



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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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 Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

National Marine Fisheries Service

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:	August 3, 2012
To:	CBFWA Members
From:	CBFWA Staff
Subject:	August Update on Regional Activities

As part of our commitment to provide improved communication with our Members, CBFWA staff is providing the following update on key regional activities for your review and consideration. If you have questions regarding any of these items, please contact CBFWA staff at (503) 229-0191.

A) Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Integrated Program Review (IPR) Update

BPA kicked off its 2012 Integrated Program Review June 5, 2012, to provide the region an opportunity to engage in a rigorous review of BPA's programs, their values, goals and costs. The Initial IPR Publication, posted at the Website listed below, describes programs the agency has developed to deliver on an efficient and reliable power and transmission system, and to provide expected and required services. BPA encourages participants to review the IPR Publications and comment on the agency's programs and proposed IPR spending levels and cost targets.

BPA provided additional information regarding fish and wildlife costs on July 17, 2012. The fish and wildlife managers should be concerned about the future funding levels proposed by BPA for the FY14-15 rate period. An underlying agreement with the Fish Accords was that funding would not come at the expense of existing projects within the Fish and Wildlife Program. Funding was added to the Program in 2008 to cover the cost of the Accords. However, because \$83 million of Accord work was not completed during 2008-2011, it has been moved forward into future fiscal years. The funding to support that work has not been added into the future fiscal year budgets which has created a financial crisis at BPA and is requiring the elimination of existing non-Accord work in order to fully meet the funding commitments for the Accords. See July 30, 2012 MAG Action Notes for further discussion.

Parties are encouraged to comment on BPA programs and associated spending estimates by **August 10, 2012**. For more information:

<http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/Finance/IBR/IPR/index.cfm>

B) Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) Program Evaluation and Reporting Committee (PERC)

The NPCC completed their review of Resident Fish, Data Management and Regional Coordination projects in July. The NPCC has instituted a committee (PERC) to engage in a regional discussion of how existing data management systems, tools and processes support the Council's evaluation and communication of their Fish and Wildlife Program performance and progress. To help gather input from involved entities and interested parties, the Council will host two discussion forums: 1) August 22 in Spokane and 2)

September 13 in Portland. All fish and wildlife managers are strongly encouraged to participate in this process.

The PERC will be focused on the data management projects funded through the Program. BPA has developed a Data Management Framework that defines a new paradigm for what data management activities they will fund. It is important that all fish and wildlife managers participate in this forum to express their needs for continued coordination of data management and data sharing and to support efficient and effective adaptive management at the project and Program level. Due to BPA's recent financial crisis, much of the Program infrastructure that has historically supported data management and data sharing is in jeopardy. Projects to be discussed include: StreamNet, Tribal Data Network, IBIS, PNAMP, Coordinated Assessment project, Anadromous Fish/Resident Fish/Wildlife Monitoring Strategies, and Status of the Resource website.

See July 30, 2012 MAG Action Notes for further discussion.

Meeting information at: <http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/program/perc/>

C) Coordinated Assessments Update

On July 12, PNAMP, CBFWF and StreamNet hosted a workshop for the Coordinated Assessments (CA) Working Group in Portland, Oregon. A main goal of the workshop was to introduce the latest version of a Data Exchange Template (DET) for four Viable Salmonid Population (VSP) abundance indicators for salmon and steelhead. A DET provides standard definitions of the data elements to be included in a data exchange and their format. The DET was reviewed by attendees and was approved pending some additional updates and final review by the CA Planning Group. Phase IV of the CA project will include pilot implementation of the data exchange as well as development of exchange templates for additional indicators. Please visit the workshop link to view the DET, workshop notes and presentations. This completes the first step towards building a salmon and steelhead data exchange network for the Columbia River Basin. The future funding of this work will be addressed in the PERC meetings (it is recommended that you participate to encourage continued funding of this effort).

Contact Tom Iverson for further information.

<http://www.pnamp.org/project/3129>

D) CBFWA Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Work Plan and Budget

It is time to begin constructing the FY2012 CBFWA Work Plan and Budget. For this year, the staff funding level will have to be determined first in order to assess what work can be done. CBFWA staff presented to MAG an initial approach for determining the CBFWA budget for FY2013. The numbers in the following table are DRAFT and do not reflect input from any of the CBFWA Members at this point. It is important that CBFWA staff talk to each Member to determine their funding allocations. Under the following assumptions, only 2 FTE of the total 5 Foundation staff would be fully funded. It is anticipated that the remaining funding for Foundation staff will be determined in the PERC process.

Revised DRAFT FY 2013-15 Budget Assumptions Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority July 24, 2012						
CBFWA Members	BPA Allocation	Other Regional Coordination Funding Commitments			Members Time and Travel	Fund CBFWF Objective 7
		BPA to USRT	BPA to CRITFC	BPA to UCUT		
Burns Paiute	\$ 132,711	\$ 93,334			\$ 20,000	\$ 19,377
Shoshone Bannock	\$ 132,711	\$ 93,333			\$ 20,000	\$ 19,378
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Fort McDermitt*	\$ -	\$ -				\$ -
Umatilla	\$ 132,711		\$ 49,785		\$ 15,000	\$ 67,926
Warm Springs	\$ 132,711		\$ 49,785		\$ 15,000	\$ 67,926
Yakama	\$ 132,711		\$ 49,785		\$ 15,000	\$ 67,926
Kootenai	\$ 132,711			\$ 55,463		\$ 77,248
NOAA	\$ -					\$ -
USFWS	\$ -					\$ -
Total		\$280,000				\$ 339,159

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E) Upcoming Meetings:

- NPCC Meeting – August 7-8, Spokane, Wa
- NPCC Science Policy Exchange meeting - August 9 Portland, Or
Predation in the Columbia River Basin: What are the Management Alternatives?
- PNAMP Data Management Leadership Team meeting – August 21, Portland, Or
- Coordinated Assessments Planning Group meeting – August 28, Portland, Or
- PNAMP Steering Committee Meeting – August 29, Olympia, Wa
- NPCC Meeting - September 11-12, Astoria Or
- NPCC PERC Meeting – August 22, 2012 Spokane, Wa
NPCC PERC Meeting – September 13, 2012 Portland, Or
<http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/program/perc/>
- FSOC Fish Passage Training Session – September 17, 2012 Hood River, Or -
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