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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

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

Upper Columbia United Tribes

DATE: March 8, 2012
TO: Members Advisory Group (MAG)
FROM: Doug Taki, Chair
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the March 6, 2012 MAG Teleconference Meeting

Members Advisory Group Teleconference Meeting
Tuesday, March 6, 2012
1:00-2:15pm (pacific)
@ CBFWA Office - Portland, OR

[MAG Webpage](#)

Final Action Notes Approved on 3/17/2012

Attendees: Doug Taki, Chair; Mike Faler, USFWS; and Dave Ward, HDR Engineering, Inc.
CBFWA/F Staff: Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, and Trina Gerlack

WebEx - Phone: Jason Kesling, BPT; Laura Gephart, CRITFC; Gary James, CTUIR; Elmer Ward, CTWS; and Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS

MAG Not Present: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; Idaho Department of Fish & Game; Kootenai Tribe of Idaho; Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation; Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe of Nevada & Oregon; Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation; Nation Marine Fisheries Service; and Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

Time Allocation:

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

Chairman Taki directed staff to contact a member from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (MFWP) or Idaho Department of Fish & Game (IDFG) and member from Kootenai Tribe of Idaho (KTOI) or Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) for their decisions on all actions passed at the meeting today.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Item 4, the draft synopsis of the Lamprey Report was reviewed as the first item on the agenda, to accommodate Dave Ward's, HDR presentation schedule at the March 6, 2012 Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) F&W Committee Meeting.

Action: The draft agenda items were adjusted and listed in the order they were reviewed. No objections.

The MAG representatives for the CSKT, KTOI, IDFG, and MFWP were contacted and informed of today's actions. No objections were submitted.

ITEM 4: **Draft Synopsis of Lamprey Report and Update - [Dave Ward, HDR Engineering, Inc.](#)**

The "[Draft Synopsis of Lamprey-Related Projects Funded through the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program](#)" is a technical summary of existing and past lamprey projects and contains answers to questions requested by the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP). Dave Ward and Christina Luzier (USFWS) will be presenting the draft progress report to the NPCC on March 6 & 7, 2012 meeting.

Discussion: Dave Ward, HDR asked if the MAG would approve the draft Lamprey technical report as final before it was presented at the March 6 & 7, 2012 NPCC meetings. The majority of the MAG was not in attendance at this time. The attending MAG representatives recommended that Dave give the progress report as draft and the MAG would finalize the report when more MAG representatives were in attendance.

Action: The MAG approved the "Draft Synopsis of Lamprey-Related Projects Funded through the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program" as final pending the approval of the missing MAG representatives. Approval has been received (see Item 1). No objections.

ITEM 2: **Draft Action Notes from the February 15, 2012 MAG Meeting**

Action: The [action notes for the 2/15/2012 MAG Meeting were approved as final](#). Approval has been received (see Item 1). No objections.

ITEM 3: **Select 2012 CBFWA Officers to Serve as Chair and Vice-Chair**

Chairman Taki has volunteered to Chair the Members Advisory Group for another year and would like to nominate Mike Faler as Vice-Chair.

Action: The MAG accepted Doug Taki's offer to serve as Chair of the Members Advisory Group for another year and supported the nomination of Mike Faler to serve as the Vice-Chair for 2012, pending the approval of the missing MAG representatives.

Doug Taki and Mike Faler accepted their positions and duties as the 2012 MAG Chair and Vice-Chair officers. Approval has been received (see Item 1). No objections.

ITEM 4: The draft Lamprey progress report was reviewed after Item 1.

ITEM 5: **Draft Amended CBFWA Charter**

The MAG reviewed [version 5 of the draft amended Charter](#) that included edits from the February 15th MAG meeting and the comments from Mentor Law Group. Foundation staff recommended that the Members should agree on the selection process under Section 403(a) Alternate 1 or Alternate 2 to select officers for Chair and Vice-Chair of the Authority Members. Also, the Members should define what kind of actions the MAG can make without the Members approval.

Action: The MAG approved the amended CBFWA Charter as final draft for Members consideration and approval at the March 14, 2012 Members Meeting, pending the approval of the missing MAG representatives. Approval has been received (see Item 1). No objections.

ITEM 6: **Office Relocation Update**

The CBFWA/F staff is reviewing moving bids, negotiating construction and lease contracts, and planning to move to the 2nd floor by mid April 2012.

