



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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**Final**

**DATE:** February 11, 2013  
**TO:** Members Advisory Group (MAG)  
**FROM:** Mike Faler, Vice Chair and Doug Taki, Chair  
**SUBJECT:** Final Action Notes for the February 7, 2013 MAG Teleconference Meeting

**Members Advisory Group Teleconference Meeting  
Thursday February 7, 2013  
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Pacific)  
851 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 250, Portland, OR**

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**Final Action Notes**

**Attendees:** Mike Faler, Vice Chair; Elmer Ward, CTWS; Sue Ireland, KTOI, and CBFWF/A Staff: Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, Binh Quan, Trina Gerlack

**WebEx - Phone:** Jason Kesling, BPT; Laura Gephart, CRITFC; and Doug Taki, SBT

**ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**

Doug Taki was having computer problems and asked Mike Faler to chair the meeting.

**Action:** The agenda was approved as written. No objections.

**ITEM 2: Draft Action Notes from the January 8, 2013 MAG Meeting**

**Action:** The [action notes for the 1/8/2013 MAG Meeting were approved as final](#). No objections.

**ITEM 3: Review and Approve DRAFT CBFWA FY2013 Work Plan and Budget**

- Confirm each Member’s status and funding allocation
- Edit/adjust staff work plan as appropriate
- Approve final draft for Members’ approval

Tom Iverson stated that most of the Members or their representatives have provided their membership status and funding allocation as represented in the draft work plan funding allocation table.

The Burns Paiute Tribe and Shoshone Paiute Tribe submitted their formal notices and resolutions to withdrawal from the CBFWA organization, effective 3/31/2013.

The Yakama and Umatilla Tribes have provided verbal notice of their intention to withdraw as Members, but no formal communication has been received.

The Shoshone Bannock Tribe, Kootenai Tribe, Fort McDermitt, and Warms Springs Tribe will remain Members of CBFWA.

Sue Ireland, KTOI requested that the word “analysis” be added to the work plan tasks to make it clear that staff would provide more than photo copies of others’ agendas and meeting notes. Also, her original funding allocation was not accurately captured and she requested that staff subtract \$5,000 from facilitation services to be added to the KOTI time and travel.

Elmer Ward confirmed that CTWS’s funding allocations would remain similar as FY2012 and is correct.

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

There were no representatives from Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Tribes, Yakama Nation, or NOAA Fisheries to further discuss their positions at the meeting.

Tom stated that there are ongoing discussions for potential funding to CBFWF for regional coordination services from clients and co-managers who are no longer Members of CBFWA. The work will be exactly the same for non-Members; however, they will not participate in MAG and Member meetings. For example, Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks is not a Member of CBFWA, but they are contracting funds to CBFWF for regional coordination services.

At this time, the FY 2013 regional coordination funding allocations to CBFWF will fund a part-time assistant at .03 FTE and a part-time director at .06 FTE to serve the eyes and ears functions for the Members: monitor Fish and Wildlife Program processes, provide direct support for Members' travel needs, and provide analyses and coordinate information for CBFWA Members and CBFWF clients.

The NPCC Technical Services Work Plan for transferring the SOTR data to the NPCC's website and fish and wildlife high level indicator work is under a separate contract. The BPA and NPCC staffs agreed to meet with CBFWA/F staff for further negotiations after the market analysis is completed and the CBFWA Members have made their final funding allocation decisions at the 2/20/2013 Members Meeting.

**Action:** The MAG approved the submission of the FY13 CBFWA Work Plan and Budget with modifications for Members consideration and approval at the 2/20/2013 Members Meeting.

**ITEM 3a: CBFWA Charter**

Per a Member's request, on 2/8/2013 Jann Eckman and Tom Iverson met with Joe Mentor and Jessica Kuchan, Mentor Law Group, PLLC, by teleconference. After the meeting, staff drafted the Consequences of Charter Retention or Elimination memo. The memo outlines the legal effects and processes associated with preserving or canceling the CBFWA Charter to be addressed at the 2/20/2013 Members Meeting. The CBFWA Charter should be amended to address the changing landscape of the CBFWA organization.

