency will provide mileage reimbursement for PUR for two trips to Smith River to assist with council development.
  - Attended "State of the Beaver" conference on Wednesday and Friday.
  - Wrote up draft final report for OWEB grant "Fish Passage – 2006.
  - Attended education and events committee meetings
  - Worked with a logger, John Duncan and Coos Bay BLM staff to fund log moving for WFSR
  - Met with Kevin O'Brien, Illinois Valley WC coordinator, at PUR with staff to discuss TAC and other issues.
  - Worked with Terry, Matt and Brian to assign project leads and assistants to upcoming projects.
  - Discussed with Scott Lamb at Lemolo Lake the opportunity for PUR to administer tui chub trap netting funding for the 2010 project.
  - Attended Paul Heberling's retirement luncheon at Kowloons.
- Debbie Thornton, Fiscal and Data Manager:
    - Prepared payroll, payroll reports & work comp report
    - Pulled receipts for auditor
    - Prepared fund requests and paid bills
    - Attended staff meeting
    - Conference call with Cardinal Services, followed up by emails
    - Proofed final report from Mikeal Jones for Stream Gage Monitoring
    - Assisted Brian with setting up his email
  - Terry Burleson, Planner :
    - Toured South Sisters Creek with Matt Ruwaldt, Brian Swift, Ben Herr, John Colby, and Dan Jenkins to discuss boulder and log structure design.
    - Met with Tracy Pope and two other city employees to discuss projects possible at the Stewart Park duck pond.
    - Drove our engineer and one of my landowners to Lebanon to pick out railcar bridges for the Hall ranch restoration project.
    - Met with Fabian Carr, ODFW, to work on project accomplishment lists.
    - Attended the West Fork Smith River meeting mentioned above.
    - Met with a landowner on Quines Creek to discuss potential riparian restoration projects.
    - Met with a landowner on Alder Creek, who is having drainage problems off the top of her concrete bridge that PUR purchased and installed. Some adjustment to the slope of the road surface is needed to prevent water and ice from pooling on the structure.
    - Took an OSU student to a local wetland to help her out with a class called "Riparian and Wetland Ecology".
    - Drove a BLM botanist to stimulus-funded culvert replacement sites to clear them for the presence of endangered plants.
    - Ran TAC meeting
    - Wrote final reports for OWEB applications
    - Worked on Small Grant Team issues.

- Sandy Lyon, Monitoring Coordinator:
  - Prepared and sent OWEB project monitoring report - Fish Passage 2003. Printed and compiled more Fish Tales (We could use ideas on where the Council might like to see these distributed)
  - Attended Duck Pond meeting with Terry, Tracy Pope and two other city employees to discuss projects possible at the Stewart Park duck pond.
  - Talked with Kent about Temperature Project.
  - Monitored Elk Creek/Tiller with M.A., met Diane and Rick Phillips at Singing Falls Ranch and went on a tour with Stan describing the Joe Hall stream restoration.
  - Bob and I met with Tom Williams from Umpqua Research in Myrtle Creek. We discussed monitoring of all types. Tom wants to get involved with council activities and observe some of our monitoring. He is interested in how Umpqua Research might develop equipment to make monitoring more cost effective.
  - Searched for and provided photos to Craig Reed for an article on the Derby
  - M.A. and I did monitoring run to the coast, the next day we did a monitoring run of Myrtle Creek
  - Spent the day with Jay Walters from the Tribe looking at possible monitoring sites in the Cow Creek Watershed
  - Wrote and submitted a quote to the Tribe for PUR to carry out a monitoring run every other week from May 1 to April 30, 2011 of the Cow Creek Watershed from its confluence with the South Umpqua River to Galesville Reservoir including many tributaries.
  - Packaged and shipped all equipment to DEQ that requires NIST certification. This certifies the accuracy of all temperature equipment.
  - Performed South Umpqua monitoring run
  - Attended all three days of the Beaver Conference, helped out with computers, projectors and getting everyone's PowerPoints ready to go
  - Diane Phillips and I did Elk Creek/Tiller monitoring run
  - Attended Paul Heberling's retirement celebration lunch
- Matt Ruwaldt, Wetland Project Manager
  - Attended field and WF Smith River meetings with Terry and Bob (see their reports for details)
  - Toured Smith River with Brian and Ben Herr to discuss potential projects
  - Attended the OWEB board meeting and field trip to Coos Watershed Association projects.
  - Met with Port of Reedsport president Charmaine Vitek, and Umpqua Soil and Water staff Rhonda Black and Laura Smith regarding the Providence Creek tidegate. We are moving forward with replacing this tidegate with a fish-friendly model.
  - Met with Umpqua Soil and Water staff Rhonda Black and Laura Smith regarding a potential bridge installation and land acquisition on Scholfield creek
  - Attended Watershed Restoration workshop in Corvallis with Brian Swift.
  - Attended beaver conference in Canyonville.
  - Met with Rick & Nancy Stewart with Terry to discuss their project on Scholfield Creek. We are moving forward with this project, and have added a wetland restoration to the instream and road work.
- Brian Swift, SRWC Coordinator
  - Toured Big Creek with Bob and others
  - Attended Monthly PUR TAC meeting
  - 2 days training and meeting at PUR's office working with Bob, Terry, Debbie & Matt
  - Met with Kevin O'Brien, coordinator for Illinois Valley Watershed Council and discussed their watershed's needs.
  - Attended (2) day OSU Conference on Prioritizing & Monitoring projects
  - Attended West Fork Smith River meeting @ Roseburg Resources office in Reedsport
  - Went to State of the Beaver Conference in Canyonville
  - Began the (9) month Ford Family Foundation leadership training with (30) other Coastal Douglas County community members.
  - Attended Derby Dinner and met several PUR Directors
- Kris Lyon, Technical and Monitoring Associate
  - Back to college, will return in early June. Please start thinking about what you would like to see included in the June edition of Fish Tales.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**PRESENTATION(S):** Bruce Miller, fisheries research biologist, ODFW – Charleston: “*Fish monitoring in West Fork Smith River: how fish production appears linked to summer and winter rearing habitats*”.

