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

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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

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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: July 18, 2008
TO: Members Advisory Group
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the July 15-16, 2008 MAG Meeting

Members Advisory Group (MAG) Meeting Kalispell, Montana July 15-16, 2008

**Day One: Tuesday, July 15, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. MDT**

**Day Two: Wednesday, July 16, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. MDT**

Support Material is posted at http://www.cbfwa.org/committee_mag.cfm

Final Action Notes

Day One – Tuesday, July 15, 2008

7/15/08 Attendees: Brian Marotz, MFWP; Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Dave Statler, NPT; Elizabeth Gaar, NOAA Fisheries; Tom Rien, ODFW; Doug Taki, SBT; Mark Bagdovitz and Mike Faler, USFWS

CBFWA staff: Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson, Ken MacDonald, Binh Quan, Neil Ward, Dave Ward, and Trina Gerlack

WebEx – Phone: Brad Houslet, CTWS

Time Allocation:

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

Action: The draft agenda was approved.

ITEM 2: Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) Presentation

Background: At the June 24-25, 2008 meeting, the Members of CBFWA directed the MAG to prepare a presentation to the Council on July 15 to provide further clarification of agencies' and Tribes' amendment recommendations and comments identifying the areas of conflict and perceived differences and opportunities to resolve the misunderstandings. The CBFWA staff prepared four white paper briefings on the primary areas of disagreement or misunderstanding with the agencies' and Tribes' recommendations. These include:

- Level of Specificity to Include in the Program;
- Use of All-H Analyzer in the Agencies' and Tribes' Recommendations;
- Resident Fish and Wildlife Loss Assessments; and,
- Agencies' and Tribes' Wildlife Recommendations.

These draft briefings provide additional details of the agencies' and Tribes' recommendations in response to conflicting comments submitted by other organizations. At the July 15 MAG meeting, the MAG approved the general talking points to be made during the presentation to the Council, but did not approve the submittal of the written material. The MAG identified the members who would take the lead on presenting the agencies' and Tribes' informal testimony.

Action: The MAG selected on the following presenters for the July 15, 2008 presentation to the Council Fish Committee.

Brian Lipscomb - Introduction

Mark Bagdovitz - Level of Specificity to Include in the Program

Elizabeth Gaar - Use of All-H Analyzer in Agencies' and Tribes' Recommendations

Brian Marotz - Resident Fish and Wildlife Loss Assessments

Brian Lipscomb - Agencies' and Tribes' Recommendations for Wildlife

The MAG agreed to display the adaptive management diagram supporting the decision making in the Columbia River Fish and Wildlife Program and give a verbal presentation to the Council Fish Committee of the talking points outlined in each draft.

ITEM 3a: Provide Presentation to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council Fish Committee and Update

On July 15, the MAG representatives provided a verbal presentation to the Council Fish Committee. The Fish Committee requested a written summary of definitions and the presentation talking points.

ITEM 3b: Update on Presentation to the Council Fish Committee

The MAG discussed what to provide in writing to the Council Fish Committee. They agreed to use short bullets for the four areas, confirm that the adaptive management diagram arrows are going in the right direction, and add a definitions piece to the summary for the Council.

Day One Action: The MAG directed the presenters to provide a list of bullets they presented at the July 15 Council meeting to Tom Iverson to prepare a summary for review and approval on July 16. No objections.

Day Two Action: The MAG approved the summary of information presented at the July 15, 2008 Council Meeting. Brian Lipscomb and Tom Iverson distributed the summary to the Council Members on July 16. No objections.

Link to MAG's brief summary to Council: [July 15, 2008 Further Clarifications on the Agencies' and Tribes' Amendment Recommendations Presented to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Fish and Wildlife Committee.](#)

ITEM 4: Approve June 17, 2008 MAG Draft Action Notes as Final

Action: The MAG reviewed and approved the June 17, 2008 MAG Meeting action notes as final. No objections.

