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Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: March 9, 2009
TO: Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee (AFAC)
FROM: Lynn Hatcher, Chair, and Dave Ward CBFWA staff
SUBJECT: February 24, 2009 AFAC Teleconference Final Action Notes

AFAC Teleconference
February 24, 2009
1:00 PM

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Portland, Oregon, CBFWA Office

Meeting support material are posted at

<http://www.cbfga.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=AFAC&meeting=all>

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Dave Ward (CBFWA), Ken MacDonald (CBFWA), Binh Quan (CBFWA), Tom Rien (ODFW), Dave Statler (NPT)

By Phone: Lynn Hatcher (NOAA), Teresa Scott (WDFW), Alan Byrne (IDFG), Kurt Tardy (SBT), Ron Rhew (USFWS), Sean Quigley (USGS), Jen Bayer (USGS)

Time	Objectives 1. Committee Participation	100%
Allocation:	Objectives 2. Technical Review	0%
	Objectives 3. Presentation	0%

ITEM 1: Introductions

ITEM 2: Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Agenda was approved with some re-ordering of items to accommodate schedules.

ITEM 3: Approve Action Notes from January 16, 2009 AFAC Teleconference

ACTION: Action Notes were approved.

ITEM 4: Protocol Manager/Library

Discussion: Sean Quigley, PNAMP Data Steward with the USGS, gave a presentation on PNAMP's Protocol Library. The library will provide guidelines for monitoring protocols. PNAMP will host a series of meetings in the coming weeks to introduce and receive input on the library. Details are in the presentation provided by Sean.

ACTION: No action required.

ITEM 5: Coordinated Regional Aquatic Monitoring

Discussion: Ken MacDonald briefed the AFAC on discussions/progress regarding official formation of an M&E Advisory Committee. A proposal for coordination of M&E has been drafted.

ACTION: No action required.

ITEM 6: Assignment from Members Regarding Analysis of Relationships Between Subbasin Objectives and Basin-wide Goals

Discussion: At their January 21-22, 2009 meeting in Boise, the Members assigned the AFAC to work with the MAG to develop strategies to (1) identify how the 5 million fish goal was established by the Northwest Power Planning Council (Council) for the 1987 Fish and Wildlife Program, (2) summarize how current objectives have been established, and (3) develop criteria for establishing population goals (including broad sense recovery).

Dave Ward briefed the AFAC on part (1) of the assignment. Dave learned that Council staff applied a commonly used (at the time) ratio of ocean catch to Columbia River run size to estimate average total abundance of Columbia Basin fish in the 1977-81 period. This resulted in an average annual estimate of 2.5 million fish (including ocean catch) during this period. The interim goal was established by doubling this run size estimate. Subsequently, Dave obtained directly estimated run sizes from joint WDFW/ODFW reports, which indicate that the average number of Columbia Basin fish from 1977-81, including ocean catch, was closer to 2.0 million fish.

The AFAC discussed the differences in the estimates, and the potential use of the updated information. The AFAC determined that the assignment should be completed before further discussion or recommendations.

ACTION: Dave will use the detailed information already obtained for the objectives analysis to complete a draft of part (2) of the assignment prior to the next AFAC meeting. The AFAC will review this summary, and discuss how to complete part (3).

ITEM 7: Status of the Resource Report

Discussion: Dave provided a brief update on progress, and asked AFAC members to be prepared to review a revised table of limiting factors, and the review appropriate section of the SOTR report for accuracy.

ACTION: No action required.

ITEM 8: Next Meeting Teleconference

The next teleconference will be sometime between March 23 and April 3. Dave will send out a notice asking for preferred dates.