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DATE: July 10, 2006
TO: Members Advisory Group
FROM: Lynn DuCharme, Chair and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Action Notes for the 7/7/2006 MAG Meeting

Special Members Advisory Group Teleconference Meeting
Friday, 7/7/2006
CBFWA Office, Portland Oregon

The support material and reference documents for the 7/7/2006 Members Teleconference are posted at:
<http://www.cbfga.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>

These notes were approved as final at the 7/18/06 MAG meeting.

Action Notes

Attendees: Dick Stone, WDFW; Lonny Macy, CTWSRO; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Brian Lipscomb, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, Frank Young, Pat Burgess, Trina Gerlack, CBFWA

By Phone: Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Gary James, CTUIR; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Michele DeHart, FPC; Sue Ireland, KTI; Chris Hunter, MFWP; Dave Statler, NPT; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries; Dave Ward, ODFW; Michael Haddix, SBT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Mary Verner, UCUT

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

- ACTION:**
- Dick Stone moved to accept agenda with Item 4 adjusted to reflect an update from Tom Iverson on budget allocations.
 - Lonny Macy seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 2: Response to NPCC on ISRP Review

Review and forward to the members a recommended CBFWA response to the ISRP's Preliminary Review of Proposals submitted for FY 07-09.

Note: *Within the meeting Item 2 was moved to follow Item 3. It is recorded within these notes in the order of the original agenda.*

Discussion: A draft memo outlining general comments to be included in a response to the ISRP FY07-09 Preliminary Review of proposals and programmatic comments was presented to the MAG.

The RFAC and AFAC presented their comments:

RFAC: Neil Ward advised that the RFAC reviewed both programmatic comments and project specific comments and addressed sub-basin/provincial recommendations and provided their documented review to the MAG.

- The RFAC felt that in the programmatic comments, the ISRP brought up issues that have been addressed over and over.

- RFAC agrees that the ISRP would have a better understanding of the projects if site visits and presentations could be a part of the review process.

- The RFAC stated that the ISRP should not label projects as fund/do not fund but instead stay close to scientific definitions.

The RFAC Review of the ISRP Review of Proposals and Subbasin/Province Recommendations can be viewed at

<http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>.

Upon reviewing the RFAC comments, Sue Ireland questioned if CBFWA was moving beyond its scope looking at the programmatic recommendations. Dave Statler echoed Sue's concern and suggested that the programmatic ISRP review and the basic sub-basin/provincial recommendations be separated out with recommendations to the Council under separate correspondence. Dick Stone reminded the MAG of the direction given to the technical committees.

Brian Lipscomb agreed that both Dick and Dave are correct – it is two separate issues. These issues will be reviewed in the July 18th MAG meeting.

AFAC: Tom Iverson reported on the comments and findings of the AFAC.

- The ISRP recommendations to fund/do no fund were not appropriate for a technical review process but instead should be changed to Technically Sound/Not Technically Sound.

- In addition, the ISRP called for topical and targeted reviews. Historically, CBFWA has provided topical reviews but the current structure of the province/sub-basin does not facilitate that. Topical review is defined as the process of grouping projects of a similar type facilitating prioritization.

- The ISRP called for linking bio-data collected by projects with the PISCES project data. The PISCES project is behind on collected bio-data but the Status of the Resource Project could fill this need.

- AFAC agrees with the ISRP's determination that it would be beneficial to return to the rolling province review.

The discussion ended with the resolution that Tom Iverson will finalize the draft letter for Members' review and will copy Phil Roger, Dick Stone, Mark Bagdovitz, and Dave Statler to facilitate feedback. Brian Lipscomb anticipates the ability to have the letter finalized and signed by Chairman Trahan at the completion of the July 10th Members' meeting.

ACTION:

- Dick Stone moved to direct the committees to complete letter to the NPCC for recommendation for Members' approval on Monday, July 10th.
- Lonny Macy seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 3: “Fix it loop” Response from CBFWA to ISRP on CBFWA sponsored proposals:

Review and take action to approve if necessary the “fix it loop” responses to the ISRP for:

1. CBFWA’s AIWP
2. CSMEP
3. CBFWA FPC

Discussion:

The current summary responses can be found on the CBFWA website at:

<http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>.

CBFWA’s AIWP: Tom provided a summary of CBFWA’s response to the ISRP on the AIWP. Tom summarized the questions raised by the ISRP and CBFWA’s responses as outlined in the 7/7/06 draft document provided for today’s meeting.

Neil Ward added that the ISRP was consistent in their requests for performance metrics.

Dick Stone stated that a survey tool must almost be used to gauge effectiveness. Tom Iverson added that surveys are very expensive.

Dick Stone pointed out that CBFWA should be sure to recognize all the IT/website assistance that Amy Langston provides to the Council and BPA.

