


October 19, 2000

TO: Members Management Group

FROM: Brian Allee 

SUBJECT: Draft 10/12/00 MMG Action Notes

**MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP
MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL**

**October 12, 2000
9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
CBFWA, Portland, OR**

DRAFT ACTION NOTES

Objectives: 1 = 16% FSOC = 16%
 3 = 4% Charter = 64%

Attendees: John Palensky, NMFS; Michele DeHart, FPC; Howard Schaller, USFWS; Ron Boyce, ODFW; Lynn Hatcher, YN; Bob Foster, WDFW; Ronald L. Peters, CdAT; Joe Mentor, Attorney, Tom Iverson, Kathie Titzler, Brian Allee, Jann Eckman, Tom Giese, CBFWA/F

By Phone: Bert Bowler, IDFG; Joe Peone, CCT; B.J. Kieffer, STI; Brian Marotz, MDFW&P

ITEM 1: Review Draft Amended Charter

Discussion: Joe reviewed the background of the draft Charter document, the formation of the ad hoc Charter committee, and the committee's assignments which were to:

- caudify the Charter amendments adopted at the December 1999 Members meeting;
 - eliminate the redundancies (reformat document);
 - improve the decision-making and consensus definition and process.
- Joe reviewed the draft document page by page, pointing out the changes the committee made and the recommended changes Bill Tweitt, WDFW recommended. The committee did not make Bill's changes, because it was felt they were out of the committee's scope of authority and we needed direction from the MMG.

ACTION: The MMG reviewed the document page by page, revising and editing each section as necessary. The MMG directed Joe to make those changes and forward the draft Charter, along with a cover memo summarizing the changes and decision points, to the Members for their consideration and action at the 10/25 & 26/00 Members Meeting.

ITEM 2: MMG Action on FY 2000 Budget Requests

- *Change of scope modification and reallocation of \$2,500 for Project #199901400;*
- *ODFW request for \$170,000 budget modification to Project #8805305 to accommodate activities associated with Master Planning in Northeast Oregon;*
- *CTWSRO request for \$25,000 to conduct appraisals and related surveys for five-habitat acquisition projects.*

Discussion: Tom Iverson reviewed the three requests and the AFC recommendation. Bob indicated that WDFW would also have a proposal to put forth associated with the Northeast Oregon Master Planning activities and he just wanted to provide a “heads up.” Regarding the CTWSRO request, Ron Peters did not object but wanted it noted that the MMG should be careful about setting a precedent in approving projects that did not go through the established process.

ACTION: MMG approved the requests to be forwarded to the Members for consent mail approval.

ITEM 3: FY 2001 Budget

Discussion: Tom Giese said briefly summarized what had taken place since the 10/6/00 MMG emergency conference call. The consent mail letter was approved through consent mail, signed and presented by Chairman, Lionel Boyer, to the NWPPC at their Fish 4 meeting on 10/10/00. Brian said the presentation went well and the NWPPC agreed:

- not to allocate the \$7.3M
- to discuss the projects that need to be reconciled at the Quarterly Review;
- to have a staff to staff technical meeting to flag the issues to take to the Quarterly Review;
- to have a policy meeting to discuss the issues stated in the letter, and;
- recommended Doug Marker set up the policy meeting.

Tom Giese said he has a draft memo on what needs to be done prior to the Quarterly Review to send to the fish and wildlife managers. Tom Giese requested that the managers to talk to their COTR's and let him know of the projects that have been cut, that way if the issue doesn't come up at the Quarterly Review, TG can bring it up.

ACTION: MMG will provide Tom Giese with a list of projects that were cut and contact their COTR's. MMG recommended that after the Quarterly Review, the staff "flesh out" the policy issues so the Members can discuss them with Eric Bloch, NWPPC, at the CBFWA Members meeting. Brian was directed to schedule a time for the Members to meet with the Fish 4 on 11/1/00 to discuss the policy issues.

ITEM 4: Future of FSOC

Discussion: Frank summarized his briefing memo. He said the group is doing useful activities, but there is disinterest in completing the annual report, as it doesn't seem to be used. Frank said that each state has the data but there is no combined database. Howard said that from a Fish and Wildlife Service perspective, this database would be essential in terms of bulltrout. This is a high priority in the All-H approach. If the mechanism is there to make it easy for managers to access the states' database, this project shouldn't be discontinued. MMG felt this effort should be "recharged." Michele said that the MMG is describing a new focus – an updated database to use in management decisions, not just a report as originally was the focus. So, a new scope for FSOC should be developed.

ACTION: MMG directed Frank to assemble and facilitate an ad hoc FSOC work group to "scope out" the following assignments.

- Complete the annual reports for 1998 and 1999 (with help from WDFW in bringing the reports up-to-date);
- Add MDFW&P, USFWS and Tribes;
- Review and modify the scope of work and mission;
- Add anadromous and resident fish basin wide;
- Web based database linked to states, include water quality where exists(or identify if irrigation) and GIS database;
- Identify funding needs.

The FSOC ad hoc group is to provide a status report at the November MMG meeting.

ITEM 5: October 25 & 26, 2000 Members Meeting

ACTION: Rearrange agenda to have the Charter discussion on the first day and that the meeting can be adjourned at 2:00 p.m. on the second day in order to make the flight schedules.

ITEM 6: Next Meeting

ACTION: Next meeting will be October 30th, from 1 to 4 pm at CBFWA.