ITEM 5: Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) Integrated Program Review (IPR) FY 2010-11 Input – Tom Iverson

[This page provides links to policies that BPA follows when fulfilling its fish and wildlife mission.](#)

[BPA - FY09 SOY Planning Budget Cover Letter](#) – Posted July 9, 2008

[BPA - FY09 SOY Planning Budgets for Fish & Wildlife Projects](#) – Posted July 3, 2008

Background: At the June 25-26, 2008 meeting the Members direct staff and MAG to review rate case analysis for FY 2010-11, and collect more information to validate IPR and FY09 budget processes and review their findings at the July 15 MAG meeting. Comments are due to BPA August 18, 2008. The Members directed staff and MAG to complete this task by the end of July for Members consideration at the August 6 Members Teleconference.

Discussion: Based on this direction Tom Iverson presented his findings. It appears that the funding level for the Program may be adequate, depending on the work plan that is developed to implement both the Program and the budget. The fish and wildlife agencies and tribes need a better understanding of the planned work for 09-11 to inform their comments on the draft Fish and Wildlife Program and for the FY2010-11 BPA Integrated Program Review.

Day One Action: Item 1: The MAG directed CBFWA staff to draft a brief letter to BPA and Council to collaboratively discuss and develop, based on BPA's FY08-09 Budget and individual amendment recommendations and information, a comprehensive work plan for FY09, FY10, and FY11.

Discussion: Another issue of concern is with the recent development of MOAs and long term planning based around the 2008 FCRPS Biological Opinion a new landscape for collaboration among the statutory authorities Columbia River Basin is being created and currently the CBFWA members are not a part of those conservations and need to be included.

Action: Item 2: The MAG directed CBFWA staff to draft a brief letter to BPA and Council to collaboratively discuss regional coordination to support Program planning, implementation, and evaluation under a revised F&W Program, the FCRPS Biological Opinions, the Columbia River Fish Accords, and other agreements.

Action: After a long discussion of the two issues, the MAG agreed to combine the items into one draft letter to BPA and Council and assigned staff to prepare a draft for review on July 16, 2008.

Day Two Action: The MAG approved the draft letter on July 16 for MAG's review and comment by July 22, 2008 and distributed to the Members on July 23, 2008 for review and approval at the August 6, 2008 Members Teleconference.

Link to draft request letter: [Draft Fish and Wildlife Agencies and Tribes' Request Letter for Consultation with BPA and Council – Version 1](#)

ITEM 6: Clarification Briefing Paper on Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee Assignment to BPA and Council – Dave Ward

Background: At the June 25-26, 2008 meeting, the Members directed staff and MAG to prepare a briefing/position paper to inform representatives of BPA and the Council on the intent of the anadromous fish analysis relating subbasin objectives to basin-wide objectives. The MAG reviewed and discussed the draft briefing paper. They provided additional information and clarification for each bullet. CBFWA staff will use this information to complete a draft briefing paper by July 18, 2008.

Day One Action: The MAG directed Dave Ward to incorporate their edits and prepare a revised draft for their review on July 16.

Day Two Action: The MAG approved the revised briefing paper for the Members to engage in a conversation with BPA and the Council.

Link to revised draft briefing: [Clarification Briefing Paper on Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee Assignment to BPA and Council](#)

Day Two – Wednesday, July 16, 2008

7/16/08 Attendees: Brian Marotz, MFWP; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; Dave Statler, NPT; Elizabeth Gaar, NOAA Fisheries; Tom Rien, ODFW; Mark Bagdovitz and Mike Faler, USFWS; and David Stalling, National Wildlife Federation

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WebEx – Phone: Phil Roger and Laura Gephart, CRITFC

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	Objective 2. Technical Review	0%
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ITEM 7: Introductions and Recap of Day One Meeting

Brian Marotz stated that the presentation to the Council Fish Committee went well on July 15. He listed the pending assignments and drafts for MAG's review and direction on July 16.

