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DATE: March 24, 2006
TO: Members Advisory Group
FROM: Lynn DuCharme, Chair and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Action Notes for the 03/21/06 MAG Meeting

***Note: These Draft Action Notes were approved as final at the 4/25/06 MAG Meeting.**

**Members Advisory Group Meeting
Tuesday, March 21, 2006
CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon**

The support material and reference documents for the 3/21/06 MAG meeting are posted at
<http://www.cbfga.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MMG&meeting=all>.

Action Notes

Attendees: Phil Roger, CRITFC; Lonny Macy, CTWSRO; Bill Hutchinson, IDFG; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Brian Lipscomb, Kathie Titzler, Pat Burgess, Trina Gerlack, Tom Iverson, Tana Klum, Neil Ward, and Frank Young, CBFWA

By Phone: Laura Gephart, CRITFC; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Scott Soult, KTI; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries; Dave Ward, ODFW; Doug Taki, SBT; Dick Stone, WDFW

Time	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Technical Review	0%
	Objective 3. Presentation	0%

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Action: MAG approved the agenda with the following change: Add the briefing on the Federal Legislation by Tana Klum after item 6.

ITEM 2: Installation of New Chair and Vice-Chair

Action: Tony Nigro delegated Dave Ward of the Oregon Department Fish & Wildlife (outgoing Chair) to transfer the gavel to Lynn DuCharme, of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation (incoming Chair). Mark Bagdovitz, of the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service is the incoming Vice-chair.

Lynn DuCharme stated that she may not be able to perform Chair duties at this time and requested that Mark act as Chair in her place. Mark Bagdovitz suggested that he and Lynn discuss the duties of the Chair over the next two weeks and develop a way to share responsibilities that works for everyone. Lynn and Mark will update the MAG at the next Meeting.

ITEM 3: Discussion of Strategy for FY 2007-09 Project Selection Process

The Members approved assigning the MAG to evaluate where CBFWA can effectively engage in the Project Review process to:

1. Assure that core project obligations are not lost
2. Assure that critical needs are being met
3. Bring recommendations to Members

Discussion: After discussing the current situation regarding the FY07-09 project selection process, the MAG put forth the following three strategies for Member consideration.

Actions: 1. Mainstem Systemwide Review

CBFWA staff is facilitating this process while CBFWA members participate with others in the region. The strategic question here was whether CBFWA members would like a parallel process to develop a CBFWA recommendation distinct from what the Mainstem Systemwide review process will produce.

Recommended action:

Do not do a separate process at this time. Members are encouraged to participate in the Mainstem Systemwide Review Team (MSRT) process so they will be prepared to participate in development of the CBFWA comments on the outcome. Discuss and update MSRT process at the April 18th MAG Meeting. End of April, CBFWA could endorse the MSRT's product and identify exceptions. Address and resolve the outstanding issues at the May 2006 Members Meeting.

2. Participation in the Northwest Power & Conservation Council's (NPCC) M&E Guidance Discussions

The NPCC M&E guidance is being discussed in two contexts; 1) As guidance to the 07-09 project selection process, and 2) As an M&E Plan for Council adoption.

Both of these issues will be on the NPCC's agenda for April in Whitefish, MT. Discussions are occurring within the MSRT process for the guidance as it relates to the 07-09 process.

Recommended action:

Participate proactively in both contexts. In the first context, consistent with the above-recommended action, encourage participation by the members in the MSRT. Additionally, develop formal recommendations from CBFWA to the NPCC for addition to the discussion in Whitefish. In the second context, recommend to the NPCC that development and adoption of an NPCC M&E plan should be done in the form of an amendment to the program in combination with provincial objective amendments.

3. Project Review from a Technical Management Standpoint

Historically, technical management review of the projects has been an integral part of the process, it is not this year. Should CBFWA provide this and if so should it be provided to inform the ISRP review or in response to the ISRP review?

Recommended action:

Direct the CBFWA committees to provide technical management review for CBFWA adoption in response to the ISRP review as a recommendation to the NPCC.

ITEM 4: FY 06 Members' Participation Budgets

Kathie Titzler and the MAG reviewed the proposed FY06 budgets for Members' participation. Some adjustments were made based on members spending from FY05. Additionally Kathie was instructed to contact the CdAT and NPT to see if they too would like consideration at the FY05 level.

