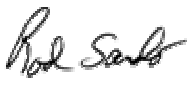




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TO: Members Management Group (MMG)

FROM: Rod Sando, CBFWA 

SUBJECT: Version 4 Revised Draft 10/01/02 MMG Agenda

**MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP
MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL
Tuesday, October 1, 2002**

***Note time change*
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

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Revised Draft Agenda

ITEM 1: Budget Review – Tom Giese, CBFWA

9:00-9:30am

- Quarterly Review Update
- Capital Plan Update
- SOY Budget Process
- Columbia Cascade Request

ITEM 2: Within-Year Budget Modifications – Tom Iverson, CBFWA (see attachments)

9:30-9:55am

- Project 199601100 – *“Walla Walla Juvenile and Adult Passage Improvements.”* The CTUIR are requesting an additional \$1,177,585 for FY 2003 for completion of the Milton Ditch construction project and the design of the Bergevin-Williams and Old Lowden screen projects. This is a one time funding recommendation and additional cost share will be pursued by the project sponsor. The request will be adjusted to reflect any additional cost share during contracting. The AFC approved this request and recommended forwarding this request to MMG for their consideration.
- Project 200200100 – *“Ellisforde (Bonaparte) Spring Chinook Acclimation Site.”* The Colville Tribe is requesting support for approximately \$201,752 to modify a sedimentation pond near Tonasket, WA for use as an acclimation pond for spring Chinook in 2002. The pond is located on the Okanogan River. The Okanogan basin is the only subbasin that was not provided a mitigation hatchery for the development and operation of Grand

ITEM 2
continued:

Within-Year Budget Modifications

Coulee Dam. The outyear budgets were critically reviewed by the AFC, however, the potential benefit for the small cost (outyear costs should be less than \$71,000 per year), caused the AFC to strongly support this project moving ahead. This project is currently being reviewed in the NWPPC's Columbia Cascade province project funding decision. This request was approved by the AFC as a one time funding approval with the outyear funding to be determined during the NWPPC Columbia Cascade Province project recommendation process. The AFC recommended this request be forwarding to the MMG for consideration.

- Project 200205200 – *Naches River Water Treatment Intake Screen*. This project was originally funded through the Action Plan funding category. During the biological assessment by NOAA Fisheries, additional requirements were placed on the project sponsor. These additional requirements will cost approximately \$324,000. The AFC was concerned that BPA was not fulfilling their commitment in the High Priority and Action Plan categories. Projects approved for funding in these categories need to be fully funded through the process that was created. The AFC requested that CBFWA submit a letter to NWPPC encouraging full funding from the Action Plan funding source.
- Project 19900800, *Columbia Basin PIT Tag Information System*. During the June AFC meeting, the AFC recommended approving several within year requests to MMG. Those recommendations were put on hold at the July MMG meeting in order complete the new guide for within year requests. The AFC within-year request recommendations were approved at the August 8, 2002 MMG meeting, but the consent mails were objected to until the new criteria were adopted and applied. The MMG adopted the “Guide to Within-year Modification Requests for Existing Projects” on August 27, 2002. The projects that had prior MMG approval were directed to submit modified requests in the newly adopted format and for AFC to review those requests at their August 29 meeting. Upon AFC approval of the requests based on the new criteria and guidelines, the recommendations were sent directly to the MMG and Members for an expedited consent mail process to meet the timelines of the September NWPPC meeting.

One of the requests was objected to during this expedited consent mail process. Project Number 199008000, *Columbia Basin PIT Tag Information System*- The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) requested \$812,475 this project due to the growth in number of interrogation sites, number of coils, and types of interrogation data is stressing the core infrastructure of the PTAGIS project. Several funding decisions with other projects in the Fish and Wildlife Program have directly impacted these factors. The AFC agreed that this project should be a line item in the BPA Fish and Wildlife budget, it is a core and essential project for the anadromous fish suite of projects. The issue of outyear funding was discussed at length and it was determined that since this project would be undergoing it's provincial review next month, the funding recommendation should be explicitly stated as a one time funding commitment with any outyear needs addressed during the rolling review. If the rolling review determined that this increase should not occur in the outyears, there would be time to make

the adjustments to this request during the BPA contracting process. The AFC approved the request for \$812,475 from the unallocated placeholder as a one time funding commitment for Project Number 199008000, *Columbia Basin PIT Tag Information System*. The outyear funding for this request was to be addressed during the rolling province review. The request was forwarded to the Members and MMG for consent mail approval.

On September 9 the Spokane Tribe objected to the PTAGIS request based on the need for further discussion regarding the outyear implications of this funding recommendation. This objection needs to be addressed in order for the recommendation to move forward.

- ITEM 3:** **Fish Passage Center** – Michele DeHart, FPC
9:55-10:25am
- Overview of FPC and opportunity for Q&A (See PowerPoint attachment)
- ITEM 4:** **Upstream/Downstream Issues**–Joe Peone, CTCR; Tony Nigro, ODFW
10:25-10:55am
- Discussion item
- ITEM 5:** **Mainstem Amendment** – Rob Lothrop, CRITFC
10:55-11:25am
- Discussion item (See attached)
- ITEM 6:** **BPA’s Financial Position** – Rod Sando, CBFWA
11:25-12:00pm
- Review draft CBFWA comments on BPA’s Financial Choices for FY 2003-2006
 - Discuss BPA’s commitment to the total Program – ESA and Mitigation
- ITEM 7:** **Research, Monitoring and Evaluation** - BPA and NOAA Fisheries representatives TBA
12:00-12:30pm
- Overview of the Action Agencies research, monitoring, and evaluation planning effort. Time available for discussion.
- 12:30-1:30pm **Lunch**
- ITEM 8:** **Within-Year Budget Modification Guidelines for New Projects** - Neil Ward, CBFWA (see attachment)
1:30-1:45pm
- Update
- ITEM 9:** **Mainstem and Systemwide Project Review** – Tom Iverson, CBFWA
1:45-2:00pm
- Update on status of project review and discuss process for completion
 - Input into priorities for Streamnet
- ITEM 10:** **Upcoming Workshops** – Tom Giese and Tana Klum, CBFWA
2:00-2:15pm
- Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop – October 24, 2002, time and place TBA.
 - Regional Policy Workshop
- ITEM 11:** **October 8th and 9th Members Meeting** – Rod Sando, CBFWA (see attachment)
2:15-2:30pm
- Review agenda and potential actions