



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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**DRAFT**

DATE: January 22, 2007  
TO: CBFWA Members  
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA  
SUBJECT: DRAFT Agenda for the Winter Members Meeting

Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

**The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and government agencies:**

- Burns Paiute Tribe
- Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
- Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Nez Perce Tribe
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall
- Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Coordinating Agencies**
- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- Upper Columbia United Tribes

## Winter Members Meeting – Boise, Idaho February 7-8, 2007

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**Harrison Plaza Suite Hotel**  
**409 S. Cole Rd.**  
**Boise, ID 83709**  
**208-375-7666 or 800-376-3608**

**Day One: 2/7/07 – Wednesday**  
**1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner and Speaker: 5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**and**  
**Day Two: 2/8/07 – Thursday**  
**8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Lunch and Speaker: 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

### Draft Agenda – Version 1

The support material and reference documents for the February 7-8, 2007 Members meeting will be posted at <http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=Members&meeting=all> for your information.

Handouts available at meeting: 2006 CBFWF Audit Report – Members Contact List

### **Day One – Wednesday, February 7, 2007**

- 1:00-1:10pm Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 1:10-1:20pm Invocation**
- 1:25-1:35pm Introductions, Roll Call, and Approve Agenda**
- ITEM 1: Change of Officers**
  - 1:35-1:45pm**
    - The outgoing Chair Ron Trahan, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation transfers the gavel to incoming Chair, Ren Lohofener, Regional Director of the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service.
    - The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is the incoming Vice-chair.
- ITEM 2: Draft Action Notes from 1/3/07 Members Teleconference**
- 1:45-1:55pm Recommended Action:**
  - Approve 1/3/07 Members Teleconference action notes as final.

Go to: [http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007\\_0103/ActionNotes010307MembersMtgDraft.pdf](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0103/ActionNotes010307MembersMtgDraft.pdf)

**ITEM 3: Review Agenda and Meeting Introduction****1:55-2:00pm**

The focus of the meeting will be to approve a strategy and plan for developing a comprehensive draft Fish and Wildlife Program amendment recommendation to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council through the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority.

**ITEM 4: FY 2005 Status of the Resource Report****2:00-2:30pm**

Working collaboratively with data management projects, Bonneville Power Administration, Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC), and fish and wildlife managers, the CBFWA developed, coordinated, and implemented the Status of the Resources Project, a comprehensive and uniform basin-wide data inventory and reporting project that mines and compiles abundance data for fish and wildlife populations throughout the Columbia River Basin. Although there are reports and websites that provide status and trend data for fish and wildlife species, these reports are often area-limited, do not include anadromous and resident fish as well as wildlife, and are void of the biological objectives associated with each of the populations. The “*2005 Status of the Resources Report*” provides a template for a detailed review, at a subbasin scale throughout the Columbia River Basin, of the status and trends of anadromous and resident fish species in relation to biological objectives. Future reports will utilize this template to provide continuity for monitoring the trends of focal species populations and their status relative to biological objectives established fish and wildlife managers.

Copies of the “*2005 Status of the Resources Report*” will be distributed to each Member and the CBFWA staff will demonstrate the functions of Status of the Resources Project website. In addition, the CBFWA staff will discuss project deliverables/expectations for 2007 which include: a wildlife section (currently in development with the assistance of the Wildlife Advisory Committee), 2006 and 2007 fish data, potential submission to Congress pending Members agreement, and use during the NPCC’s Program Amendment process.

**2:30-2:40pm****Break****ITEM 5: Background on Legal Context of Amending the Fish and Wildlife Program under the Northwest Power Act - Joe Mentor, Mentor Law Group, PLLC****2:40-3:40pm**

Joe Mentor will review the Northwest Power Act from the context of the fish and wildlife managers providing Program amendment recommendations to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council. The fish and wildlife managers hold a unique status within the Power Act for making recommendations to the Council.

**ITEM 6: Strategy and Plan for Developing Recommendations to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Program****3:40-5:00pm**

CBFWA staff will set the context for the next Program amendment process by summarizing the existing Fish and Wildlife Program and describing the current expectations for a Program amendment. The Members Advisory Group have approved a draft outline for the anticipated amendment and the CBFWA technical committees have described the expected technical level work for completing the outline. The members will review proposed timelines and work plans for completing the draft amendment by the end of 2007. A strategy will also be described to ensure the broadest level of support for the draft amendment.

**5:00-5:30pm****Break****5:30-7:30pm****Dinner and Speaker**

Jim Kempton, NPCC will introduce Idaho Council Member Bill Booth, NPCC

**7:30pm***Meeting Adjourned*

**Day Two – Thursday, February 8, 2007****8:00-8:30am**      **Catered Continental Breakfast****ITEM 7:**            **Recap Day One Meeting****8:30-9:30am****Recommended Action:**            • Approve strategy, outline, and technical committee work to develop draft Program Amendment.**ITEM 8:**            **CBFWA Public Relations Updates** – Tana Klum, CBFWA and Gwen Lanksford, Sapphire Strategies**9:30-10:00am**

Since August Members Meeting, a Public Relations work group comprised of members delegates was formed to assist Gwen and Tana with products relative to the approved Public Relations work plan. The group has met formally twice and will assist Gwen and Tana by presenting the Members with a new draft CBFWA brochure, a revamped website, and a list of next steps relative to the Public Relations work plan.

