


November 8, 2000

TO: Members Management Group
FROM: Tom Iverson 
SUBJECT: Draft 11/3/00 MMG Meeting Action Notes

**MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP
MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL
November 3, 2000
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
CBFWA Office, Portland, OR**

DRAFT ACTION NOTES

Attendees: Dave Ward, ODFW; John Palensky, NMFS; Tom Giese, Tom Iverson, Brian Allee, and Neil Ward, CBFWA

By Phone: Bert Bowler, IDFG; Gary James and Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Bob Foster, WDFW; Howard Schaller, USFWS; Ron Peters, CdAT; Sue Ireland, KTI; Dave Statler, NPT; Amos First Raised, BPT; and Theodora Strong, YN

Obj. #2 = 90%; Obj. #4 = 10%

ITEM 1: Rolling Province Review - Columbia Gorge and Intermountain Province Project Recommendations

Discussion: Brian Allee indicated that CBFWA should clarify for the NWPPC that NMFS as CBFWA member is part of a consensus process which will produce a recommended list of projects and budget for the Gorge and Intermountain Provinces. This action, however, does not imply that NMFS is agreeing that all off-site mitigation responsibilities have been met by BPA.

ACTION: It was agreed that NMFS will write a clarification letter to the NWPPC correcting unrealistic expectations that the NWPPC has regarding the FY

2001 budget and that this topic will be discussed at the NMFS and NWPPC meeting on November 8. Tom Giese will attend this meeting.

Discussion: Tom Iverson provided a detailed review of the two province reviews and resulting recommendations (see memo dated November 2, 2000). There was considerable debate as to how the recommendation should be presented to NWPPC. The concern is that the Columbia Gorge Province Budget Work Group categorized projects based on four priorities (Urgent, High Priority, Recommended Action and Do Not Fund), whereas, the Inter-mountain Province Budget Work Group categorized projects according to three priorities (Fund - Ongoing projects, Fundable - New projects and Do Not Fund). The MMG wished to insure that the project recommendations were consistent between provinces and therefore directed the Intermountain Province Budget Work Group (with RFC and WC members) to reconvene and apply the four budget priorities to the Intermountain projects.

- ACTION:**
- 1) CBFWA staff will prepare a province summary that recommends funding all projects that did not receive a "Do Not Fund" in the CBFWA review. CBFWA will recommend that all of these projects should be initiated and funded within the next three years if full funding is not available in FY 2001. Attached to the province summary would be each of the subbasin summaries that provide three budget prioritization categories (Urgent/High Priority, Recommended, and Do Not Fund) for all projects. If a province budget value is established by NWPPC or BPA that falls within a budget category (ie. some but not all projects within a category could be funded), all projects within that budget category should be sent back to CBFWA for further prioritization.
 - 2) The MMG adopted the proposed budget prioritization categories and definitions provided in the memo dated October 9, 2000 for CBFWA to use in the project review process for the NWPPC Rolling Province Review. The categories will be for internal use only and the definitions and groupings may be modified in future recommendations to NWPPC.
 - 3) The MMG will meet again on Thursday November 9, 2000 to review and approve the CBFWA project recommendations and subbasin summaries for the Columbia Gorge and Inter-mountain Provinces, realizing that the packet will require an abbreviated consent mail turnaround.