

**Bear River ECC  
Final Meeting Notes  
March 25, 2022  
Pocatello, Idaho**

<b>ECC Meeting Participants</b>		
	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
x	Mark Stenberg	PacifiCorp
	Lynn Van Every	Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
x	Jim DeRito	Trout Unlimited
x	Corey Lyman	U.S. Forest Service
x	Jeremy Jirak	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
	Carson Watkins	Idaho Department of Fish and Game
	Allison Michalski	Greater Yellowstone Coalition
x	Ryan Beatty	Bureau of Land Management
x	Charlie Vincent	American Whitewater
	Hunter Osborne	Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
	Kirk Rich	Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
	Susan Rosebrough	National Park Service
	Kevin Lewis	Idaho Rivers United
<b>Others Present</b>		
x	Steven Smith	Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
x	Matt Schenk	Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
x	Ryan Hillyard	Idaho Department of Fish and Game
	Eve Davies	PacifiCorp
	Matt Lucia	Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust
	Jaime Campbell	Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust
x	Matt Coombs	Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust
x	Jennifer Cornell	Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust
x	Andy Stocks	Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
x	Keith Jones	Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
x	Adam Zaragoza	Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

<b>Commitments Made at the March 25, 2022 Meeting</b>	
All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant Fund subcommittee meets April 20, 2022 (Teams meeting).</li> <li>Next ECC meeting May 18, 2022.</li> </ul>
Stenberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact Mussler for an update on his habitat enhancement project. Steven Smith will also try to contact Mussler.</li> <li>Email vote on an ECC letter of support for SSLT's RCPP application.</li> <li>Set up Teams meeting for Grant Fund subcommittee.</li> <li><a href="#">Prepare draft Kackley Plan for ECC review.</a></li> </ul>
Hillyard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Provide information on fish populations and distribution in Mink Creek. Summarize Twin Lakes data. Consider future sampling.</a> Will be added to April agenda.</li> </ul>
Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact Mussler for an update on his habitat enhancement project.</li> <li><a href="#">Provide contact information for Cottonwood Creek project to Stenberg and Campbell (jaime@sagebrushlandtrust.org).</a></li> </ul>
Lucia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Provide information on water rights encumbered on SSLT's Mink Creek projects.</a></li> </ul>
Hugentobler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poll for second day for field review of projects.</li> <li>Send award letter to DeRito for Paris habitat enhancement project</li> </ul>
Action items in <a href="#">blue</a> have been carried over.	

### Decisions Made by Email Vote Since Last ECC Meeting

- Expedite approval of 2022 screen tender funding.

See Attachment 1 for a record of voting.

### Decisions Made at This Meeting

None.

### Calendar Review

- Applications for 2022 Habitat Enhancement Projects are due April 8, 2022
- Grant project ranking subcommittee meets to rank projects April 20, 2022
- Field review of projects will take place June 15, 2022. Two days may be needed this year--the ECC will be polled for a second date.

### Review of Funds

#### Land and Water Fund

Carried Over	\$1,730,776.18
Interest	\$86.53
2022 Funding	\$446,700
Unobligated Funding 2022	\$1,248,902.14

#### Habitat Enhancement Fund

Carried Over	\$513,677.84
Interest	\$25.68
2022 Funding	\$248,663.00
Obligated for Open Projects	-\$410,316.00
Unobligated Funding 2022	\$352,050.49

### Paris Decommissioning

Stenberg provided an update on Paris decommissioning.

- All parties, with the exception of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, have now signed the Paris Agreement.
- Habitat enhancement project design work may begin--an award letter will be sent to DeRito.
- Cultural resources reports are complete.

- River Structures is under contract with PacifiCorp for decommissioning of intake on USFS sinkhole bypass and tailrace restoration.
- Cirrus is under contract for the 404 joint permit application.

Upcoming tasks:

- Letter to Weilenmann place-of-use landowners
- Reduce Forest Service agreements to a letter. BLM is checking if the agreement is okay.
- 30 percent plans from River Structures – June 2022
- 404 Joint Permit Application completed and submitted – July/August 2022
- FERC submittals for Bear license amendment and request for approval to decommission and surrender exemption – later this year
- Bid out powerhouse decommissioning activities – later this year

All construction is to take place during 2023.

Lyman reported that USFS applied for funding for infrastructure (road crossing structures) and was successful. In regard to Bloomington Cattle Grazing - IDEQ has funding available that can be used for stock watering wells but the proponent is having trouble finding a well driller.

### **Habitat Enhancement Projects - Proposals**

The ECC reviewed project proposals for 2022 habitat enhancement projects. A table is included in Attachment 2.

**Bartschi** - This proposal is for the above ground portion of the second, 30-acre pivot. Request to the ECC is \$100,000. Lyman will revise the funding table in the project application.

**Bloomington** - Moving forward with the water right process. Stenberg noted that the goal is to have this project completed before PacifiCorp decommissions Paris late in 2023.

**Elkhorn/Stauffer Diversions** - No questions.

**Fish Screen Repairs** - The proposal includes an additional \$16,750 for repairs to three screens. Hillyard noted that the cost of materials has tripled.

**Fish Screen Tender** - This project has already received expedited approval from the ECC. New screen tender is Kyle McComb.

**Cub River Fencing** - Proposal is for fencing/alternate water source, and also includes installation of vegetation. Cornell asked if wildlife friendly fencing was required on ECC projects. Stenberg said the ECC uses BLM standards for wildlife friendly fencing. Stenberg asked about Bonneville cutthroat trout status in this reach. Hillyard said there is a good population.

