



DATE: May 29, 2003  
TO: Members Management Group  
FROM: Jann Eckman *Jann Eckman*  
SUBJECT: **Emergency MMG Meeting @ 1:00 p.m. on 6/2/03**

**MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP  
EMERGENCY MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL  
June 2, 2003  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
@  
CBFWA Office, Portland, Or**

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**Draft Agenda**

**ITEM 1: NWPPC's Mainstem/Systemwide FY 2004-2006 Funding Recommendation as it relates to the CBFWA Contract**

- The current project recommendation by the NWPPC staff proposes reducing CBFWA funding by 40%. A reduction of this magnitude would severely impair CBFWA and its member's ability to assist and participate in the regional coordination of fish and wildlife issues in the Basin, precipitating a greater disconnect between Council and BPA decision making and fish and wildlife manager priorities. In light of the constrained budgets, however, a staff analysis indicates that the CBFWA budget could be reduced by as much as 14%, or \$300,000. We are not prepared to provide this information to the NWPPC without MMG review and recommendation. The due date for submitting comments to the NWPPC on this budget recommendation is COB Monday, 6/2/03, therefore, it is critical that you participate in this meeting.

**ITEM 2: Technical Review and Recommendation on Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Request**

- The Anadromous Fish Committee reviewed a request by the Nez Perce Tribe to make retrofit corrections in the NPTH design to meet the planned NATURES production goals. The CBFWA review was based only on information contained in the April 25, 2003 letter from the Nez Perce Tribe to the Council Chair (see attached) and input by NPT staff at the meeting. The AFC review and recommendation does not consider budgetary and funding issues presented in the request because of budget uncertainties associated with the within-year modification process. Only biological and technical issues associated with the request were considered in this review and recommendation. A draft letter supporting the modifications to the hatchery to maintain consistency with production methodologies will be provided for your review on Friday. The NWPCC will be considering this request at their June meeting in Boise, ID