Tom Iverson reiterated that the Status of the Resource was a living website which would also provide an annual data summary. The ISRP has not had a chance to review the Status of the Resource Project.

Brian Lipscomb stated that CBFWA may want to consider responding on a different level to the Council on some of the issues.

Lynn DuCharme expressed her appreciation for the good work by CBFWA staff in responding to the ISRP.

CSMEP: Frank Young explained that overall the ISRP’s comments regarding CSMEP were complimentary. The questions requiring response centered on hatchery supplementation design and comments relating to non-focal species. Frank added that the issue of hatchery supplementation design has been the greatest challenge. The comments made by the ISRP about non-focal species were not understood by the CSMEP committee so they guessed at the meaning and requested clarification in order to respond appropriately.

CBFWA FPC: The ISRP suggested a consolidation of FPC proposals. This consolidation has been outlined in a letter dated June 15, 2006. The letter was not available for review during this meeting but the letter has been posted to the MAG meeting document page for review in association with these action notes.

HEP: The ISRP suggested that HEP be fundable in part and the CHAP portion of the proposal not fundable. CBFWA is providing a response to the ISRP comments, although the ISRP did not request a response. Tom Iverson explained that it appears that the ISRP misunderstood the HEP application. Dick Stone suggested that CBFWA may want to revise the language used within the response in regard to the ISRP’s misunderstanding of the original concept of HEP and CHAP.

ITEM 4: Response to MSRT budget allocations for CBFWA sponsored projects within the Mainstem Systemwide province.

The MSRT has grouped the CBFWA proposals into three groups, assigned a budget to each group and has asked the sponsors of the projects within each group to respond (see issue paper).

1. CBFWA Annual Implementation Workplan proposal grouped with other coordination projects
2. CBFWA FPC proposal grouped with two other mainstem passage monitoring proposals

3. CSMEP proposal

Discussion: Tom provided an update on the MSRT advising that they completed their review of research proposals and the budget balancing exercise for basinwide proposals. Tom provided an Excel workbook containing budget recommendations and comments for all categories to date.

The MSRT recommendations will be incorporated into a final recommendation from the MSRT to Council staff over the course of the next week. Although Tom has facilitated the MSRT process, Dick Stone reiterated that the final product by the MSRT was not a CBFWA product. Tom added that the MSRT was formed by request by Council staff and consists of representatives from the Region's fish and wildlife managers, Bonneville, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Council staff, and other interested parties. The MSRT balanced budget spreadsheets and informational email can be found at <http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>.

ITEM 5: Review Summer Members Meeting Date & Location

Review and recommend date and location alternatives to the Members.

Discussion: Brian Lipscomb advised that the date for the Summer Members' meeting needs to be adjusted and asked the MAG to consider an alternate date and possibly an alternate location to recommend to at Members for the July 10th meeting. August 29-31st is available in Boise. An alternate suggestion was to meet in Astoria or Ilwaco on Wed, 8/30 and Thurs, 8/31 with a plan to leave Friday, 9/1 open for a fishing excursion to honor Frank's retirement.

Mark Bagdovitz reminded the MAG that Friday, 9/1 was the start of the Labor Day weekend and many people will be kicking off their holiday on that day so the MAG may want to consider meeting from 8/29-8/30 and having the fishing excursion on 8/31.

ACTION:

- Dick moved to present an alternate date of 8/29-8/31 and available locations (i.e. the mouth of the Columbia; Ilwaco or Astoria) to the Members on July 10th for their review, discussion, and approval.
- Mark Bagdovitz seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 6: Finalize agenda for 7/10/06 Members Teleconference scheduled at UCUT Office, Spokane WA.

Gwen Lankford, Sapphire Strategies - Who is the Public Relations Contact or Media Spokesperson for each Agency and Tribe of CBFWA?

Discussion: Brian Lipscomb presented a draft agenda for the July 10th Members' meeting. Items detailed include:

- Approval of MFWP budget increase request
- Response to NPCC on ISRP Review
- Fix-it loop response from CBFWA to ISRP on CBFWA sponsored proposals
- Update on MSRT budget allocations
- Approve Summer Member's meeting date and location
- Review initial strategies for public relations – Gwen Lankford, Sapphire Strategies

ACTION:

- Mark Bagdovitz moved to accept draft agenda as presented, noting that the MSRT presentation will be in the form of an update.
- Lonny Macy seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

FYI ITEM: Members and MAG Meeting Information:

Next regular monthly MAG Meeting is July 18, 2006. Monthly MAG meetings will continue to be 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 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

The Summer Members' Meeting is currently scheduled for August 23-24, 2006 in Boise, Idaho but may be moved to an alternate date and location in August 2006.

Meeting adjourned.