




August 7, 2002

TO: Members Management Group (MMG)
FROM: Rod Sando 
SUBJECT: Revised Draft 8/8/02 MMG Agenda

**MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP
MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL**

**Thursday, August 8, 2002
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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Revised Draft Agenda

- ITEM 1:** **Budget Review – Tom Giese, CBFWA**
9:00-10:15am
- Uncommitted placeholder
 - Capital budget plan
 - Accelerated funding for capital projects
 - SOY budget process
- ITEM 2:** **Within-Year Budget Modification Guidelines – Neil Ward, CBFWA**
10:15-10:45am
- Review and approve for Members consent mail approval
- ITEM 3:** **Mainstem and Systemwide Province Project Review Process – Tom Iverson, CBFWA**
10:45-11:15am
- Review schedule and deliverables
 - Action Agency comments to project sponsors
- ITEM 4:** **Within-Year Budget Modification – Tom Iverson, CBFWA**
11:15-12:00pm
- Project #199601100, *Walla Walla Juvenile and Adult Passage Improvements*. CTUIR request approval to: 1) expand the approved scope of the FY2002 project to include continued construction of large passage projects that are ready for implementation, 2) increase project budget levels by \$1,177,585 and \$1,137,022 in FY 2003 and 2004 respectively. (see attachments)

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Project 26031, *Improve Upstream Fish Passage in Birch Creek Watershed*. ODFW is requesting \$300,000 each year for 2003 and 2004 for this project. This project was an Action Plan project that the ISRP deferred to the Columbia Plateau Province for review. The CBFWA rating was High Priority and the final ISRP rating was Fundable. This project was included in the final recommendation for funding by the NWPPC in the Action Plan category. This project was also submitted in the Columbia Plateau Province as Project Number 25081 where it again received a High Priority ranking from CBFWA and a Fundable rating from the ISRP. The AFC conditionally approved the request for \$300,000 for 2003 and \$300,000 for 2004. Funding for this project should be provided from the Action Plan category of funding. If insufficient funding exists in the Action Plan category, the balance of funding should be provided from the unallocated placeholder. This approval is contingent on the identification of available funds in the unallocated placeholder that incorporate and accommodate projected capital investments for all ongoing projects.

Project 27025, *Acquire South Fork Asotin Creek Property* - Schlee Ranch Acquisition. WDFW is requesting 3.4 million for Project 27025 and this project can be separated into two components: Mainstem Riparian/Buffers for 2.3 million and Upland Habitats for \$1.1 million. This project was proposed in the Blue Mountain Province and received a CBFWA High Priority ranking and an ISRP fundable rating. This project was not included in the final projects recommended for funding by the NWPPC in that province. BPA has stated that they do not support funding the Upland Habitats portion of the project since there are no remaining wildlife credits available for this project. BPA is interested in the Mainstem Riparian/Buffers portion of the project for ESA protection credits and that is why the AFC was asked to review this project. There apparently are some outstanding funding issues in the Blue Mountain Province in regards to capital projects and outyear needs (i.e., Northeast Oregon Hatchery). Also, several of the habitat projects in the Blue Mountain have been questioned by BPA. The request raised some fundamental policy issues that need to be addressed by the MMG. The AFC decided to forward this request to the MMG without a recommendation for consideration at their 7/11/02 meeting. The MMG needs to address the budget implications of this request in relation to the remaining provincial review budgets and the fact that the project was not supported by the NWPPC in their Blue Mountain Province funding decision.

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Project 200001300, *Evaluate An Experimental Re-introduction of Sockeye Salmon into Skaha Lake*. CCT is requesting \$49,700 for this project. This is a risk assessment project in the Okanagon Subbasin to evaluate the impact of reintroducing sockeye salmon in three focus areas: 1) impact of exotic species, 2) disease risk, and 3) production potential of sockeye in the lakes and tributaries. For the last year of the field study, the oversight group for the project determined that sampling should be expanded from a seasonal schedule to a monthly schedule in order to obtain temporal trends in key limnological and biological parameters. This information will be required prior to the implementation of reintroduction of sockeye to Skaha Lake. The AFC conditionally approved the request for \$49,700 to expand sampling to a monthly schedule. This approval is contingent on the identification of available funds in the unallocated placeholder that incorporate and accommodate projected capital investments for all ongoing projects.

Project 199008000, PTAGIS. PSMFC is requesting \$812,475 in additional funding for this project. The growth in number of interrogation sites, number of coils, and types of interrogation data is stressing the core infrastructure of the project. There are four specific areas that need addressing within PTAGIS in order to maintain their infrastructure: 1) upgrade systems hardware and software, 2) hire software developers to support separation by codes, 3) hire a field technician to provide support for O&M of interrogation sites, and 4) hire consulting services to implement internet based services to answer data requests. With these upgrades in their 2002 contract PTAGIS can continue to provide the level of support that is expected from the Region for PIT tag services and can prepare for future additions to the PTAGIS resulting from expansion of smolt interrogation sites and the addition of adult interrogations sites coming online in the near future. The AFC conditionally approved the request for \$812,475 to upgrade their infrastructure and continue their PIT tag information support for the Region. This approval is contingent on the identification of available funds in the unallocated placeholder that incorporate and accommodate projected capital investments for all ongoing projects. The AFC also requested that FPAC provide a technical review of the request prior to the 7/11/02 MMG meeting.

Project 198812026, *Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Project Training and Education Proposal*. The Yakama Nation is requesting \$188,407 for 2003, \$150,561, and \$102,346 for 2005. This project supports education and training for Yakama nation members in fish culture. This request is also for a modification to the contract date. The request would support 4 fish culturists and their tuition, fees, books, supplies, and housing needs. This request was reviewed by the AFC on 6/0/02. The AFC asked Tom Iverson to clarify the request and forward the request directly to the MMG for discussion. (see attached clarification

from Mel Sampson, YKFP Project Manager)

12:00-1:00pm

Lunch

ITEM 5:

1:00-1:20pm

BPA Funding Decision – David Johnson, WDFW

Project 200100700, *Evaluate Status of Coastal Cutthroat Trout in the Columbia River Basin above Bonneville Dam*. This project is designed to determine abundance and distribution of coastal cutthroat in the tributaries in the Gorge Province above Bonneville Dam. The first phase of this project focused on a literature search and survey of knowledge and information available among fish and wildlife professionals. During the April MMG meeting, the MMG approved WDFW's within-year budget modification request (i.e., \$240,926 in FY 2002 and \$253,038 in FY 2003) from the unallocated placeholder to initiate the next phase (i.e., mapping population distributions, estimating abundance, establishing a monitoring plan and investigating additional life history and genetic information from the populations). Information is lacking on this species and this work is considered very important among the fish and wildlife managers. BPA recently decided to no longer fund this project. WDFW will provide an update.

ITEM 6:

1:20-2:05pm

Responding to BPA Issues – Rod Sando, CBFWA

- Slice proposal, comments due by 9/12/02
- Avoiding a Rate Increase, comments due 9/30/02
- Forum with Steve Wright, BPA Administrator – Scheduled for August 27, 2002, from 1:30-3:00 p.m.

ITEM 7:

2:05-2:35pm

CBFWA Proposals – Rod Sando, CBFWA

- Discuss on-going task in current CBFWA statement of work and expected product.
- FY 2003-2005 Proposal
- Report on another CBFWA proposal to NOAA

ITEM 8:

2:35-2:50pm

Issue Stacking – Tom Giese, CBFWA

- Review upcoming critical issues

ITEM 9:

2:50-3:00pm

Calendar – Tom Giese, CBFWA

- Discuss changing the meeting date for the monthly MMG meeting
- Calendar updates
- Next Members Meeting – date and location