


November 4, 1999

TO: Members Steering Group

FROM: Brian Allee 

SUBJECT: 10/6/99 MSG Action Notes

**MEMBERS STEERING GROUP
MEETING & CONFERENCE CALL**

**Wednesday, October 6, 1999
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
Conference Line 1 312 470-7422 x 17859**

ACTION NOTES

Participants: Fred Olney and Hugh Morrison, USFWS; Gary James and Carl Scheeler, CUITR; Jenene Rataseppe and Bob Foster, WDFW; Bert Bowler and Michele Beaucler; IDFG; Lynn Hatcher and Bill Bradley, YIN; Keith Kutchins and Lionel Boyer; SBT; Ray Entz, KT; Dave Statler, NPT; John Palensky, NMFS; Susan Barnes, ODFW; Tom Giese, Kathie Titzler, Brian Allee, Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson and Neil Ward, CBFWA/F.

Discussion: Two changes were made to the agenda 1) Wildlife Caucus requested agenda item 4 be removed and discussed at the November MSG meeting; 2) MSG added the selection of the November MSG meeting date to the agenda.

ITEM 1: Two Requests for Additional Funding

- Teanaway Instream Flow Project
- Pendleton Acclimation Ponds Project

Discussion: Tom Giese said the AFM had an emergency meeting on 10/4/99 to discuss these two requests and took the following action:

- Teanaway Instream Flow Restoration Project request for an additional \$2.7 million – the AFM concurred with this request and recommended that the additional funds come from FY 2000 surplus funds that accrue in FY 2000. No recommended FY 2000 projects should be deferred as a result.

- Pendleton Acclimation Ponds Project request for an additional \$481,499 – the AFM concurred with this request and recommended that the additional funds be transferred from carry-forward associated with Project #8805301 (NE Oregon Hatchery Master Plan). Si Whitman (NPT) and Bruce Eddy (ODFW), who represent the project managers, agreed to this transfer.

Draft letters to Todd Maddock, NWPPC supporting each request and approved by the AFM were presented to the MSG for their review and approval.

ACTION: The MSG recommended clarifying the language that Yakima understands the risk and is not recommending that FY 2000 projects get deferred to make the additional funds available. MSG recommended the draft letters be sent to the Members for consent mail approval.

ITEM 2: Approval of Agenda and Briefing Materials for the 10/25/99 Principals Meeting

- Cover Letter
- Draft Agenda
- Background & Purpose Summary
- CBFWA Vision and Proposed Process
- Transition Strategy for Subbasin Plans
- Decision Paper

Discussion: Tom Giese summarized the above briefing materials and asked the MSG for their input and suggestions. On the Background & Purpose Summary (slide presentation) the MSG made edits to slide 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 14, 17, and 21. In the Transition Strategy for Subbasin Plans, MSG recommended that CBFWA staff pare down the Transition Strategy Paper to key points and include a proposal for FY 2001 funding. Some MSG members continued to express concern about the Transition Strategy and the Decision Paper.

ACTION: MSG recommended the ad hoc Commitment Group get together after the MSG meeting and go over all the concerns expressed at the meeting, revise the materials, and direct staff to then forward the revised material to the Principals for the 10/25/99 meeting.

ITEM 3: Approval of the CBFWA FY 2000 Work Plan

ACTION: Based on the concerns expressed in Item 2, the MSG recommended the ad hoc Commitment Group discuss this issue after the meeting also.

ITEM 4: Approval of the Wildlife Caucus' Transmittal Letter and M&E Report

ACTION: At the request of the Wildlife Caucus, this item was removed from the agenda.

ITEM 5: MOA Update and Strategy Discussion

Discussion: Tom Giese stated that there would be a conference call after the MSG meeting for the ad hoc MOA work group. Currently Tom indicated that if the fish and wildlife managers wanted to get money out of the MOA it would take more than just talking to BPA. It is the view of Donna Darm, NMFS and Howard Funke, Attorney for the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Tribes that the position currently taken by BPA runs counter to the intent of the MOA agreement.

ACTION: Fred Olney urged anyone that is interested to call in on the MOA conference call.

ITEM 6: Discussion of APR Hatchery & Genetic Management Plan Form

Discussion: Neil Ward explained that the RFM hadn't had a chance to review the template, so the APR decided to attach the caveat that the HGMP template is out for review. The comment deadline is 11/8/99. Brian Allee said that the report to Congress will indicate that the APR PS&I and the HGMP are still out for review.

ITEM 7: Update on Lamprey Plan – Gary James, AFM Chair

Discussion: Gary James indicated that it is Appendix F in the DAIWP and we should change the name. It lists the project needs and lists critical needs each project is addressing so it is the plan or basis that Gary thought the NWPPC wanted.

ACTION: Gary James will work with Tom Iverson to formalize the document and transmit it to the NWPPC with a cover memo. Gary will make sure that NWPPC Program recommendations will be referred to in the letter. MSG said this doesn't need to be a consent mail item and directed Tom Iverson and Gary James to take care of it.

ITEM 8: Next MSG Meeting Date

ACTION: Since the next MSG meeting date falls on a date the NWPPC is meeting, the MSG rescheduled their next meeting to November 10, 1999.