Funding requests this year total \$302,420. Available funding is ~\$350,000.

### **Eightmile Habitat Enhancement Project Update**

Lyman reported that this project is now complete and showed photos. For one component of the project, 10 post-assisted log structures were installed. Beaver are present above and below, and may be attracted to this area. Lyman noted USFS has equipment to install these structures, if anyone is interested they may contact him.

### **Future Habitat Enhancement Projects**

For future habitat enhancement projects, Stenberg said he and Van Every recently discussed targeting specific stream reaches and focusing projects there. Hillyard suggested Steve's Creek as a possible location. DeRito said he supports the idea of a focused approach. DeRito also suggested the ECC consider establishing a stewardship fund for the screen tender position, which incoming projects would pay into it. This discussion will be continued at the May meeting.

### **Next ECC Meeting**

Next ECC meeting will take place May 18, 2022 at Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Southeast Regional Office. Agenda items include:

- Review and approval of 2022 Habitat Enhancement Projects.
- Hillyard - Fish populations and distribution in Mink Creek.
- Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust - 2022 project proposals
- Establishment of a fund for the screen tender position

**Attachment 1: Email Voting Record**

**Bear River ECC – Record of Email Voting  
Expedited Approval of 2022 Screen Tender Funding  
Vote Called by Stenberg  
March 16, 2022**

**From:** Stenberg, Mark (PacifiCorp) <[Mark.Stenberg@pacificorp.com](mailto:Mark.Stenberg@pacificorp.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 9:06 AM

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**Subject:** IDFG Screen Tender Proposal 2022 - Email Vote

Ryan Hillyard has requested that we expedite approval of screen tender funding for 2022. The screen tender position is vacant and Ryan is trying to make a hire at \$15/hour which is higher than last year's rate. He needs to make an offer in the next few days but I need to make sure ECC Members are okay with the increased cost.

The request for 2022 ECC funds is \$35,670 with a project budget breakdown as follows: \$32,590 project costs, \$3,080 overhead and IDFG match of \$8,000 for a total project cost of \$43,670.

Last year's ECC funding was \$30,000 with a project budget breakdown as follows: \$26,000 project costs, \$4,000 overhead and \$8,000 match for a total project cost of \$38,000.

If you have questions please let Ryan and I know, otherwise indicate with an email to Miriam and I if you support this request or not.

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<b>Bear River ECC – Record of Email Voting  Expedite Funding for 2022 Screen Tender  Vote Called by Stenberg, March 16, 2022</b>		
	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
yes	Lyman	USFS
yes	DeRito	Trout Unlimited
yes	Van Every	IDEQ
	Lewis	Idaho Rivers United
	Rich	Idaho Parks and Rec
yes	Watkins	Idaho Fish and Game
yes	Beatty	BLM
	Osborne	Sho-Ban Tribes
	Rosebrough	National Park Service
yes	Vincent	American Whitewater
	Michalski	Greater Yellowstone
yes	Stenberg	PacifiCorp
yes	Bringhurst	USFWS

**Attachment 2: 2022 Habitat Enhancement Project Proposals (Short Forms)**

**Bear River ECC 2022 Habitat Enhancement Project Proposals (Short Forms)**

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Applicant &amp; ECC Assignments</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>ECC Funding &amp; Overhead Requested</b>	<b>Matching Funds</b>	<b>In-kind Match</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>
Bartschi Stauffer Creek Fish Passage, Riparian, and Aquatic Habitat Improvement, Phase 2	<b>Applicant:</b> Lyman <b>ECC Sponsor:</b> Stenberg <b>Funds Manager:</b> DeRito	Phase 2 implementation: dam removal, stream restoration, fencing, and stock water	\$100,000	\$486,609	\$25,000	\$611,609
Bloomington Paris Cattle Assoc. Stock Well #1	<b>Applicant:</b> Kevin Payne <b>ECC Sponsor:</b> Lyman <b>Funds Manager:</b> Bloomington Paris Cattle Association	Drill well, install solar panels, solar pump, pipeline, and stock trough	\$55,000		\$10,000	\$65,000
Elkhorn Ranch Stauffer Creek Diversions	<b>Applicant:</b> Hillyard <b>ECC Sponsor:</b> Lyman <b>Funds Manager:</b> Watkins	Consolidate two diversions and install a fish screen	\$60,000	\$125,000		\$211,800
Fish Screen Repairs	<b>Applicant:</b> Hillyard <b>ECC Sponsor:</b> Stenberg <b>Funds Manager:</b> Watkins	Annual set-aside to repair and maintain fish screens (\$8,000). Includes an additional \$16,750 for repairs to three screens.	\$24,750			\$24,750
Fish Screen Tender	<b>Applicant:</b> Hillyard <b>ECC Sponsor:</b> Stenberg <b>Funds Manager:</b> Watkins	Operate and maintain all fish screens within the license action area plus a few outside the action area.	\$35,670		\$8,000	\$43,670
Hull Cub River Fencing	<b>Applicant:</b> Jeremiah Hull <b>ECC Sponsor:</b> DeRito <b>Funds Manager:</b> Stenberg	Install 3200 ft of fence, stabilize eroding riverbank, develop spring, install two water troughs	\$27,000		\$34,000	\$61,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$302,420.00</b>			