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DATE: September 16, 2003
TO: Members Management Group
FROM: Rod Sando
SUBJECT: 9/4/03 MMG Meeting Draft Action Notes

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

MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP
MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL
Thursday, September 4, 2003
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
@
CBFWA Office, Portland, OR

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: John Palensky, NOAA; Ron Suppah, CTWS; Gary James, CTUIR; Tony Nigro and Dave Ward, ODFW; Michele DeHart, FPC; Tom Iverson, Jann Eckman, Rod Sando, Kathie Titzler, Neil Ward, and Tom Giese, CBFWA

By Phone: Paul Ashley, WDFW; Howard Arnett, CTWS; Fred Olney, USFWS; Bill Hutchinson, IDFG; Joe Peone, CCT; Amos First-Raised, BPT; Ray Entz, KT; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Mary Verner, UCUT; Paul Ward, YN; Sue Ireland, KTI; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Dan Fairbank, CCT; Dave Statler, NPT; David Johnson, WDFW; Cameron Heusser, Cd'AT; Chris Hunter, MDFWP

Time	Objective 1. Project Recommendations	71%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Regional Issues	29%
	Objective 3. Annual Report	0%

ITEM 1: Contract Management Issues – Tom Iverson, CBFWA

Discussion: Tom provided an update on the draft proposal for Fish and Wildlife Program budget implementation and the FY 2004 Start of Year budget development. The MMG discussed: 1) whether or not the set of projects that are recommended in this budget are the full set of projects that deserve funding, and 2) are the budgets for the projects the Council recommended true and adequate to successfully complete the project.

ACTION: MMG felt that this item needed more discussion and requested that “Fish and Wildlife Program Implementation – Budget Levels” be put on the 9/30/03 MMG agenda.

The MMG requested Tom Iverson develop a CBFWA process to address truing up the SOY budget and provide it to the MMG at the 9/30/03 meeting. Tom I. will have the letter on the capital plan ready for the MMG to review at the 9/30/03 MMG meeting.

Comment deadline is extended on the BPA Policy manual. Tom I. said comments will be provided through the Business Practices Committee. MMG stressed the importance that the draft policies in the BPA Manual be consistent with the draft BPC white paper. Tom I. said that discussion will be at the next BPC meeting.

ITEM 2: Colville Confederated Tribes Emergency Request – Neil Ward, CBFWA

Discussion: Neil indicated that there is no placeholder for within year requests, so the project was reviewed by the RFC for technical merit. RFC is seeking approval to forward the results of the assessment in a letter to the CCT, NPCC and BPA.

ACTION: MMG approved the draft letter to the CCT with copies to be sent to the MMG; AFC, WC, and RFC Chairs; NPCC; and BPA.

ITEM 3: CBFWA Revised FY 2004-2006 Proposal – Rod Sando, CBFWA

Discussion: Rod provided an update on the project proposal and his discussion with Council members. He indicated that the proposal is on the Fish 4 for agenda to be discussed at their meeting on 9/9/03. He urged the MMG members to talk to their individual Council members and requested members attend the NPCC meeting to support the request.

ACTION: The MMG members will talk to their Council members and recommended that the chairs of the AFC, WC, and RFC and other tribal members attend the upcoming Fish 4 meeting to support the proposal.

ITEM 4: HEP Proposal – Paul Ashley, WDFW

Discussion: In FY 2002 BPA modified the CBFWA Proposal and added the HEP contract, however, when the Council reduced the CBFWA proposal to the FY 1999 level, that reduction eliminated the funding for the HEP portion of the contract. Paul indicated that BPA supports this proposal and since everyone has assumed it is part of the CBFWA contract, there is no proposal in the system, so it is “hanging out” unfunded.

ACTION: The MMG members agreed with this proposal and the need to continue HEP and recommended Paul contact Doug Marker and see what kind of process he wants to take.

ITEM 5: Spill/Fish Passage Evaluation Plans

ACTION: MMG recommended a spill subcommittee be established to identify the questions and operational decisions that an evaluation would inform and assigned FPAC to develop the technical framework of a study design. Spill subcommittee members so far include, Tony Nigro, ODFW; Jim Ruff, NOAA; Bill Tweit, WDFW; Rob Lothrop, CRITFC; Fred Olney, USFWS; and Chris Hunter, MDFWP. Other members to be recruited for the subcommittee are: Suzanne Cooper, BPA; Witt Anderson, COE; Jim Fodrea, BOR; and Bruce Suzumoto, NPCC. MMG directed staff to arrange a meeting date. The subcommittee also needs to look at the questions the RFC brought up and work with the RFC and FPAC in the spill evaluation.

Regarding the revenue foregone calculations, Rod stated that he and Tom Iverson met with John Fazio and Suzanne Cooper on this issue and felt it would be valuable to have them come and present to the MMG how they reach a value for revenue foregone. Tony Nigro indicated that he felt it would be important to have the MMG understand the assumptions for calculating revenue foregone. MMG requested staff prepare a proposal to conduct a workshop on this issue and present it the next meeting for MMG consideration.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 30, 2003 at CBFWA Office, Portland, OR.