



DATE: December 9, 2003

TO: Members Management Group (MMG)

FROM: Rod Sando, CBFWA

SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the 11/25/03 MMG Meeting

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

Members Management Group Meeting
 November 25, 2003
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 CBFWA Office, Portland, OR

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Katherine Cheney & Kathy Fisher, BPA; Amos First Raised, BPT; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Michele DeHart, FPC; Peter Hassemmer & Mary Terra-Berns, IDFG; Brian Brown, Lisa Croft, John Palensky, Chris Toole, & Rob Walton, NMFS; Dave Statler, NPT; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Shane Scott, PPC; Fred Olney, USFWS; Rod W. Sando, Jann Eckman, Tom Giese, Tom Iverson, Tana Klum, Kathie Titzler, Neil Ward, Frank Young and Trina Gerlack, CBFWA

By Phone: Laura Gephart, CRITFC; Paul Ward, YN; Keith Wolf, CCT; Joann Hunt, NWPCC; Andrew Englander, SOS; Chad Colter, SBT; Rudy Peone, STI; Mary Verner, UCUT

Time	Objective 1. Project Recommendations	44%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Regional Issues	52%
	Objective 3. Annual Report	0%
	Other Business	4%

The ESA 2003 Check-In Report for the Federal Columbia River Power System meeting notes will be distributed separately.

It was requested that WC Charter be reviewed early. The agenda was revised so the item could be discussed after agenda item 1.

ITEM 1: Fish and Wildlife Program Implementation

Discussion: Tom Iverson updated the MMG on the BPA FY 2004 Program Status Review. The current list of projects requesting budget adjustments is provided in the “REVISED Draft Proposal for CBFWA Participation in Managing the FY 2004 BPA Fish and Wildlife Program Budget.” There are currently about \$3.5M requests that have been categorized as “Other” and will be addressed directly by the Council as administrative adjustments. There were approximately \$700k of Rescheduling requests and approximately \$800k in Within-Year requests. Tom presented a draft proposal for CBFWA’s involvement in reviewing and categorizing the requests. Several MMG members expressed concern regarding the accuracy and certainty of the information provided in the tables identifying the requests and suggested that additional verification is necessary before CBFWA could provide an adequate review of the requests. There was also concern around the uncertainty that any funding will be available to implement the requests if they are approved. BPA will not know until the end of December how much of the \$29M in anticipated FY 2003 accruals will actually occur. The current pace may indicate that there will be available funds.

The MMG agreed that the current information regarding the budget adjustment requests was inadequate for CBFWA to perform a meaningful review. CBFWA will wait for the Council to complete a validation and correction exercise with the current requests and for BPA to verify any available funds to implement the requests. At the December 23 meeting, MMG will review the current information and determine if the committees should review budget adjustment requests in January.

ITEM 10: WC Committee Charter

Discussion: Mary Terra-Berns, Wildlife Committee Chair reported that she had made some revisions to the ODFW mark-up of the WC Charter to reflect WC concerns. Tony Nigro stated that it was not his intention to create the final language in the draft WC Charter, but only to provide suggestions to the WC on how the Charter could be modified to meet ODFW concerns over consistency with the other charters. Mary will make some further revisions to the WC Charter and make it available to the WC for their approval. The draft will be available for MMG consideration at their 12/23/03 meeting.

ITEM 2: Artificial Production Review and Evaluation Draft Basin-Level Report

Copy of APRE Report at <http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/2003/2003-17.pdf>.

Discussion: The MMG agreed that draft NPCC Artificial Production Review and Evaluation report is flawed. All managers should provide comments. Comments are due 11/28/03.

ACTION: The MMG assigned Tom Giese to draft a short letter to the NPCC requesting a time extension to provide comments on the APRE report from CBFWA. The draft letter should suggest a panel discussion to the NPCC before any decisions are made.

Consent mail process item.

Tom will revise the draft comments on the APRE report to include comments made at the meeting, consistent with comments submitted by the Members. He will send it to the MMG, then to the Members for consent. Volunteers are needed for a panel presentation of our concerns to the NPCC at its December 9th meeting.

ITEM 3: Future Role of BPA Issue Paper

Tom Giese summarized the draft letter to the NPCC regarding BPA's future role in the region focusing on the fish and wildlife issue.

ACTION: The MMG requested that Tom revise the letter if there is a clear connection to fish and wildlife referencing parts of the issue paper (<http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/2003/2003-18.htm>) that affects fish and wildlife or links the roles of power and fish & wildlife. The comments are due 12/12/03 and staff needs to complete this research and assignment as soon as possible to be reviewed and approved by the MMG before the deadline.

ITEM 4: Winter Members Meeting Date

The UCUT will Chair the Winter Members meeting date and location was approved for the week of January 13-15, 2004 in Spokane Washington.

ACTION: The CBFWA staff will begin preparing the draft agenda and meeting arrangements.

ITEM 5: Salmon Crossroads Conference

ACTION: The MMG agreed that it would be valuable for CBFWA to facilitate a Technical Conference in Western Washington the week of February 10-12, 2004 to inform the public of the Fish & Wildlife Managers successes in the region. CBFWA staff will begin preparing the draft agenda and meeting arrangements.

ITEM 6: Draft MOA for Regional Information Network Participants

ACTION: Frank Young will contact the CSMEP technical work group and request time on their next meeting agenda to discuss CSMEP participation in the process to develop an information network for the region co-chaired by NPCC and NOAA Fisheries. See page 18, Attachment B: "Draft MOA for Regional Information Network Participants"
http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2003_10/fw2.pdf

ITEM 7: F&W Funding Agreement (MOA II)

Discussion: Tom Giese expressed the need for a budget from the F&W Managers to BPA by July 2004 to be recorded in print for the 2007-2011 rate case. The MMG agreed that the call for an MOA should be put on record and to continue to work through the process to provide a fish and wildlife funding budget.

ACTION: Tom will draft a letter to the NPCC and BPA defining the need for a second MOA. Review past Crapo Hearings, Tribal documents, and MOAs. Include rate case schedule, governors' recommendations, acknowledge the NPCC &

BPA involvement, resolutions, timelines, and request discussions between other agencies with F&W responsibilities. By defining the MOA it may define BPA obligations and engage BPA's interests regarding specific outcomes, cost effectiveness, and budget flexibility.

Tom Giese requested that the MMG review and provide comments on

1. Draft Statement on CBFWA Involvement with the Development of an Agreement on Future Fish and Wildlife Funding, revised from previous MMG comments;
2. Draft paper defining "BPA Obligations to Fish and Wildlife;" and,
3. Draft paper "Salmon Foregone; Continuing Losses Due to Hydropower Dams."

ITEM 8: Committee Updates

Planning Subcommittee Issues – Tom Giese

Discussion: Tom Giese provided the draft workshop proposal and preliminary agenda for the "Integrating Subbasin Plans into Recovery Plans for review. The workshop is scheduled for mid January 2004. Tom will provide solid dates at the 12/23 MMG meeting.

Business Practices Committee – Tom Iverson

No update provided due to lack of time.

ITEM 9: November 18-20 NPCC Meeting

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

ITEM 10: WC Charter was moved up in the agenda and reviewed after item one.

ITEM 11: CSMEP Update

No update provided due to lack of time.

ITEM 12: Spill Subcommittee and Foregone Revenue Workshop

No update provided due to lack of time.

ITEM 13: Next Meeting

The MMG confirmed the next meeting as scheduled - Tuesday, December 23, 2003, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon.