



January 9, 2002

TO: MMG Participants

FROM: Pete Hassemer, Chair
Lynn Hatcher, Second Chair

SUBJECT: Draft MMG Action Notes, January 9, 2002

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Attendees: Brian Allee, Frank Young, Tom Giese, Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson, Tana Klum, Kathie Titzler, and Mary Marvin (all from CBFWA), John Palensky (NMFS), Fred Olney (USFWS), Pete Hassemer (IDFG), Phil Roger (CRITFC), Lynn Hatcher (YN), Tony Nigro and Susan Barnes (ODFW), Catriona Block (CRITFC)

By Phone: Carol Perugini (SPT), Dave Statler (NPT), Chad Colter (SBT), Sue Ireland (KTOI), Bill Tweit (WDFW), Chris Hunter (MFWP), Gary James and Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Mary Verner (STI), Bill Wiles (UCUT)

Time Allocation:	Objective 1. FY 2002 Renewal Process	%
	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	%
	Objective 3. FY 2001 Adjustments	%

Agenda Announcements, Additions, Changes

- Kathie Titzler reminded all participants that the contract year ends on January 31 and all invoices must be received by February 28, 2002. There is quite a bit of money unspent.
- Dave Statler requested that a new item be added to address the Blue Mountain Prioritization Process, which will be discussed by Council on Friday, January 11.
- Chris Hunter requested Item 5 be moved to Item 2.

ITEM 1: FY03 - 05 CBFWA Work Plan Strategy and Discussion

Discussion: The first part of the Power Point presentation is an overview of tasks for FY 03-05 funding; the second is the new assessment tasks.

Tom Giese made the first part presentation. The purpose of the overview is to encourage members to decide what they want CBFWA to do in the fiscal years 2003 – 2005.

Objective 1: Improve Fish and Wildlife Planning. More emphasis needs to be placed on deliverables.

Objective 2: Improve Implementation of the F&W Program. This bullet might be used to take an educative role with a wider range of people.

Objective 3: Improve Accountability of Implementation. This bullet is meant to address getting the project sponsors, the COTRs and Council staff to monitor problem areas so that processing projects can be done more smoothly.

Frank Young went through the second part, New Assessments. The ad hoc work group tried to present the work statement so it would be useful to members as a document for feedback. The goal was to set up a standard approach for subbasin planning, using specific attributes, and make this standard available for guidance throughout the Basin.

There was some confusion on exactly what was entailed in an M&E plan and what it meant in terms of CBFWA. Susan Barnes felt a HEP team should be funded; Fred Olney suggested building an M&E plan into overhead rather than requesting specific funding for it from BPA. Tony Nigro said that the plan must characterize the changes that are bringing us from where we are now to where we want to be. The lack of empirical information means assumptions must be made, and CBFWA has expertise in making valid assumptions. CBFWA could then partner with others in the Basin to support the Council and BPA in developing M&E in the Basin.

Fred Olney felt the entire document needed more specific wording.

Phil Roger informed the MMG that there is a Subbasin Planning Forum that has been developed by the Council that appears to be competing directly with CBFWA. Tony believes that CBFWA can continue its objectives and not conflict with the Forum.

The current schedule is:

1/15 – Presentation to the Strategic Planning Work Group

- Individual discussions with the Council on strategies
- Refine the presentation

1/29 – Presentation to the Members

- Refine further

3/5 – Presentation to Fish 4

- Continue refinements

4/4 – Submit to BPA

- Due dates for receiving summaries has been extended

Frank revised the main task as follows:

Prepare an Annual Stock Status and Habitat Assessment Report.

- Develop standardized attributes for characterizing to allow comparability among subbasins
- Develop standardized format

Mary Verner suggested the first slide in the presentation identify the needs.

Tom Giese solicited other ideas from the members regarding what they would like CBFWA to do for them. Suggestions need to be submitted prior to the Members Meeting on January 29 and 30. Ideas already submitted are:

1. Act as a consultant.
2. Advocate for fish and wildlife resources.
3. Go back to our roots: provide an opportunity for co-managers to meet and explore their similarities rather than their differences.

John Palensky suggested making the CBFWA web page offer more member-authored materials to make CBFWA more visible. He volunteered himself as the first person to gather articles from members basin-wide.

ITEM 2: Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters

ITEM 3: Selective Harvest – Tangle Net Recommendation – Proj. 200100700

Discussion: This is a within-year request for FY02 funding to carry the project through the two years until it comes up for Rolling Provincial Review. FY02 money is available. The placeholder status is unknown.

ACTION: The request for funding is approved and the letter written by Tom Iverson will be finalized and sent out as a Consent Mail to the members. Response to the Consent Mail will be expected by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 14.

ITEM 4: FY02 Start-of-Year Budget Modification Requests

- Discussion:
- Project 20005500 – project removed from agenda at the request of the Nez Perce Tribe
 - Project 20005600, Project 199800800 and Project 199604200 – These projects are out of sync with the funding process. Long term viability will be discussed in the Rolling Provincial Review.
 - Project 199202200 – see above

- ACTIONS
- The letters written by Tom Iverson for projects 20005600, 199800800 and 199604200 have been approved. They will be finalized and sent out as Consent Mails to the members, with responses due the CBFWA by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 14.
 - The letter written by Tom Iverson for Project 199202200 will be revised. All references to Systemwide will be deleted, and funding through the Columbia Plateau placeholder will be recommended.

ITEM 5: Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area Additions Project – FYI

Wildlife crediting issues are numerous and unresolved. The request is for support, not for money. The Nez Perce Tribe has concerns, so the issue of crediting will be discussed by the tribe and brought to the attention of the MMG at a later date.

ITEM 6: The Blue Mountain Prioritization Process

Discussion: Neither NMFS nor USFWS has been invited to the Blue Mountain process meeting, although pertinent projects will be discussed.

ACTION: This item be added to the January 15 Members Meeting, and be sure it has been added to the Council's January 11th agenda.

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