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DATE: December 23, 2003  
TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)  
FROM: Pete Hassemer, Chair  For  
SUBJECT: DRAFT Action Notes for the December 16, 2003 AFC Meeting

**If there are no objections within five business days, these actions will be considered final.**

AFC Meeting  
December 16, 2003  
Portland, Oregon

**Draft Action Notes**

**Attendees:** Pete Hassemer (Chair, IDFG), John Palensky (NOAA), and Tom Iverson (CBFWA)

**On Phone:** Dave Statler (NPT) and Jen Stone (USFWS)

<b>Time Allocation:</b>	Objective 1. Project Recommendations	0%
	Objective 2. Regional Issues	80%
	Objective 3. Annual Report	20%

**ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda**

The group reviewed the agenda for today's meeting. The agenda was rearranged to fit in the Lamprey presentation earlier. No additional agenda items were added.

**ACTION:** The agenda was approved and re-ordered.

**ITEM 2: Lamprey Workgroup**

Jen Stone reported on the first meeting of the Lamprey Technical Work Group on December 1, 2003. A total of 14 of 17 members participated in the meeting. The group re-worked the Statement of Purpose with final comments due to Jen on December 23, 2003. The meeting notes will be distributed to AFC. The final version will be sent to AFC. On March 8-9, 2004 the LTWG will be hosting a Technical Workshop at the Water Resources Center in Vancouver, Washington.

**ITEM 2  
continued:**

John asked about getting technical questions to the LTWG. Tom suggested requesting questions from AFC through these action notes, then forwarding them to Jen to submit to the workgroup. If any AFC members have answers to these questions, or have additional questions, please submit them to Tom by December 31, 2003.

- 1) How will reduction in summer spill/flow augmentation affect Lamprey passage and survival?
- 2) How much do we know about Lamprey passage in the mainstem?

**ACTION:** No action was taken on this agenda item.

**ITEM 3: Status and Trends of Adult Salmon Returns**

CBFWA has tentatively scheduled a Technical Conference for February 10-12, 2004 in or near Portland to discuss the status and trends of salmon stocks in the Columbia River. This conference was triggered by the recent presentation on this topic by NPCC staff at a recent meeting and by the power industry sponsored Salmon at a Crossroads conference. Pete Hassemmer will draft an outline for the conference for MMG on December 23, 2003. The group agreed that the most efficient method for organizing and staffing the conference would be to hire a contractor during the month of January that could assist in organizing the conference and compiling and organizing data for the presentations. CBFWA may be able to fund a brief contract. If AFC members have suggestions for possible contractors, please contact Tom Iverson.

**ACTION:** Pete will draft an outline for the conference for MMG on December 23, 2003.

**ITEM 4: Anadromous Fish Project Reviews**

The second AFC Project Implementation Review is scheduled for North Bonneville, WA on January 27-28, 2004. The purpose of the meeting is to evaluate the progress of project sponsors towards accomplishing project objectives/tasks that the AFC reviewed during the Rolling Provincial Review and subsequently recommended for funding to the NPCC. The third review will be scheduled for April 14-15, 2004 in Portland reviewing the Lower Columbia and Estuary Province projects. A complete schedule for the remainder of 2004 will be discussed at the next meeting. *If any AFC members have a preference on the when to visit the remaining provinces, please contact Neil Ward or Tom Iverson.*

The group suggested assigning projects to participants to insure better coverage of all projects at the reviews. Also, Tom was encouraged to call and confirm attendance prior to the meeting.

**ACTION:** Tom and Neil will call AFC member to determine attendance and allocate individual projects for review.

**ITEM 5: Summer Spill Update**

John provided a brief update on the summer spill issue. The Executive Committee met earlier in the week and is waiting for additional information before finalizing a decision. The Spill Committee is finalizing the 4 options and should be complete by Thursday December 18, 2003. Most of the studies will be prohibitively expensive and of very long duration (>50 years). The focus of the meetings is moving towards offsets-actions that can be taken to benefit the survival of stocks that will be adversely affected by the reduction in summer spill. Potential offsets currently include: increase the pike minnow reduction program, spot control of small mouth bass, managing cormorant populations by removing unused piling from the lower river, flow augmentation, O&M for emergency response to fish kills at the dams, and harvest control. The next Executive Committee meeting is in January.

**ACTION:** No action was taken on this agenda item.

**ITEM 6: Update on FY 2004 Budget Process**

Tom will provide an update at MMG on December 23, 2003. No discussion on this topic occurred.

**ACTION:** No action was taken on this agenda item.

**ITEM 7: Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the AFC is scheduled for January 27-28, 2004 at North Bonneville, Washington in conjunction with the AFC Project Implementation Review. Possible agenda items include: 1) Discuss review criteria for project reviews, 2) Discuss project review schedule for remainder of 2004, 3) Discuss presentation on status and trends of adult salmon returns, and 4) Update on spill committee discussions.

Please contact Tom Iverson with additional agenda items.