Recommended action:

Approve the adjusted budget allocation with CdAT and NPT adjusted from Kathie's discussions but not in excess of their FY05 levels. If their request exceeds their FY05 levels, the Members can consider without MAG recommendation.

The updated Members' Participation Budget is posted at:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2006_0405/AWPMbrsFundingApril2006-March2007Updated032406.xls

Kalispel Tribe and Spokane Tribe Allocation:

Given that it is a new contract year, Brian Lipscomb suggested that the Kalispel Tribe and Spokane Tribe be invited back into the CBFWA organization to participate and provide input on regional issues.

Recommended action:

Discuss a formal invitation to the Kalispel Tribe and the Spokane Tribe to consider rejoining CBFWA to assist the other fish and wildlife managers and tribes in the strategic discussions on influencing regional fish and wildlife resource decisions.

ITEM 5: Review of CBFWA Interaction with and Participation on the Budget Oversight Group

Tom Iverson reported that his observer role in the BOG that was outlined in CBFWA letter sent June 8, 2005 [<http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/documents/finalconsent/BOGltrFinal060805.pdf>] has not changed. Concerns were expressed that there is a communication breakdown in the process leaving no time for negotiations between project sponsors and project reviewers.

Recommended action:

Direct the staff to change their role from that of observer in the BOG to that of liaison. With the definition of liaison being fully presented and understood by the members and staff at the Members meeting.

Tom Iverson will contact Ron Peters, CdAT to get his input for presentation to the Members.

ITEM 6: Initiation of Process to Recruit and Fill the Vacant Anadromous Fish Management Coordinator (AFMC) Position

Brian Lipscomb reviewed the AFMC job description and Section 505 (a) Selection of the CBFWA Charter. Mark Bagdovitz requested help from the MAG in the recruiting process.

Action: Pursuant to the Charter Doug Taki, SBT John Palensky, NOAA-F, Bill Hutchison, IDFG and tentatively Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS will form a subcommittee facilitated by Jann Eckman, CBFWA to make recommendations through the MAG to Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director, of candidates to fill the vacant AMFC position. The Executive Director will then make the final selection from the recommended candidates. The targeted timeline will be recommendation considered by the MAG at the May 16th meeting.

Additional Federal Legislation Briefing**Item:**

Tana Klum distributed and briefed the MAG on the press release concerning Congresswoman Cathy McMorris (R-WA) entitled "McMorris Introduces Legislation to Require ESA Cost

Transparency” [http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2006_0321/2006_0321PressReleaseMcMorris.pdf] and the bill on Endangered Species Compliance & Transparency Act of 2006 (Introduced in House) [http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2006_0321/2006_0321H.R.4857.pdf] both dated March 2, 2006.

Some initial concerns about the language for consideration included:

- 1) Asking for transparency in ESA costs as they relate to individual consumer power bills when there is no transparency or regional agreement as to how forgone revenues are calculated.
- 2) Other non-power costs to the FCRPS like irrigation and transportation are not included.
- 3) BPA has legal mandates to not only recover ESA costs, but the entire NPCC F&W Program in it's revenue requirements.
- 4) Why not include other power related costs in consumer's monthly bills, such as repayment for WPPS, IOU exchange rates, and secondary revenues.

Recommended action:

Continue to track the development of the language and develop strategy as needed for Member consideration to influence this bill.

ITEM 7: Agenda for April Members Meeting

The above-recommended actions will constitute the Members draft agenda for April 5th.

One additional item may be the approval of a revised organizational chart if needed for the IT support position. A contract is currently being considered which would not need a change to the organization chart.

FYI Item: MAG and Members Meeting Information:

Action:

- The next MAG Meeting is April 18, 2006. Monthly MAG meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- The MAG will set an agenda for the Members monthly meetings during their monthly MAG meetings.
- Monthly Members Teleconferences are scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month in 2006 beginning on April 5th. The times for these will be 1:00pm to 4:00pm.
- The Summer Members Meeting is scheduled for August 23-24, 2006 in Boise, Idaho.

Potential draft agenda items discussed today that may be added to the next agenda are the approval of 1/18 and 3/21/06 Draft Action Notes, MAG Chair/Vice-chair Duties Defined, CBFWA Charter, FY 2007-09 Project Selection Process Update, Staff's Role in BOG Update, FY06 Members Budget Update