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TO: Members Management Group
FROM: Rod Sando
SUBJECT: Draft 8/27/02 MMG Action Notes

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

**MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP
MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL
August 27, 2002
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sheraton Hotel, Portland, Or**

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Lynn Hatcher, YN; David Johnson, WDFW; Ray Entz, KT; Billy Barquin KTI, Joe Maroney, KT; Tery Courtney, Jr. CTWSRO; Tony Nigro, ODFW; John Palensky, NMFS; Dave Statler, NPT, Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Ronald L. Peters, CdAT; Greg Sieglitz, ODFW; Chad Colter, SBT; Steve Huffaker, IDFG; Virgil Moore, IDFG; Amos First Raised, BPT, Lindsay A. Ball, ODFW; Shane Scott, WDFW; Guy Dodson, SPT; Cecil Dick, BPT; Michele DeHart, FPC; Barry Espenson, CB Bulletin; and Rod Sando, Jann Eckman, Kathie Titzler, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, Tom Giese, Tana Klum, CBFWA/F

By Phone: Sue Ireland, KTI; B.J. Kieffer, ST; Theo Strong

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| Time | Objective 1. FY 2003 Renewal Process | 71% |
| Allocation: | Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries | 08% |
| | Objective 3. FY 2002 Adjustments | 20% |
| | CBFWA Business | 01% |

ITEM 1: Guide to Within-Year Budget Modifications

Discussion: Several MMG members felt that there needs to be a way to address new projects in the unallocated placeholder. There should be a set of agreed upon circumstances to access the dollars so the funds will not be used for other purposes by BPA.

ACTION: The Kalispel Tribe withdrew their standing objection and the Yakima and IDFG concerns were satisfied. The MMG approved the Guide to Within-Year Budget Modifications for existing projects. The MMG recommended the existing Budget Group expand their scope to develop a management scheme for the unallocated funds to include 1) a contingency reserve fund; 2) a plan for capital projects; 3) enhancement of provincial budgets. This team should also deal with improved communication. The MMG recommended a new team be formed to develop guidelines for within-year budget modifications for new projects.

ITEM 2: Mainstem Amendments

Discussion: MMG expressed interest in providing a CBFWA response to the public review draft emphasizing the areas of collective agreement. CBFWA could have a good role in forwarding a fish and wildlife amendment.

ACTION: The MMG recommended establishing a team to do a comparison of the recommendations that the A/Ts made to the NWPPC and come back with a recommendation on how CBFWA would like to respond. Volunteers to be on the mainstem team should contact Rod by 9/6/02. Core members will be Michele and Rod.

ITEM 3: CBFWA FY 2003-2005 Project Proposals

- Collaborative Mainstem Systemwide Monitoring and Evaluation
- CBFWA Annual Implementation Work Plan

Discussion: Rod indicated that BPA contacted him and wanted to talk about the M&E. He felt it would be good to have BPA work with this group rather than meet with the A/T's individually. Tony felt it would be valuable to meet with BPA regarding what they specifically think RM&E should be and the roles of the A/T's in RM&E.

ACTION: MMG directed Rod to write a letter to Alex Smith (copy to the federal RM&E work group) inviting BPA to meet with the MMG (at a date and time to be determined) to discuss regional RM&E. Include with the letter a copy of the proposal and a copy of the responses to ISRP comments and the federal RM&E group comments.

ITEM 4: Budget Review

Discussion: The SOY budget requests will be sent out in October. The unallocated funds as of 8/14 is \$21M. With the interest that the media and public is showing in budget accountability, BPA is going to send letters to all project sponsors asking for figures on how much they are going to spend between their last billing and the end of the year. Dave S. said that they are getting strong signals that BPA is questioning their role and responsibility in funding anything in the blocked areas.

ACTION: The budget work group is addressing funding recommendations for the unallocated placeholder. MMG requested that the "Budget Review" item be on every MMG agenda for staff to provide an update.

ITEM 5: FPC Oversight Board

Discussion: Rod, on behalf of the CBFWA members, will be meeting with the FPC Oversight Board at their next meeting to inform them of the role of the FPC from the fish and wildlife managers' perspective. FPC relates back to the mainstem amendment recommendations. There is no clear record to describe the historical relationship of CBFWA to FPC, our view of FPC, its relationship with FPAC, etc.

ACTION: MMG requested Michele to give an overview of the FPC to the MMG at their next meeting, 10/1/02. It was also mentioned that it would be useful if other NWPPC members could have the benefit of the presentation.

ITEM 6: October Members Meeting

ACTION: Due to scheduling conflicts, the MMG changed the meeting date from October 2 & 3, to **October 8th & 9th in Kalispel, MT.**

ITEM 7: MMG Lunch Strategy Session for the Afternoon Meeting with Steve Wright, BPA.

Discussion: There are five alternatives identified in BPA's Financial & Program Options document. The deadline for submitting comments is September 30, and BPA plans on making a decision in November. MMG expressed interest in learning: 1) what BPA's future is in mitigation – Program/ESA priority, 2) what he is learning from the region, 3) what his responsibilities are in managing the resource, 4) how the projects that result from the subbasin planning process will be funded, 5) what the uncertainties around forecasting are; 6) how BPA's role has changed, and 7) how the fish and wildlife managers can help assure funding stability.

ACTION: Based on Steve's presentation and information provided during the question and answer period, the MMG decided to form a work group to look at options as broad as the one's that Steve Wright laid out such as: 1) rates, 2) efficiencies in the Program and BPA's operations, 3) MOA with a trigger, 4) flood control, etc. Rob Lothrop volunteered to work on this work group.

ITEM 8: Next MMG Meeting

October 1, 2002
9:00AM – 2:00PM
CBFWA Office in Portland, OR.