



April 27, 2000

TO: CBFWA Members

FROM: Brian Allee

SUBJECT: Draft 4/12/00 Members Meeting Action Notes

CBFWA MEMBERS MEETING
April 12, 2000
7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Embassy Suites Hotel
Portland International Airport
Portland, OR

DRAFT ACTION NOTES

Attendees: Ronald Peters, CdAT; Deane Osterman, KT; Kevin Howlett, CSKT; Guy Norman, ODFW; Amos First Raised IV, BPT; Larry Peterman, MDFWP; Bert Bowler, IDFG; John Palensky, NMFS; Guy Dodson Sr., SPT; Fred Olney, USFWS; Lionel Boyer, SBT; Bill Tweit, WDFW, Bill Bradley, YIN; Elizabeth Gaar, NMFS; Dave Ward, ODFW; Ken Rutherford, ODFW; Haace St. Martin, BPT; Chad Colter, SBT; Bob Foster, WDFW; Ron Boyce, ODFW; Robert Matt, CdAT; Dave Statler, NPT; Maureen Smith, USFWS; Lynn Hatcher, YIN; Si Whitman, NPT; Ray Entz, KT; Brian Marotz, MDFWP; Dale Becker, CSKT; Susan Barnes, ODFW; Rob Lothrop, CRITFC; Paul Lumley, CRITFC; Theodora Strong, YIN; Roy Sampsel, SCS; Bob Lohn, NWPPC; John Ogan, NWPPC; Barry Eppenson, CBB; Mike Field, NWPPC; Eric Bloch, NWPPC; Brian Allee, Jann Eckman, Kathie Titzler, Tom Iverson, and Tom Giese; CBFWA/F

By Phone: Mary Verner, STI

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ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Agenda approved with one change. Agenda item 3 was switched with agenda item 4 so item 4 could be discussed before noon.

ITEM 2: Program Amendments – NWPPC Perspective

• *Future of the NWPPC Fish and Wildlife Program*

Discussion: NWPPC Chair, Larry Cassidy said that, in the future, the Fish and Wildlife Program will:

- mean greater accountability;
- include the agriculture and water interests; and,
- meet the scientific scrutiny of the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP).

He indicated that the ISRP would drive what work would go forward for one year; multi-year funding would happen after the science work is done. The NWPPC plans to have the EDT analysis ready in May, the overall Plan (Program) done by August 31st, with the goal of having the subbasin plans completed in 18 months.

• *Presentation on Program Amendments*

Discussion: Bob Lohn outlined the current ongoing processes. In Phase I the ongoing processes are:

- Program Amendments (deadline for submission 5/12/00);
- Rolling Provincial Review-process (for funding FY2001 projects until subbasin plan is completed);
- Subbasin assessment template development (provides the technical information on which to base subbasin plans)
- Identification of the high priority actions (early actions that can be considered before completion of subbasin plans, i.e., trust/treaty obligations, ESA requirements).

After the NWPPC adopts the framework for the restructured Program, the following processes will take place in Phase II:

- Requesting specific recommendations at a subbasin level in the form of subbasin plans;
- Involving the local agencies, watershed councils, landowners, and others in the development of the subbasin plans.
- Continuing to complete subbasin assessments.

The NWPPC plans to adopt the subbasin elements into the Program by the fall of 2001.

Bob said, when the NWPPC calls for amendments there is a minimum deadline, no maximum. Once the recommendations are in, there is a maximum of one year to integrate into a Program, hold public hearings, and finalize into a Program. Bob walked through the NWPPC's conception of the Phase I and Phase II timeframe, but said he is looking for advice from the Managers as to when to start Phase II.

Members asked what happens to existing projects? Bob said that until the NWPPC has concluded the rulemaking the existing work continues and gets funded through the rolling provincial review process. Bob said the NWPPC is trying to set up a process that permits change when the science and policy requires it.

ITEM 4: Collaborative Analytical Process (CAP) Update

Discussion: CBFWA needs to engage in how we participate in the science analysis so we all feel comfortable with the science tools being used to analyze the work being done in the subbasin. Guy said that with the adoption of the EDT by the NWPPC, ODFW feels there needs to be some “ground truthing” of the EDT. He asked that the Members endorse an ad hoc Collaborative Analytical Committee to develop a budget and work statement to “ground truth” the EDT process, so that the proposal could be presented to the NWPPC at their 4/25/00 Fish 4 Committee meeting. YIN supports the proposal if it was expanded to include the “ground truthing” of resident fish and wildlife.

ACTION: The Members directed the ad hoc committee to meet immediately, put together a statement of work and budget by agency to “ground truth” the EDT, forward the proposal to the MMG, for presentation to the NWPPC on 4/25/00.

ITEM 3: Program Amendments – CBFWA Perspective

Discussion: Tom Giese summarized the unresolved issues the Members need to address:

- 1) Salmon above blocked areas;
- 2) Budget allocation – currently there is an allocation mechanism, but it is always divisive. Is there another way?
- 3) Mitigation goals - are not included for the mainstem;
- 4) Planning Assumptions - were gleaned from the NWPPC Strawman. How do you translate those broad goals to provide guidance for the subbasin level?
- 5) Regional activities – fish and wildlife managers should put in a proposal to take them out of the unfunded regional mandate and put them in the funded regional mandate, so we are not always asking for money piece by piece.
- 6) Integrated subbasin plan – what is the appropriate level of effort to put in each “H”?
- 7) Role of the current subbasin summaries. Originally these summaries were going to be submitted with our Program amendment document to ensure the ongoing projects continue. This would be a way in the interim to provide guidance and surety of the need to go forward with the current Program. – is that what the Members still want to do?

Many Members voiced their support of developing a CBFWA consensus document. NMFS indicated that they would have to look at the document to be sure it was not inconsistent with the BiOp. Members expressed desire to put the resources in to getting a Program Amendment recommendation completed. Tom indicated that he was going to put together another version incorporating some additional comments that he has not included yet.

Tom listed out the products that the Council wants by 5/12/00. Fred stated that we tailor this amendment to provide overall guidance and identify those areas that may need early implementation actions. This is a “transition” phase. NMFS said we should add to our Program Amendment the intention to integrate with the other plans – leveraging other process to bring them in. Tom added the “next steps” the Members need to take to reach a consensus Program Amendment. Brian Allee reviewed the “fast track” subbasin planning and schedule as the NWPPC has conceptually presented it.

ACTION: On May 1, Tom will provide another iteration of the draft Program Amendment recommendation for the Members to review at the 5/3/00 MMG/Members meeting. The meeting will be at the Embassy Suites Hotel at the Portland International Airport, from 7a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Tom will incorporate MMG changes and send revisions to the Members on May 5. The Members will meet on May 10 at the Embassy Suites Hotel at the Portland International Airport to approve the final recommendations.