



November 7, 2002

TO: Members Management Group

FROM: Rod Sando

SUBJECT: Draft 10/01/02 MMG Action Notes

**MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP
MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL**

October 1, 2002

9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.

CBFWA Office, Portland, Or

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Lynn Hatcher, YN; Fred Olney, USFWS; John Palensky, NMFS; Pete Hassemer, IDFG; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Dave Statler, NPT; Cat Black, CRITFC; Terry Courtney Jr., CTWSRO; Bruce Schmidt, Streamnet; Lorri Bodi, BPA; Nicole Ricci, BPA; Tana Klum, Kathie Titzler, Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson, Rod Sando, Tom Giese, CBFWA/F

By Phone: Maureen Smith, USFWS; Gary James, CTUIR; Joe Peone, CTCR; Keith Wolfe, CTCR Rep.; Amos First Raised, BPT; David Johnson, WDFW; Sue Ireland, KTI; Chris Hunter, MDFWP; Rob Lothrop, CRITFC

Time Allocation:	Objective 1. FY 2003 Renewal Process	56%
	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	16%
	Objective 3. FY 2002 Adjustments	18%

ITEM 1: Budget Review

Discussion: Tom Giese provided an update. He indicated that the Capital Plan will roll together with the SOY process. BPA will provide CBFWA with project numbers on 10/4 and that CBFWA, NWPPC and BPA will meet on the 23rd to discuss and reconcile the SOY budgets. The ad hoc group drafted a letter to Steve Wright, BPA, and Larry Cassidy, NWPPC, urging that the uncommitted funds be kept available to fund needed fish and wildlife work in FY 2003. Several MMG members felt that it was important to take a comprehensive approach, assemble all the needs and then make a decision.

ACTION: MMG directed the ad hoc group to continue working on a consensus recommendation that would address: 1) expressed needs for additional funds in the Columbia Cascade province; 2) unmet needs of other provinces; 3) various pending within-year requests for additional project funds; 4) funding parity among the provinces; 5) promises of funding for NEOH facilities, 6) needs for funds to meet contingencies. The next meeting for the work group (all MMG members are invited) will be 10/15 at 8:00 a.m., Davenport Hotel, in Spokane, WA. The work group's recommendations will be presented to the MMG at the next MMG meeting, 10/29/02.

ITEM 2: Within-Year Budget Modifications

ACTION: Project 199601100 – *“Walla Walla Juvenile and Adult Passage Improvements.”* The MMG approved \$921,585 to complete the Milton Creek portion of the project with the remainder to be addressed by the ad hoc budget group through their budget review process. MMG recommended forwarding this budget modification request to the Members for consent mail approval.

Project 200200100 – *“Ellisforde(Bonaparte) Spring Chinook Acclimation Site.”* MMG recommended this budget modification request be addressed by the budget review group as part of the unallocated placeholder at their budget review meeting on 10/15, and brought back to the MMG for consideration at their 10/29/02 meeting.

Project 200205200 – *“Natches River Water Treatment Intake Screen.”* MMG approved the draft letter to be sent to BPA and NWPPC with the following change: Delete “funding this project from the Action Plan category.” Insert “funding this project from sources other than the Direct Program.” MMG recommended forwarding this request to the Members for consent mail approval.

Project 19900800 – *“Columbia Basin Pit Tag Information System”* The MMG recommended that this request be addressed by the ad hoc work group at their budget review meeting on 10/15, and brought back to the MMG for consideration at their 10/29 meeting.

ITEM 3: Fish Passage Center

Discussion: Michele DeHart provided an overview of the FPC – history, staff functions, project goals and deliverables, and coordination functions to users.

ACTION: Informational item only – no action taken.

ITEM 4: Upstream/Downstream Issues

ACTION: MMG recommended establishing an ad hoc team to frame the upstream/downstream issues that the members have in preparation for collective comments on the mainstem amendments. Members interested in serving on the team should contact Rod before next week's MMG meeting.

ITEM 5: Mainstem Amendment

Discussion: Rob Lothrop indicated that the draft letter sets out how the amendment process should work under the statute, and if the NWPPC is going to reject the recommendations of the fish and wildlife managers, they have to meet the statute standards. MMG felt that the letter could be two letters, one to address how the NWPPC makes their recommendations and the second to discuss the oversight of the FPC issue. Perhaps the letter could be modified to encompass both concerns.

ACTION: MMG recommended that the FPC oversight issue be discussed at the 10/8 & 9/02 Members meeting, and that Rob Lothrop, Rod Sando, and Michele DeHart revise the letter to encompass both concerns for presentation to the Members for their consideration at the Members meeting.

ITEM 6: BPA's Financial Position

Discussion: Tom Iverson summarized the draft letter regarding BPA's financial options. MMG was concerned that the letter is too detailed. The fish and wildlife program is within budget, the other costs, power, etc., are over. Power foregone should not be portrayed as a fish costs. Rates for water spilled for fish should be in the rate case.

ACTION: Tom I. will rewrite and streamline the letter focusing on the points and not so much of the details. The letter will be discussed at the Members Meeting.

ITEM 7: Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation

Discussion: Lorri Bodi discussed BPA's RM&E requirements, which is based on performance standards in the 2000 BiOp with a 3-, 5-, and 8-year check-in. BPA and NMFS are collaborating on the RM&E effort and would like fish and wildlife manager assistance. The concern with the CBFWA proposal is to what extent it is consistent with the RM&E requirements that have been identified. It is high priority for the federal caucus to get the agencies and tribes involved.

ACTION: There is a meeting scheduled for 10/24 to discuss the RM&E issue. BPA & MMG will provide their specific concerns and questions to each other prior to the meeting.

ITEM 8: Within-Year Budget Modification Guidelines for New Projects

Discussion: Neil gave an overview of the document and requested MMG review and provide edits/suggestions to him.

ACTION: MMG recommended changing the title to add "new objectives to existing work."

ITEM 9: Mainstem Systemwide Project Review

Discussion: Tom Iverson said the recommended core and urgent projects total \$46M, the allocation is \$37M. Core ranks equally with urgent, not science based but organizationally core. Bruce Schmidt, Streamnet, provided a menu of

the new task, data type and requested MMG provide a prioritization of what they want Streamnet to support. Perhaps having a workgroup to discuss these data needs. If the managers are going to take an analysis role, they will need some guidance on the priorities and what is required.

ACTION: AFC will meet on Friday, 10/4/02, refine and finalize the project recommendations, and send to the MMG. The MMG will meet the evening of 10/15 to review AFC project recommendations. No action taken on the Streamnet presentation.

ITEM 10: Upcoming Workshops

ACTION: Update only, no action taken

ITEM 11: October 8 and 9 Members Meeting

ACTION: Informational item, no action taken.