



May 1, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda

1:00pm – 3:00pm PST

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PARTNER REPORTS

PRESENTATIONS

Cowlitz River Fisheries – *Bryce Glaser and Josua Holowatz, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife*

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BOARD BUSINESS

Action Items	
1.	Consent Agenda
2.	Energy Northwest Small Grant Ranked List • Conflict of Interest Disclaimer • Public Comment (3 minutes per person) • Board Decisions
3.	New TAC Member

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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May 1, 2026
Board Meeting

Final Minutes
Approved: August 7, 2026

Webinar and In-Person Meeting
Cowlitz Fish Hatchery
125 Salmon Lane
Salkum, WA 98582

Present: Scott Brummer, Dan Cothren, Rob Farris, Dalton Fry, Marylynne Kostick, Todd Olson, Ed Orcutt, Steve Rader, Sandra Staples-Bortner, Don Swanson and Jade Unger

Absent: Matt Little, Nathan Phillips, and Robert Sudar. Chairman excused absent members.

Staff: Steve Manlow, Denise Smee, Amelia Johnson, Steve West, and Lorie Clark

Guests: Erik Neatherlin and Elizabeth Spaulding from Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO), Bryce Glaser and Josua Holowatz from WA Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and Travis Anderberg from Cramer Fish Sciences

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements were made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were made.

PARTNER REPORTS:

- Erik Neatherlin of GSRO stated federal funding for FY26 came out yesterday at \$99M (\$65M annual and \$34M the final year). The states worked closely with the White House in support of the funding. In 2027, the five PCSRF states will request an increase in funding to \$100M.
- The legislative session for the state budget is finished, and agencies are now assessing impacts and planning for the Fiscal Year 27-29 budget process.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Cowlitz River Fisheries - Bryce Glaser and Josua Holowatz, WDFW
 - Presentation available on request.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Manlow highlighted the following areas from the Director's Report:

- Staff have arranged to have WDFW come to the September Board meeting in Stevenson to discuss pinniped management. Please send any questions for the presenter to staff by 8/1/2026.

- Ms. Johnson has been working closely with GSRO to complete an assessment of habitat and biological monitoring gaps for the Lower Columbia Region. This is part of a statewide effort to better understand key gaps that need to be addressed to track and report on recovery progress.
- Board member Staples Bortner and Steve West continue to support the Wahkiakum Common Ground effort as members of the planning team. Staff also recently prepared a Grays River Stream Gauge Proposal to support County flood hazard reduction efforts
- SRFB Grant Round update: This year between the four grant programs there is a total of \$17.9 million in requests and 20 projects.

Please address any additional questions on the Director's Report to Steve Manlow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Item #1 Consent Agenda

Member Fry moved and Member Orcutt seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

No discussion. Motion carried.

Item #2 Energy Northwest Small Grant Ranked List

Mr. Manlow presented the item and provided an overview of the program, funding amounts, and how the grant round was managed and implemented.

The Director outlined each of the projects submitted. The Review Committee came to consensus on the ranked project list below.

1. Cispus-Yellowjacket Ph 5A Material Acquisition by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe – Fund
2. Woods Creek Fish Habitat Enhancement Project by the Cascade Forest Conservancy – Fund

Board Members did not express any Conflict of Interest on any of the projects submitted for funding.

Sponsor comments on their projects:

- No comments from sponsors.

Public comments on any of the projects:

- No comments from the public.

Member Brummer moved and Member Swanson seconded to recommend the Board adopt the review committee scores and ranked list funding recommendations for the Energy Northwest Small Grants program grant round and authorize the Director to enter into contract with sponsors for project implementation.

No discussion. Motion carried.

Item #3 New Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Member

Director Manlow presented the item and reviewed the Action Summary, which included a recommendation to appoint Karen Adams to the TAC.

Member Staples Bortner moved and Member Brummer seconded to recommend the Board appoint Karen Adams to the LCFRB's Technical Advisory Committee (AC).

No discussion. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Ms. Smee stated the June 5, 2026 Board meeting will be held in Wahkiakum County.
- Member Swanson stated WDFW did a "chum dump" on 4/14/26 with about 100,000 fry into the East Fork Lewis River chum channel on his property.

Adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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Approved in open session on 06/05/2026

Signed: _____
Todd Olson, Chairman