




June 6, 2001

TO: Members Management Group

FROM: Brian Allee 

SUBJECT: Draft 5/31/01 MMG Action Notes

**MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP  
EMERGENCY MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL  
May 31, 2001  
9:00 – 12:00 noon  
CBFWA Office, Portland, OR**

**Draft Action Notes**

**Attendees:** Fred Olney, USFWS; Bert Bowler, IDFG; John Palensky, NMFS; Kathie Titzler, Jann Eckman, Brian Allee, Neil Ward, Tom Iverson, Frank Young, Tom Giese, CBFWA/F

**By Phone:** Mary Verner, ST; Sue Ireland, KTI, Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Theodora Strong, YIN; Chad Colter, SBT; Amos First Raised III, BPT; Ron Peters, CdAT; B.J. Keiffer, ST; Dave Statler, NPT; Russ Thurow, USFS

<b>Time</b>	Objective 1. FY 2002 Renewal Process	39%
<b>Allocation:</b>	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	0%
	Objective 3. FY 2001 Adjustments	56%

**ITEM 1: Mainstem Program Amendments**

**Discussion:** Tom Giese presented the draft letter and indicated that CRITFC wanted to add language that in addition to the BiOps, the NWPPC should be following other plans such as CRITFC's plan. However, since some recommendations in those other plans conflict with NMFS's BiOp recommendations, John and Tom Giese will try and craft some language to include those plans except where they differ, the BiOP governs.

**ACTION:** Tom Giese will revise the wording based on the MMG's recommendations. He will then send the revised draft letter to the MMG for consent mail approval – deadline of June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEM 2: FY 2001 Budget**

**- Review and discuss current CBFWA Budget Request**

**Discussion:** Kathie indicated that the budget has now been reduced by 25%. Brian said that there is a meeting on Monday, June 04, 2001, with Tom Karier, Larry Cassidy,

the Washington Tribes and WDFW to discuss the modified budget request for subbasin summaries. John Brogoitti and Eric Bloch support this request and it is key to get the Washington Council member's support. The NWPPC is going to be making a decision on the subbasin funding issue at the 6/5&6 NWPPC meeting and this is an opportunity to speak out in support of this request.

**ACTION:** Kathie will put out another all points bulletin requesting bills be submitted.

**ADDED ITEM:** **Review within-year budget request for project #199902000 as recommended by the Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)**

**Discussion:** MMG reviewed two budget modification requests submitted by the USFS for project #199902000, "*Analyzing the Persistence and Spatial Dynamics of Snake River Chinook Salmon*," one for \$24K and a second more thorough request for \$87K. The \$87K request would replace the first request, not add to it. Dave requested that the \$87K request be discussed further by the AFC before taking any further action here.

**ACTION:** The MMG took the following actions:

- approved the \$24K budget modification request and recommended it be forwarded to the Members for consent mail approval;
- directed Tom Iverson convene an emergency AFC conference call to discuss the \$87K budget modification request so action could be taken at the next (6/14/01) MMG meeting.

**ITEM 3: BPA Power System Emergency Project Solicitation**

**Discussion:** Tom Giese said that the solicitation request ended 5/25/01. The list of project proposals will be posted on the BPA website on 5/31. Giese asked MMG if it would be a worthwhile effort to put together comments on the proposed recommendations to send to BPA. For instance, a general comment would be that it is an inadequate amount of money to mitigate for no spill this year and this should be evaluated for the future. Mary Verner said the fish and wildlife managers must continue to provide leadership in pushing for a fish and wildlife budget that is adequate to meet fish and wildlife needs in the Program.

**ACTION:** As soon as the information is available from BPA, MMG requested Giese to prepare a table and send it to the MMG. Could integrate the response Mary Verner is recommending in a draft letter to the BPA solicitation.

**ITEM 4: AFC Request to Form an Ad Hoc Committee to Review Habitat Projects**

**Discussion:** MMG discussed the idea of creating a cross-committee habitat acquisition committee.

**ACTION:** MMF directed Frank to send out to the MMG the draft Fish & Wildlife Habitat Committee Charter for the MMG to review. This agenda item will be discussed at the 6/14/01 MMG meeting.