

February 2, 2001

TO: Members Management Group (MMG)

FROM: Brian Allee

SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes from the January 29 MMG Meeting

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

## Members Management Group Meeting January 29, 2001, 1pm – 4pm CBFWA Office, Portland, OR

## **Draft Action Notes**

Attendees: Ron Boyce, ODFW; Mick Jennings, CTWSRO; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Brian

Allee, Tom Iverson, Tom Giese, Kathie Titzler and Tana Klum, CBFWA.

**By phone:** Brian Marotz, MDFW&P; Howard Schaller, USFWS; Lynn Hatcher, YN; Guy

Dodson, SPT; Sue Ireland, KTI; Dave Statler, NPT; Bill Tweit, WDFW; BJ

Keifer, STI; Chad Colter, SBT; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Bert Bowler, IDFG; Amos

First-Raised III, BPT.

Time Objective 1. FY 2001 Renewal Process 75%

**allocation** Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries 0%

Objective 3. FY 2000 Adjustments 8%
Objective 4. Template for watershed and subbasin assessment and plan 17%

Objective 5. Coordinate program amendments 0%

ITEM 1: Policy Forum – Plan for the Plan

Discussion: CBFWA Members need to find out the expectations of the Council as to subbasin

plan content, the process and schedule. Currently it is not clear, and there needs to

be more collaborative discussions between CBFWA, the NWPPC and BPA.

Brian also reported that the meeting of the Regional Data Management Committee (RDMC) was well attended. Carl Scheeler said it seemed that the NWPPC and

NMFS were taking the lead in this effort in the future.

Action:

MMG Members volunteering to participate in the round table discussion with the NWPPC on February 6 include: Guy Dodson and SPT Tribal council members, Bill Tweit, CBFWA Chairman Rod Sando and Bert Bowler, Ed Bowles, ODFW, Amos First-Raised and the BPT Chair, BJ Keifer and STI Tribal council members, and a NMFS representative. Roy Sampsel will also participate and Carl Scheeler will attend to discuss RDMC and ensure that the effort is moving forward and that the participating agencies, Tribes and organizations are in agreement.

MMG will provide Brian and Tana with subbasin recommendations by close of business Wednesday, January 31. This material will be sent to the MMG and Members on Friday, February 2. A briefing with the Columbia Basin Tribal Policy members to prepare for the round table discussion at the February 6 NWPPC meeting is being planned in conjunction with their Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) meeting in Portland the week of February 5-8.

## ITEM 2: FY 01 Budget – Develop Recommendations for NWPPC

Discussion:

The NWPPC is scheduled to make a decision on the Gorge and Intermountain Provinces at their meeting February 6-7. CBFWA needs to define what the funding needs are versus the NWPPC recommending an arbitrary amount.

Another example would be the High Priority project recommendations scheduled for Consent Mail distribution today (1/29). The transmittal memo needs to address Mary Verner's concerns regarding full needs funding.

There is an opportunity to discuss this issue including funding for the Provincial Review Process, Subbasin Planning, Land and Water Trust Fund and High Priority projects at the round table discussion with the NWPPC February 6.

Action: No action taken.

## ITEM 3: Review Draft CBFWA Recommendations on High Priority Projects

Discussion:

The MMG reviewed the AFC recommendations on the 16 projects held over from the January 24 Consent Mail. There were comments on several projects, mostly on the ranking of the Arrowleaf acquistion as an HP "B". Since the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) had provided bridge funding to aquire the property, the AFC felt the project had lost its urgency for funding.

Ron Boyce recommended emphasizing more that the focus is on the John Day River for project #23065.

Dave Statler agreed with Mary Verner's suggestion to incorporate the "big picture" of funding needs in the transmittal letter.

Action:

Tom Giese will make the requested ranking changes (for project specifics, please contact Tom Giese). Giese will work with BJ Keifer to draft a transmittal letter to the NWPPC that addresses Mary Verner's request, including the need to discuss all funding at the February 6 round table meeting with the NWPPC. The letter will state that the NWPPC has under-budgeted this category, request additional funds for next year, and ask for further clarification from the NWPPC in the future.

The Arrowleaf project was changed from an HP "B" to an HP "A", as many MMG felt the relationship with TPL and their ability to provide bridge funding does not

negate the funding recommendations of the agencies and Tribes.

A Consent Mail on the 16 projects will be sent January 29, with objections due to CBFWA close of business January 31. The final High Priority Projects transmittal letter, report and list of recommended projects will be delivered to the NWPPC on Thursday, February 1.

ITEM 3b: Rick Page Ranch

Discussion: The request for funding this high priority project was originally \$935K. The

actual funding request is \$1.5 million (Susan Barnes memo 1/29).

Action: Modify the budget as discussed and include in the Consent Mail package for

distribution January 29.

ITEM 4: Review Yakama Nation Budget Modification Request for Mid-Columbia

Coho

Action: Distribute to Members as Consent Mail.

**ITEM 5:** Next MMG Meeting

Action: The next MMG meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. February 8 at the

CBFWA office in Portland.

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