1. MAG draft summary on presentation to the Council Fish Committee
2. Revised CBFWA draft briefing on AFAC's assignment bullets to BPA and Council
3. CBFWA draft consultation letter to BPA and Council

ITEM 8: Status of the Resource (SOTR) Next Edition – Neil Ward

Neil Ward and Ken MacDonald led participants in a review of the Province and Subbasin sections of the Draft 200? SOTR template. The MAG provided comments relative to the Subbasin section but due to time limitations were unable to complete the review of the Province section. Neil Ward and Ken MacDonald will meet with NOAA Fisheries representatives and other interested parties on Monday, July 21, 2008 to discuss NOAA-specific edits.

- Action:** The MAG scheduled a teleconference on Thursday, July 24, 2008 from 8:30-10:30am (PST) to review the updated Draft 200? SOTR template in preparation for submittal to the Members for their review and approval during the August 6, 2008 Members teleconference.
- ITEM 9:** **Climate Change Briefing Paper** – Brian Lipscomb and David Stalling, NWF
 “The National Wildlife Federation works to reach that goal by demanding climate change legislation that includes a cap-and-trade system and dedicated funding to address the impacts of global warming on America's natural resources.” - www.nwf.org
 NWF frequently asked questions: WCI - <http://www.nwf.org/westernclimateinitiative/pdfs/NWFWCIFAQ.pdf>
[Assessment of America’s Climate Security Act of November 2007](#) -
 The bipartisan America’s Climate Security Act is sponsored by Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut and John Warner of Virginia.
 Western Climate Initiative (WCI) - <http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org>
- Background:** At the June 25-26, 2008 meeting the Members directed MAG and staff to contact and work with Doug Howell, NWF to prepare briefing issue paper for Members consideration at their August 6, 2008 teleconference.
- Brian Lipscomb provided an update from the Summer Members Meeting discussion on climate change. He referenced the July 15-16, 2008 Northwest Power & Conservation Council’s agenda item 4: [Presentation on the Western Climate Initiative: Janice Adair, Washington DOE](#) and opened the link in the Council’s memo to the [Western Climate Initiative](#) (WCI) website. Brian reviewed the WCI upcoming meetings, workshops, and working subcommittees, participants, and stakeholders. He highlighted that there are no fish and wildlife agencies or Tribes listed in that organizational structure. The last Stakeholder Workshop prior to WCI’s release of its recommended [Draft Design Recommendations on Elements Cap-and-Trade Program](#) is July 29, 2008. The draft is very broad and lacks detail. Brian recommended that the fish and wildlife agencies and Tribes should review and participate in the discussions on the allocations and offsets in the draft. Specifically engage with your policy representatives, decision makers, and your Governor.
- Brian stated that staff is preparing a draft issue paper on the WCI and the Climate Security Act opportunities for fish and wildlife agencies and Tribes to participate individually or together. The draft issue paper will address the allocation formula, opportunities to promote habitat, and offsets. Brian will contact the Federal entities, Members, Janice Adair, Washington DOE and others for their perspective. Representatives from CRITFC and CTUIR are participating in the Climate Change initiative. The Umatilla Tribe and International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management are hosting the Adaptive Governance and Climate Change workshop on August 19-20, 2008 in Pendleton, Oregon. Information, agenda, and registration form are linked at <http://www.iiirm.org>.
- Brian Lipscomb introduced David Stalling from National Wildlife Federation. Dave Stalling, NWF came to rally support that the final WCI plan meets the 15% reduction goal and 80% overall reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2050. The second priority is to ensure that money is allocated for on-the-ground fish and wildlife and tribal resources and program planning to adapt to climate changes

and/or the money generated by a cap and trade system through an auction goes toward programs that benefit the public.

The National Wildlife Federation, in coordination with We First: Creating Climate Policy (WeCan) is developing a number of ways for organizations and individuals to provide comments and get involved in the WCI process. Information is linked at <http://www.nwf.org/westernclimateinitiative>.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The special MAG meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2008 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (via WebEx) to discuss the new edition SOTR edits.
- The August MAG meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2008 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (via WebEx)
- The next Members teleconference is scheduled for August 6, 2008 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- The August Northwest Power and Conservation Council meeting is scheduled for August 12-14, 2008 in Spokane, WA.

Meeting Adjourned