



July 28, 2003

TO: Members Management Group (MMG)
 FROM: Rod Sando, Executive Director
 SUBJECT: Action Notes from the 7/24/03 MMG Meeting

MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP
 MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL
 July 24, 2003
 9:00 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.
 @
 CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

Actions Notes

Attendees: John Palensky NMFS; Tony Nigro & Dave Ward, ODFW; Fred Olney & Howard Schaller, USFWS; Dave Statler, NPT; Peter Hassemmer, IDFG; Suzanne Cooper & Kimberly Fodrea, BPA; Doug Taki, SBT; Witt Anderson, Jim Athearn, & Rock Peters, USACE; Jann Eckman, Trina Gerlack, Tom Giese, Tom Iverson, Tana Klum, Rod Sando, Kathie Titzler, Neil Ward, and Frank Young, CBFWA

By Phone: Sue Ireland, KTI; Amos First Raised, BPT; Mary Verner, UCUT; Bill Tweit, WDFW; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Brian Marotz, MFWP; and B.J. Kieffer, STI

Time Allocation:	Objective 1. Project Recommendations	54%
	Objective 2. Regional Issues	27%
	Objective 3. Annual Report	0%
	Other Business	19%

ITEM 1: **Spill/Fish Passage Evaluation Plans** – Tony Nigro, ODFW and Suzanne Cooper, BPA

The Council's recently adopted mainstem amendment requires the evaluation of spill for fish passage. In response to this requirement, the CBFWA is initiating a process to develop a comprehensive study design for the evaluation of spill for fish passage to recommend to the Council.

No update was given on FPAC's progress.

Tony Nigro initiated the general discussion on the benefits of how the federal agencies and CBFWA can collaborate on summer spill evaluation plans in response to the Council's recommendation and introduced Suzanne Cooper, BPA.

- ACTION:**
1. The MMG will appoint a subcommittee to meet with the Action Agencies to develop questions to guide and frame process, collect points of contact, and create a letter on how to evaluate a spill plan.
 2. The MMG assigned the RFC to develop questions, analyze framework design for spill proposals and river operations for the Montana experiment on resident fish as listed by the Council amendment and provide a progress report at the August 26, 2003 MMG meeting.
 3. The MMG assigned Rod to investigate spill benefits and risks for rate payers, spill alternatives, spill analysis differences, and to arrange a presentation by the Action Agencies to inform the MMG of their analysis and justification on spills.

ITEM 2: FY04-06 Fish & Wildlife Program Budget Development and Process – Tom Iverson, CBFWA

Discussion: Tom Iverson reported that staff members from BPA, Council, and CBFWA are developing a draft proposal paper for Fish and Wildlife Program budget implementation rules and process for the remainder of the rate case. The first draft should be available mid August for policy consideration and review. The staff level proposal will combine the concepts of the CBFWA Interim Process Agreement and the BPA concept paper that was distributed at the June Council meeting.

ACTION: The MMG assigned Tom Iverson to develop meeting notes summarizing the key issues identified during development of the draft and flagging concerns following each meeting of the work group. The meeting notes will be distributed to the MMG.

The MMG reviewed the budget background bullets and Tom Iverson will draft a letter to the Council and BPA to clarify policy and allocation on the Capital Plan to be reviewed by the MMG at the August 26, 2003 meeting.

ITEM 3: Revised CBFWA Proposal Regarding the Council's Mainstem/Systemwide FY 2004-2006 Funding Decision to Reduce the CBFWA Budget by 40 Percent – Rod Sando, CBFWA

ACTION: The MMG approved the modified proposal to be sent to the Members for consent mail approval. The modifications include a FPCOB data management staff person and HEP proposal addendums. To save on travel expenses the final proposal will be presented to the Council at their September meeting.

ITEM 4: Committee Charters

ACTION: The MMG deleted Section 503 and (f) funding from Section 404 and approved the modified RFC Charter. The final draft RFC Charter will be sent to the Members for consent mail approval.

The MMG did not approve the draft AFC and FPAC Charters. Edits will be incorporated and the revised charters will be distributed to the MMG for review and approval by consent mail.

The Committee Charters will be removed from the August Members Meeting draft agenda and reviewed and approved through the consent mail process.