ITEM 7: March 14, 2012 Members Meeting Draft Agenda

The MAG reviewed the Members draft agenda and requested updates on the Lamprey report and NPCC's activities be added to the draft agenda.

Action: The MAG finalized the [revised draft agenda for March 14, 2012 Members Meeting](#), pending the approval of the missing MAG representatives. Approval has been received (see Item 1). No objections.

ITEM 8: Review Talking Points Regarding Comments on Resident Fish, Data Management, and Regional Coordination Category Review

Background: At the February 15, 2012 MAG meeting, Tom Iverson provided a [presentation summarizing the ISRP's preliminary "Resident Fish, Data Management, and Regional Coordination Category Review"](#).

Several members and staff are concerned and confused by the Independent Scientific Review Panel's (ISRP) comments and policy guidance requests.

At the February 15th meeting, the MAG decided not to respond to the ISRP review, but to create talking points and possibly meet with Tony Grover and NPCC staff to ask what they plan to do with the ISRP's comments. The talking points identify the concerns that ISRP raised and the fish and wildlife managers' concerns with the review by the ISRP.

Discussion: Tom Iverson presented the draft talking points as a handout that outlined the concerns initiated by the ISRP's comments. Gary James requested the last bullet on the first page be revised.

At this time, no response to the ISRP is necessary and the NPCC is not requiring comments, but the Resident Fish Focus Group, Northwest Habitat Institute, StreamNet, and Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission are providing comments.

Tom I. suggested saving the draft talking points and waiting until the NPCC has released their project recommendations before the MAG takes further action.

"The Council is accepting comments through May 4, 2012, on the ISRP's recently released *Resident Fish, Data Management, and Regional Coordination Category Review: Preliminary Review of Proposals*, document [ISRP 2012-2](#)." See information at <http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/budget/2013/responsetoisrp.asp>.

"The Council is in the process under Section 4(h)(10)(D) of the Northwest Power Act to review project proposals related to [Resident Fish, Data Management, and Regional Coordination](#) to implement the Council's *Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program*. The ISRP's Preliminary Report is available for public comment and is the first of two ISRP reports in this review that you will be able to comment on. The final ISRP report will be available and posted on the Council's website on April, 4, 2012. The comment period will be held open to May 4, 2012, to allow for an opportunity to comment on that report."

"The Council intends for its Fish and Wildlife Committee to consider the project proposals, the ISRP's reports, and the public comments at the Council's May 8 and 9, 2012 meeting in Hood River, Oregon. There may be an additional opportunity for oral comment to the Committee at that meeting, and possibly an opportunity for public comment on a draft set of project recommendations to Bonneville as time allows. The Council then anticipates making final project recommendations to Bonneville on all the project proposals in these categories at the Council's June 12 and 13, 2012 meeting in Missoula, Montana."

ITEM 9: Status of the Resources (SOTR) Survey Results

In February, a nine-question survey was created to help evaluate usage and content of the SOTR website and assist Foundation staff in continuing to update the user-designed website. The survey was distributed to a broad range of entities throughout the Columbia River Basin requesting users of the SOTR to complete the survey by March 1, in an effort to continue to address the needs and desires of the user group.

Neil Ward provided an [overview](#) of the survey results and indicated that the respondents' answers indicate that the Foundation has been successful in creating and maintaining a comprehensive and easy to use website populated with up-to-date data. The broad group of users reported a high level of satisfaction while indicating that they would like to see more data (e.g. habitat status and trend, VSP, resident fish HLIs), data from other programs, and data reviews. Neil's recommendations for the SOTR in 2012 are to: 1) include resident fish high level indicators, 2) facilitate reviews of the data by the technical focus work groups, and 3) evaluate the availability of additional VSP data.

To ensure the website remains up-to-date, Neil and Binh Quan will continue to update the SOTR website on a monthly basis.

It is expected that the final survey report will be available by the end of March 2012 at which time it will be available on the SOTR website.

ITEM 10: Next MAG Meeting

The next MAG meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 17, 2012 at the CBFWA/F office from 1:00-4:00pm to address the following issues if necessary, Policy Directives update, discuss eyes and ears function for coordination, [NPCC's new High Level Indicators \(HLI\) website](#), NPCC's process updates and providing comments on project recommendations.

Upcoming Meetings:

[Northwest Power and Conservation Council](#) Meeting(s): March 6-7, Portland, OR; April 10-11 Skamania, WA; and May 8-9, 2012, Hood River, WA