*Item 8a:*            • Approve the new CBFWA brochure.**Recommended Action:***Item 8b:*            • Approve the new CBFWA website design.**Recommended Action:***Item 8c:*            • Provide direction for next steps in fulfilling the tasks in the Public Relations work plan.**Recommended Action:****ITEM 9:**            **Celilo Falls Inundation Anniversary Partnership** - John Platt, CRITFC**10:00-10:20am**

Discussion: At the December 19, 2006 MAG Meeting, John Platt reported that March 10, 2007 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inundation of Celilo Falls. This is an opportunity to focus public attention on the hydrosystem as it relates to fish and wildlife.

The four CRITFC Tribes have events planned, including a feast at Celilo, and the Columbia River History Center will be host to a major conference.

Paul Koberstein of Cascadia Times ([www.times.org](http://www.times.org)) wants to put together a whole issue on Celilo Falls.

**Recommended Action:**            • Approve recommendation that CBFWA Members partner with CRITFC to raise awareness across the region.**ITEM 10:**            **Proposed Innovative Project Solicitation Update** – Tom Iverson, CBFWA**10:20-10:35am**

The Council has approved an innovative project solicitation for FY 2007-2009. CBFWA staff will describe the current status of the solicitation, time lines, and selection criteria.

**ITEM 11: BPA's *In Lieu* Process Update – Dave Ward, CBFWA**

**10:35-10:50am** The Power Act requires that BPA funding be in addition to, rather than in lieu of, funding by other entities where appropriate. In letters to the Council dated August 3, 2006 and October 6, 2006, BPA gave preliminary scores to all new and ongoing proposals relative to in lieu funding concerns. The BPA hoped to finalize its ratings in January. The technical committees were directed to review the final BPA ratings and provide feedback to the MAG.

**10:50-11:00am Break**

**ITEM 12: Discussion on Quagga Mussel Spread in the Colorado River Basin, and New Concern about Inoculation of the Snake/Columbia via the Owyhee – Dan Diggs, USFWS**  
**11:00-11:30am**

Review notice that indicates possible introduction of Quagga mussels into the Columbia Basin via hatchery transfer from Nevada to the Owyhee Basin.

**ITEM 13: CBFWA Business**

**11:30am-Noon**

***Item 13a: Members Budget Increase Requests***

The CTUIR has expended its FY06 CBFWA contract amount of \$6,000 and are requesting an additional \$10,000 to continue participating through the remainder of this contract period.

The WDFW has expended its FY06 CBFWA contract amount of \$30,000 and are requesting an additional \$5,000 to continue participating through the remainder of this contract period

There is approximately \$25,166 left in the Reserve account.

**Recommended Action:**

- Approve CTUIR and WDFW additional budget requests to continue participating in CBFWA through the FY06 contract period.

***Item 13b: Official Appointment Letter Designating Each Tribe/Agency's CBFWA Committee Representatives for 2007***

**Recommended Action:**

- Each Tribe and Agency of CBFWA is required to complete the template designating a committee representative for the Members policy group, Members Advisory Group, Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee, Resident Fish Advisory Committee, Wildlife Advisory Committee, Fish Passage Advisory Committee, and an Administrative Assistant for the calendar year 2007.

- Please complete the attached template letter and bring it with you to the meeting.

***Item 13c: Select Members Teleconferences and Meeting Dates, Time, and Location***

In 2006, the Members scheduled monthly standing Members Teleconferences for the 1st Wednesday of every month starting at 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The MAG Meetings were scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of every month for 2006 and the MAG was directed to set an agenda for the Members monthly meetings during their monthly MAG meetings. Do the Members want to continue using the meeting process above?

Select March Members Teleconference Date, Time, & Location

The 2007 Summer Members Meeting should be held in August in Montana to maintain the meeting rotation among the states. The NPCC is meeting August 14-16, 2007 in Washington.

**Recommended Action:**

- Approve a meeting process for the Members to meet in 2007.

**Recommended Action:**

- Approve next Members meeting date, time, and location.

**Recommended Action:**

- Approve date and location for the 2007 Summer Members Meeting.

**Item 13d:**

***Report on CBFWA Office Move***

Discussion:

CBFWA staff will provide an update the CBFWA Office move. Harsch Properties is remodeling the building and they plan to rent the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor as retail space. CBFWA is still considering moving to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, but all costs and options are being reviewed, including the consideration of the FPC moving in with CBFWA. The FPC budget was extended by BPA to January 07 and may be extended through to the end of Spring 07.

**12:00-1:00pm**

**Potential Speakers for Catered Lunch**

Bert Bowler, Idaho Rivers United

Pat Ford, Save Our Wild Salmon

**ITEM 14:**

**Northwest Power & Conservation Council's F&W Committee Presentation**

**1:00-3:00pm**

Discussion on Program Amendment

*Meeting adjourned*