The MAG directed staff to contact Joe Mentor and invite him to participate at the Members Meeting during the CBFWA work plan discussions regarding impacts to the organization.

**ITEM 4: February 20, 2013 Members Meeting Draft Agenda**

The MAG reviewed the 2/20/2013 Members Meeting draft agenda and directed staff to add Joe Mentor, Mentor Law Group, PLLC, to the agenda and invite him to participate during the discussion of the CBFWA work plan.

**Action:** The 2/20/2013 Members Meeting agenda was approved for distribution with one addition. No objections.

**ITEM 5: Other Regional and Business Updates**

Jann Eckman provided an update of the Members time and travel budget summary from 4/1/2012 through 1/31/2013. The budget summary does not reflect the SBT and USFWS approved funding modification. Those budget modifications will be adjusted at the end of the contract period, as per the action taken by the MAG at their 10/24/12 meeting. The CBFWA contract ends March 31, 2013, please check with your accounting departments and submit your invoices.

Tom Iverson provided the following updates.

He was contacted by a member of the Upper Snake River Tribes regarding EIS comments for the Lower Snake Sediment Management Plan. They would like to know if CBFWA intended to generate comments. Mike Faler stated that the NOAA Fisheries and USFWS are providing comments. Sue Ireland suggested coordinating comments with other Members would be helpful. The MAG and staff agreed they may have time to collate the comments, but no time to do an analysis. If any Members want to share comments, CBFWF staff will distribute them to the CBFWA membership.

The Columbia River Treaty is meeting this week and looking at the latest analyses. No new information is available at this point.

The Coordinated Assessments Planning Group (CAPG) is writing the next phase of their work plan. CBFWA membership will no longer fund Tom Iverson to facilitate the Coordinated Assessments meetings so he will stop performing that role. Without a designated facilitator, the progress of the CA project will slow down. The BPA and NPCC have not identified any funding to replace the Coordinated Assessments facilitator.

The NPCC will continue their deliberation on the Program Amendment process at the February meeting. The Program Amendment Process will start in April. The Fish & Wildlife Committee plan to have a solicitation letter available for full Council's approval at the April meeting and distribution the following week. There is a Geographic Review going on for habitat projects in the salmon populated subbasins. The proposals are due at the end of February.

The Budget Oversight Group (BOG) updated the rules for requesting within-year budget modifications and they are available on the Taurus website. There is no money available for within year budgets adjustments, so work closely with your COTR. They are granting within year budget adjustments to any sponsors who can find equal savings in other projects.

Sue Ireland requested an update of the Wildlife Focus Workgroup. Tom stated that the NPCC F&W Committee postponed the date to finalize their Regional HEP Team recommendations to give members of the UCUT Tribes time to review and provide comments on the Wildlife managers' recommendations.

The Regional HEP Team will be discussed at the NPCC meeting on February 13th. The Wildlife Managers' recommendations are to maintain the Regional HEP Team. The HEP Team should focus their efforts on completing their data reports, focus on new acquisitions, doing some follow-up HEPs, and keeping the ledger as a clean as possible. They also recommended that NPCC resume hosting wildlife meetings by chartering a wildlife advisory committee.

**ITEM 6: Next MAG Meeting**

The next MAG meeting will be scheduled after the Members meet on 2/20/2013 and provide direction to the MAG.

***Upcoming Meetings:***

[Northwest Power and Conservation Council](#) Meeting(s): [Feb. 12-13, Portland](#); March 12-13, Portland; April 9-10, Spokane; May 7-8, Boardman; [June 11-12, Missoula](#)

[Oregon AFS Annual Meeting](#): Feb. 19-22, 2013, Bend

[CBFWA Members Meeting at Airport Embassy Suites](#): Feb. 20, 2013, Portland

Budget Oversight Group Teleconference: Mar. 6, 2013 (Contact Cate Hanan, BPA at [cchanan@bpa.gov](mailto:cchanan@bpa.gov))

[Fish Screening Oversight Committee \(FSOC\) Teleconference](#): April. 25, 2013, Portland