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Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: February 13, 2008
TO: MAG and AFAC Work Session
FROM: Dave Ward and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the January 29, 2008 MAG – AFAC Work Session

MAG - AFAC Work Session January 29, 2008 CBFWA Office, Portland, OR

Support material for the 1/29/08 MAG-AFAC Work Session is posted on the MAG webpage at <http://www.cbfgwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Brad Houslet, CTWS; Rob Walton and Elizabeth Gaar, NOAA Fisheries; Patty O'Toole, NPCC; Brian Lipscomb, Tom Iverson, Dave Ward, Ken MacDonald, and Trina Gerlack, CBFWA

By Phone: Lawrence Schwabe, BPT; Gary James, CTUIR; Ritchie Graves, NOAA Fisheries; Tony Nigro and Tom Rien, ODFW; Doug Taki, SBT; Ron Rhew, USFWS; Nate Pamplin, WDFW; and Neil Ward, CBFWA

Time Allocation:

Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Objective 2. Technical Review	%
Objective 3. Presentation	%

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

Discussion: Brian Lipscomb reviewed and the agenda and it was adjusted to accommodate the schedules of some of the meeting participants that could not work past 12:00 p.m.

Actions: The MAG moved to cancel the working lunch and postpone conversations related to Item 3: Coordination Funding until the February 19, 2008 MAG Meeting and target that discussion for NPCC's March meeting. No objections.

Agenda Item 4: Amendment and Timeline Review will be reviewed at the next MAG Meeting.

Other Business: Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries notified the group that Department of Justice filed a motion for a 45-day extension to complete the FCRPS and Upper Snake biological opinions. The time extension is needed in order that NOAA Fisheries to consider and responsibly address the comments received on the draft BiOp. The new requested due date is May 2, 2008.

Patty O'Toole, NPCC stated, at this time the NPCC will not be extending the April 4, 2008, date to submit recommendations for the F&W Program Amendments.

ITEM 2: Clarification of the Proposed Anadromous Fish Measures

See Presentation Program Amendments:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2008_0129/AnadromousFishAlternativesPresentationVer2.ppt

See Population Specific Measures Draft:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2008_0129/PopulationSpecificMeasures29Jan2008Draft.doc

See AHA Comparison Tables:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2008_0129/AHAComparisons29Jan2008.xls

- Clarification of AHA analysis and how it has informed the development of strategies
- Clarification of how scenarios were developed including verification of hydro as a limiting factor
- Clarification of the linkages between the population scale objectives and overall programmatic objectives for anadromous fish

Recommended Actions:

- 1. Approve content and format of population/subbasin specific recommendations including recommendation for AFAC analysis and measures construction.**
- 2. Approve and provide recommendation for linking the population biological objectives to the programmatic biological objectives.**

Discussion:

Dave Ward requested clear and concrete direction on how to proceed on clarifying the analysis and format for a province summary for Members review. Dave presented a condensed version of the January 17-18, 2008 Members Meeting presentation to update the group. He presented alternative designs and discussed alternatives for the scenarios.

The group had many questions and concerns related to the combinations of H's in the scenario bar graphs and hydro components in AHA analysis presentation.

In this presentation, Dave dropped the aggregated abundance roll up, but recommends adding what proportion of the population is meeting what objective.

The Members should be able to come to some consensus on a package containing habitat, hatchery, and harvest measures that they could collectively recommend to the NPCC. The Members differences are in hydro operations and what they should look like with respect to the Fish & Wildlife Program.

By comparing hydro and habitat, the AHA analysis pointed in the direction what suite of measures to concentrate on for populations. The strategies and measures came out of recovery plans, subbasin plans, and/or agencies reports.

The Federal agencies do not want to be in the position of defining BPA's obligation.

The language in the Program needs to be specific enough to get the work done. Specific language can be found in the recovery plans.

After a long discussion, the group decided they needed to review a complete package. They directed Dave Ward to complete detailed examples of the AHA analyses and potential measures for steelhead in the Columbia Plateau Province for the alternative methods discussed. An efficient combining of the alternatives was achieved by preparing the following scenarios for review: 1. the current situation, 2. responses to a combination of hydro operations and habitat actions specifically proposed for 2008, 3. responses to actions similar to (2) except that habitat inputs represent longer-term responses to an extensive suite of habitat restoration actions considered "desirable and feasible" by managers, 4. responses to actions similar to (3) except that hydro inputs represent expected responses to "aggressive non-breach" actions, and 5. responses if the hydrosystem had no direct impact on passage survival of juveniles or adults from subbasins of origin to Bonneville Dam, but with current conditions for habitat, harvest, and hatcheries. This scenario provided a rough benchmark for the previous scenarios.

Action: The MAG directed Dave Ward to prepare a strawman proposal for a complete province for review at the February 14, 2008 meeting. At this meeting, the MAG will provide AFAC with clear and concrete direction to proceed and develop the Anadromous fish measures for MAG and Members review the following week.

ITEM 3: Coordination Funding

See Issue paper from January Members Meeting:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2008_0129/Issue%20Briefing%20Paper_CoordinationFunding.doc

See 2007 Members Expenditures Report:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2008_0129/2007MbrsExpenditures29Jan2008.xls

See CBFWA 2008 Annual Implementation Work plan:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2008_0129/AWP_1869650_Draft.xls

Discussion:

- Review current spending levels for FY 2007
- Review/develop reduced budget
- Consider recommending MOA's between the coordinating entities

Recommended Actions:

1. **Approve any adjustments in member allocations for FY 2007.**
2. **Recommend to the Members the adjusted FY 2008 budget and strategy for approaching the NPCC.**

Action: The MAG moved to postpone conversations related to Item 3: Coordination Funding until the February 19, 2008 MAG Meeting and target that discussion for NPCC's March meeting. No objections.

ITEM 4: Amendment Document and Timeline Review

See Amendment Timeline Updated 1/28/08:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2008_0129/AmendTimelineJan29draft012807.pdf

- Review elements of amendment package
- Review/Develop Timeline to complete amendment recommendations
- Review and confirm outreach strategy and schedule

Action: The Amendment and Timeline Review will be review at the next MAG Meeting.

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