




DATE: April 29, 2003
 TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)
 FROM: Pete Hassemer, Chair 
 SUBJECT: DRAFT Action Notes for the April 16, 2003 AFC Meeting

AFC Meeting
 April 16, 2003
 CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

Attendees: Pete Hassemer (chair, IDFG), John Palensky (NMFS), Ron Boyce (ODFW), Patty O'Toole (NWPCC) and Tom Iverson (CBFWA)

By Phone: Gary James (CTUIR) and David Johnson (WDFW)

Time Allocation:	Objective 1. Project Recommendations	0%
	Objective 2. Regional Issues	70%
	Objective 3. Annual Report	0%

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

Pete Hassemer provided a brief statement thanking Gary James for acting as Chair of the AFC for the past two and a half years. A plaque will be sent to Gary acknowledging his contributions.

The AFC reviewed the agenda. One additional item was suggested by Tom Iverson regarding development of a Lamprey technical work group.

ACTION: The agenda was approved as written with one exception; a lamprey discussion was added at the end of the agenda.

ITEM 2: Update on FY 2003 Funding and FY 2004-06 Funding Process

The Northwest Power Planning and Conservation Council (NWPPCC) staff and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) staff have been developing a final FY 2003 accrual based budget for the Fish and Wildlife Program. This budget is available on the NWPPCC website and is dated February 21, 2003. No formal process has been established for ground-truthing the budgets in that table with CBFWA recommendations, nor has a process been developed for reviewing and evaluating within-year requests for FY 2003. The current advice Tom Iverson has for project sponsors that need additional funding for 2003 is to contact their state NWPPCC member and staff and request a specific budget modification. Normally requests should go through CBFWA; however, there are currently no tools available, or process identified, that allows a regional prioritization of within-year requests for individual projects. Project sponsors should also work closely with their COTRs if additional funding will be needed this year.

No process has been established for creating the start of year budget for FY 2004 or for establishing out-year budgets for 2005 and 2006. It is clear that the current accrual process does not work for managing and planning budgets. Based on the current accrual information provided by BPA, the most generous predictions demonstrate that BPA will only accrue approximately \$126M of the \$139M available for 2003. It is clear that if BPA truly intends to spend \$139M in Expense for the Direct Program, the region should return to the planning target of \$150M. Also, the planning and management tools that were used during the past MOA should be re-initiated for the duration of the Rate Case (i.e., Start of year budget, unallocated placeholder, carry-over, quarterly review, etc.).

Tom Iverson will prepare a proposal for establishing start of year budgets for FY 2004-2006 and present this information to MMG on April 22, 2003.

ACTION: No action was taken on this item.

ITEM 3: Update on Mainstem and Systemwide Project Selection Process

The NWPPCC staff has started their deliberation on the Mainstem and Systemwide Province project recommendations. The first meeting for project sponsors is scheduled for April 24, 2003. A SPOT meeting is scheduled for April 17 to discuss the current assumptions that Council staff will apply in this province during the project selection process. The SPOT group consists of NWPPCC central staff, NWPPCC state staffs, BPA staff, NOAA staff and CBFWA staff. The Council is targeting their June meeting for a project funding decision for this province. Four RME projects are being proposed by BPA for expedited funding prior to completion of the Mainstem Systemwide project selection.

See the April 22, 2003 MMG update for further details.

ACTION: No action was taken on this item.

ITEM 4: Anadromous Fish Committee role and tasks

With the election of a new chair for the AFC, and with the significant events that have impacted the Fish and Wildlife Program, now is a good time for the AFC to review its role and tasks for the remainder of this year. The RFC has instituted a quarterly project review process to evaluate implementation effectiveness. The WC is considering a similar process. Does the AFC desire to implement a similar project review process? If a review of AFC projects were to occur, it would be

sensible to focus on specific Program areas (i.e., Supplementation, RME, etc.). The programmatic reviews could be scheduled to compliment other reviews ongoing in the region such as the ISAB review of supplementation or the release of the APRE report on hatcheries. This would also provide a tremendous forum to discuss RME coordination.

The group discussed how these reviews may enhance the rolling province review and help to document what we have learned and where we are heading in various programs within the basin. The information could feed into the CBFWA annual report.

ACTION: Tom Iverson and Pete Hassemer will identify Programs and a possible schedule, process, and deliverables for AFC review.

ITEM 5: Pacific Lamprey Technical Work Group

The USFWS has identified possible funding to support a portion of an FTE to coordinate a regional Lamprey Technical Work Group. A work group currently exists that developed the Lamprey Program Summary for the rolling province review. The existing work group has not been formalized and only meets on an ad-hoc basis. The mission for the work could be to coordinate existing projects, guide new efforts, avoid duplication, and would include a larger pool than just BPA funded projects. Gary James is going to have the current lead of the technical work group contact the UWFWS to discuss possibilities in coordinating the group. A key to successful implementation of the Lamprey Technical Work Group would be a BPA commitment to allow travel for coordination.

ACTION: The AFC will discuss this topic at a future meeting.

ITEM 6: Next Meeting

The next AFC is meeting scheduled for **May 28, 2003** from 9 am to 12 noon.

Possible agenda items include:

- 1) CBFWA New Directions White Paper
- 2) Programmatic Review Schedule and Discussion
- 3) Lamprey Work Group Discussion
- 4) Possible Within Year Project Adjustments

Please send in additional agenda items to Tom Iverson prior to May 20, 2003.