Bruce presented slides and talked about the “Salmon Life Cycle Monitoring Program” he has been involved with for the past 10 years. He spoke about the population trends of coho and steelhead; the carrying capacity of the sub-basin; and the physical characteristics of the stream itself. He finished with a discussion of the potential benefits of the upcoming instream restoration project to introduce large woody debris to the stream. Bruce indicated that ODFW intends to continue monitoring fish populations in the West Fork for years to come.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Technical Advisory (TAC) Committee: Terry Burleson
  - Terry led a discussion about the role of the TAC. It has morphed into a “project review committee” over time and most of the committee member’s time is spent looking at the technical feasibility of potential restoration projects. She will work on a proposal, with the committee, defining what the TAC will do in the future and present that to the board at a future watershed council meeting.
- Events Committee: Richard Chasm
  - Richard has done considerable research on the annual *Umpqua River Clean Up* (UR Cup). He presented some suggestions about how to kick off the event in year 1 for PUR. He talked about developing flyers for the event; having regional coordinators; and working with the county road crew to utilize heavy equipment or county crews to remove spoils from the riverbanks along with individual volunteers. The idea of a “time exchange” was also batted around during the discussion.
- Education Committee: Stanley Petrowski
  - “*Contingent on Nancy Geyer’s acceptance, hire her for the O/E Program Manager slot and set her on a course to develop the PUR-version of the Master Watershed Stewardship course. Re-evaluate the program after one year. If it is working well, continue. If not, pursue the option of advertising for the position.*” The above is a motion put forth by Stan as the chairperson of the committee. Richard Chasm provided a second and the motion passed without objection. There was discussion regarding job description; time available to work on the project; funding amount and source to pay the program manager and for developing the Master Watershed Stewardship class. Existing title III outreach funding at Elk Creek Watershed Council was also discussed as a potential funding source, but Lee Russell indicated the funding was not designated for this type of training.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:** None

**UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at ODFW on invasive species. Was subsequently cancelled and not yet rescheduled.
- Hydrologist Breakfast – first Thursday of the month, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at Elmer’s Restaurant in Roseburg. Denise Dammann will give a report on the 2009 stream temperature reference monitoring
- The Roseburg District BLM will hold public meetings regarding a “different approach” to timber harvests. Watch for future meeting announcements.
- UBAC (Umpqua Bio Alternative Cooperative) will conduct an open house on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February from 9:00-12:00 at the Myrtle Creek grange. They will have displays about extracting ethanol from various plants and woody material.

**NEXT MEETING:** ODFW Conference Room, 4192 N. Umpqua Highway, Roseburg: March 16, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURN** The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

/S/ Bob Kinyon  
PUR Secretary