



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: October 28, 2009
TO: Members Advisory Group
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the October 26, 2009 Special MAG Teleconference

Members Advisory Group (MAG) Special Teleconference
Monday, October 26, 2009
1:00-4:30 p.m. PDT
@ CBFWA Office Portland, OR
[MAG Webpage](#)
Final Action Notes

Attendees: Paul Kline, IDFG; Tom Iverson, Dave Ward, Neil Ward, Trina Gerlack, Patricia Burgess, CBFWA

Phone/WebEx: Chairman Brad Houslet, CTWS; Jason Kesling, BPT; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Gary James, CTUIR; Brad Houslet, CTWS; Alan Byrne, IDFG; Sue Ireland, KTOI; Elizabeth Gaar, NOAA Fisheries; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Carol Perugini, SPT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Bill Tweit, WDFW

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

The MAG accepted the draft agenda as presented.

ITEM 2: FY 2010-14 CBFWA Policy Directives and Work Plan – Finalize Members Assignment to MAG in Preparation for the Members October 29th Work Session

Background: At the October 19 meeting, the MAG reviewed the Draft CBFWA Policy Directives and work plan adopted by the Members on October 7, 2009. Due to time constraints and subsequent waning participation at the October 19 meeting, the MAG was unable to complete the assignment as directed by the Members to prioritize tasks within the BPA proposed funding level for FY2010. It was agreed that CBFWA staff would distribute the work plan costs spreadsheet via email with instructions for completion. The MAG agreed to reconvene October 26 to finalize the assignment for the Members October 29 work session.

Discussion: Tom Iverson began the discussion by stating that CBFWA staff revised the work plan costs spreadsheet, based on the Oct 19 discussion, and [emailed it with instructions for completion on October 21](#) with reply requested by COB Friday, October 23. Tom stated that approximately half of the MAG members responded to the email exercise. The work plan costs spreadsheets posted for review today reflect the feedback received. Tom noted that representation from anadromous fish managers was limited and as a result could skew some of the priority rating results. Tom suggested that verbal comments and priorities could be added during the discussion from MAG members present who did not respond prior to the meeting. With regard to reviewing the budget implications of the priorities, Tom acknowledged that the MAG may not be able to come to full agreement in every instance.

The MAG initially questioned the process, prompting a lengthy discussion regarding the sequencing of the assignment, the challenges associated with ranking the committees' tasks toward balancing the budget, and the validity of the direction of the assignment.

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 fish and wildlife 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 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
 - Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

In the midst of the process discussion, Tony Nigro, ODFW, expressed that ODFW has some very frank questions they are wrestling with that they intend to key up for Members consideration at the October 29 work session regarding the basis upon which ODFW intends to support the organization going forward and what their shared commitment is to the organization. The MAG and CBFWA staff acknowledged Tony's statement, and the need to alert their Member representatives scheduled to attend the October 29 meeting, regarding ODFW's intent.

Chairman Houslet reiterated the Members direction and the MAG proceeded to complete the assignment and to the extent possible finalize answers to the following questions (contained within the Oct 21 email assignment):

- 1) Which tasks would your entity be comfortable removing from the work plan in order to balance the budget and why?
- 2) Do you have knowledge of other funding sources that may be available to support the tasks that have been eliminated?
- 3) What is your entities' funding requirement for Member participation for FY2010?
- 4) Which budget reduction strategy does your entity support for reducing the budget to fit within the BPA proposed budget?

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was agreed that Tom Iverson would contact the MAG members not in attendance, adjust staff support against priorities, and prepare a budget for Members' review on Thursday.

ITEM 3: Discuss and Prepare Members Background Material to Support Coordinated and Distributed Funding Models

Based on feedback received from MAG members in follow-up from the October 21 email assignment, CBFWA staff presented the edited [Position Statement \(page 7&8 of the draft Policy Directives\)](#) regarding funding distribution in response to the June 9 letter from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). The revised draft included three alternatives for distributing coordination funding, including pros and cons of each alternative as requested by the Members in their assignment to the MAG.

MAG members could not come to consensus on the Position Statement with the pros/cons included. It was agreed that the Position Statement would be presented to the Members excluding the pros/cons.

Final Products sent to Members: [Revised work plan costs](#) for Members consideration on October 29, 2009.
[Revised Draft Policy Directives, Deliverables, Tasks, and Position Statement](#) for Members consideration on October 29, 2009.

Upcoming Meetings:
Members Face to Face Work Session: Thurs, Oct 29, 2009 9:00am-4:00pm
Members November Meeting: Wed, November 4, 2009 - Cancelled
RM&E Workshop Session 2: Nov 3-5, 2009, Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, WA
MAG November Meeting: Mon, Nov 16, 2009 1-4pm (via WebEx)
Council Meeting(s): [Nov 12-13 webinar](#) Portland, OR and Dec 8-9, Portland, OR