



DATE: February 27, 2002  
 TO: Members Management Group  
 FROM: Lynn Hatcher, Chair *Jann Eckman Goz*  
 SUBJECT: Draft MMG Action Notes from 2/15/02

MMG Action Notes  
 February 12, 2002

**Attendees:** Frank Young, Mary Marvin, Kathie Titzler, Neil Ward, Tom Iverson, Tom Giese, Jann Eckman (CBFWA); Gary James (CTUIR); Lynn Hatcher (YN); Susan Barnes (ODFW); John Palensky (NMFS);

**By Phone:** Chad Colter (SBT); Chris Hunter (MDFWP); Pete Hassemer (IDFG); Carl Scheeler (CTUIR); Mary Verner (STI); Amos FirstRaised (BPT); Ron Peters (CDAT); Paul Ashley (WDFW)

<b>Time Allocation:</b>	Objective 1. FY 2002 Renewal Process	0%
	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	90%
	Objective 3. FY 2001 Adjustments	0%

**Additional Item**      **Comments on BPA “Draft Proposed Interim Policy for BPA Funding of Mitigation Activities on Federal Lands”**

This item was added to the agenda. The agenda was modified as follows.

**ITEM 1: NWPPC 2/5-7/02 Meeting Update**

Discussion      Tom Giese and Frank Young responded to questions relating to their notes on the subject Council meeting that were distributed earlier.

Susan Barnes stated that she met with John Brogoitti and Eric Bloch on 2/14 and secured time on the April Council schedule in Boise to discuss Wildlife Committee concerns on wildlife project implementation including crediting.

**ACTION:**      CBFWA staff has developed a draft response to the Kempton/Bloch memo. This response will be distributed to the MMG for review, and will be discussed at the next MMG meeting.

**ITEM 2: CBFWA FY2003-05 Update**

Discussion Tom Giese gave a general overview of the results of the January 29-30 Members meeting where recommended ongoing and new tasks were supported. Frank Young stated that the ad hoc SOW Work Group have been working to flesh out the details of the new Annual Evaluation Report task.

Members of the group were surprised to learn that WDFW had submitted a proposal to the Council for funding approval but has not coordinated this proposal with other CBFWA members. Frank had hoped that Dave and Bill Tweit would be available by telephone for the meeting today, but they did not call in on the conference line. Frank said that the ad hoc Work Group would work with WDFW to assure that the WDFW proposal and the CBFWA proposal were complementary. The two proposals will be discussed at the next MMG meeting.

ACTION: MMG agreed to change the date for distribution of the draft CBFWA FY 2003-05 Project Proposal from 2/19 to 3/6/02. The Members will review the document on 3/19 at their meeting.

**ITEM 3: BPA F&W 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Review 2/7/02 Meeting Update**

Discussion Tom Iverson reported that the individual Resident Fish, Wildlife and Anadromous Fish placeholders have been reduced to one (which has anywhere from \$2M to \$20M), plus a few for Council and BPA special projects. There are no individual province placeholders. Eight projects with within-year budget requests have been identified and will be going through the process. These will be reviewed at the next MMG meeting.

Council staff has suggested reviewing budget modification requests twice a year, as opposed to the current schedule of 4 times a year. If the new schedule is implemented, it will be necessary to determine what will constitute a funding emergency. CBFWA has been asked to formalize the process by writing both schedules out in detail and posting them to the CBFWA web site.

**ITEM 4: Comments on BPA “Draft Proposed Interim Policy for BPA Funding of Mitigation Activities on Federal Lands”**

Discussion This document addresses the “in lieu” question. BPA is laying out the criteria projects must meet to qualify for BPA funds. There is no new federal work, only maintenance of current projects. BPA wants to make a decision on this by the end of March. It is possible that this decision would apply to BIA lands and State lands. Paul Ashley recommended the addition of exclusionary language. Tom G. recommended that tribes have their attorneys review this document.

ACTIONS:

- CBFWA staff will send this document out again for those who did not receive it the first time.
- CBFWA will develop a Consent Mail responding to BPA’s intent to

limit project funding on federal lands and requesting that BPA include exclusionary language in the document to protect BIA lands and State lands. Comments from the Members must be received by 2/27; the Consent Mail will be sent to Members on 3/1; the approved request will be submitted to BPA on 3/8.

**ITEM 5: Mainstem/Systemwide Province Program Summary Review Update**

The summaries have been delayed again, this time for 3 weeks, to allow the Council and BPA to develop a solicitation letter. Proposals are currently due on approximately 4/24.

The Council and BPA want input before the process begins to help them determine what projects will best address the identified needs. John Palensky said that the AFC has accomplished this in the past. He stated that NMFS could write a “gaps” letter that identifies the gaps in the kinds of proposals submitted. He felt that such a letter could be ready to send to the Council and BPA, but that BPA might be willing to delay the proposal due date if they knew that assistance was forthcoming from CBFWA.

Susan Barnes requested inclusion of the FWS BiOp, including habitat, and others requested the inclusion of resident fish, anadromous fish, and wildlife, as well as funding for people to perform the actual work.

**ACTION** The AFC, the RFC, and the WC will each write a “gap paper to help focus the Mainstem/Systemwide proposal solicitation that will offer guidance to BPA in addressing their request for “front end” project information. Tom Iverson will create a “white paper,” which would be submitted to the MMG for approval and sent to BPA by April 11, 2002.

**REMINDER** Kathie Titzler reminded everyone that the current CBFWA contract is closed and any outstanding invoices must be submitted to her by COB February 28. The FY2002 CBFWA contract is in BPA’s Contracting Office. When Kathie receives it, she will send back-dated contracts to the members.

**ITEM 6: Next Meeting**

March 14, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Portland CBFWA office.

**REMINDER** The next Members meeting is on March 19 in Spokane.