ITEM 6: August 19-20, 2003 Members' Meeting Agenda – Rod Sando, CBFWA

ACTION: The draft Members Meeting agenda was revised. The Committee Charter and Presentation on Conflicting Decision Making Schedule agenda items were deleted. Brian Brown, NOAA;, and Larry Cassidy, Sport Fishing were added as presenters to the agenda.

Rod will contact Oliver Waldman, Salmon for All, as a possible presenter or speaker for the meeting.

Tana is in the process of contacting the Tribal Panel and confirming representatives and discussion items.

CBFWA staff is in the process of confirming attendance of the presenters and panel participants.

ITEM 5: CBFWA Organizational Structure – Rod Sando, CBFWA

ACTION: Rod reported that the Data Management Committee will meet on 7/25 with Council, FPC, StreamNet, and CBFWA representatives to scope activities and mission. After the 7/25 meeting the Data Management Committee will be ready to expand the membership.

The MMG established the need for a Planning Sub-Committee. CBFWA staff were directed to recruit members for the Planning Sub-Committee to create a purpose and work plan and present products to the MMG in September.

The MMG discussed the benefits of strengthening Public Relations and collaborating and sharing information with other agencies and tribes. Is there staff and time available in the agencies to assist with Public Relations? What is the CBFWA message?

The MMG assigned Tana Klum to update the CBFWA history document and finish the brochure, and send the draft to the MMG for review and further discussion at the August 26, 3003 MMG meeting.

ITEM 7: Draft Principles for the Next Budget MOA – Tom Giese

Discussion: Tom Giese discussed the draft principals and strategy for the 8/18 meeting and the need to develop the F&W position in the next budget MOA. He expressed that this is complex process and the need for negotiation management.

ACTION: The MMG assigned Tom Giese to create four documents:

1. Policy Decision Points on the upcoming MOA
2. Phase 1 on MOA critical issues
3. Phase 2 on MOA critical issues
4. Matrix with MOA past experiences (i.e., role elements, ESA exposure, BPA business, changed circumstances between MOAs

Tom Giese will call on the past MOA membership for suggestions and guidance, and schedule conference calls prior to the August 18, 2003 meeting to discuss MOA issues. The MMG requested a progress report at the August 26, 2003 MMG meeting.

ITEM 8: BPA, CBFWA, Council Staff Retreat - Review of Roles, Responsibilities and Accountabilities – Rod Sando

Discussion: Rod Sando reported that the efforts to improve working relationships between BPA, Council, and CBFWA staffs are constructive. They are reducing conflicts, developing a better working environment, and building side boards for each agency's role and responsibilities. Through the BPC meetings the region is acknowledging CBFWA leadership.

ITEM 9: Subbasin Planning – Rod Sando & Tom Giese, CBFWA

Subbasin Planning was discussed during item 5 under the Planning Sub-Committee. The MMG members recognize the value of a workshop to explore the relationship between ESA recovery planning and subbasin planning, to be held in the early Fall 2003.

ITEM 10: Wildlife Committee Activities – Ray Entz, KT

Discussion: Frank Young reported that BPA presented draft changes to their current capitalization and crediting policies (at a July 9 meeting facilitated by Peter Paquet at the Council) that they believed would get the Wildlife Mitigation Program moving again. The WC Members expressed their doubts that the proposed changes would allow land acquisitions to move forward. Frank said that Joe DeHerrera had later expressed BPA's disappointment in the WC Members reaction and Frank suggested that BPA be prepared at the next meeting to provide real life examples of how the proposed changes could be implemented. Peter Paquet and Robert Walker are planning to develop a Strawman Proposal soon for moving forward on land acquisitions for both sides to react to.

Mary Verner presented Ray Entz's wildlife crediting thoughts to the MMG. After the July 9th meeting BPA requested the F&W Managers assist in developing a plan for capital spending on land acquisition. Mary suggested sending a letter to BPA requesting BPA to describe and define explicitly what their needs are with a response deadline before the managers assist BPA with the request above. Frank stated that this topic is on the WC July 29 Agenda and that further discussions on this issue would occur at that time.

ITEM 11: Next MMG Meeting August 26, 2003 at CBFWA office Portland, Oregon

ACTION: The 8/26/03 MMG meeting date is confirmed.