



June 11, 2002

TO: CBFWA Members, Members Management Group (MMG)

FROM: Jann Eckman *JE*

SUBJECT: May 21, 2002 Members Meeting Action Notes

**If there are no objections within five days, these actions will be considered final.**

**CBFWA MEMBERS MEETING  
 May 21, 2002  
 Spokane, Washington**

**Draft Action Notes**

**Attendees:** Ray Entz and Joe Maroney, KT; Lynn Hatcher and Harry Smiskin, YN; Matt Berger, CCT; Dave Statler, NPT; Catriona Black, CRITFC; Terry Courtney, CTWSRO; Steve Huffaker and Pete Hassemer, IDFG; Bill Tweit and Paul Ashley, WDFW; Ron Peters, Cd'AT; Larry Peterman, MDFW&P; Ron Trahan and Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Sue Ireland and Billy Barquin, KTOI; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; John Palensky, NMFS; Fred Olney, USFWS; Jann Eckman, Tom Giese, Tom Iverson, Tana Klum, Kathie Titzler, Neil Ward and Frank Young, CBFWA/F.

**By Phone:** Guy Dodson, SPT; Mary Verner, STI; Amos First Raised III, BPT; Claude Broncho, SBT.

**Time** Objective 1. FY 2003 Renewal Process 67%

**Allocation:** Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries 0%

Objective 3. FY 2002 Adjustments 0%

The agenda was approved as provided with no additions. Harry Smiskin (YN) explained that due to recent government changes within the Yakama Nation, the YN has yet to pass a resolution to decide who they will chair CBFWA at this time. Currently, Harry is the designated YN representative and Virgil Lewis is the alternate. Since NMFS is Vice Chair, John Palensky chaired the meeting.

**ITEM 1: CBFWA FY 2003-2005 Proposal**

**ACTION:** The Members approved the proposal to be forwarded to BPA with the following changes:

- Staff review the final numbers, include more up-front costs to objectives 8 and 9.
- Staff should increase the Members the cost share potential.
- In narrative, rephrase language for data management and RM&E to be more substantive.

It was also agreed presenting the proposal would include:

- Bill Tweit to invite NWPPC Chairman Larry Cassidy to future MMG meeting.
- Tom Giese to draft talking points for Members' individual meetings with NWPPC members and others.
- Staff to draft a short Executive Summary linking CBFWA tasks to the NWPPC Fish and Wildlife Program.
- Draft a formal transmittal letter

**ITEM 2: Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Issues**

Actions will be distributed under separate cover.

**ITEM 3: BPA Budget and Accountability**

**Discussion:** Tom Giese provided a handout called "Power System 101: Elements of a Strategy," which outlined BPA's transmission, marketing and budget structure. Ideas (side boards) generated by the Members include:

- Staff to provide what the current placeholder is
  - How much in the "unobligated" placeholder
  - What are the different funding categories
- Consistent criteria for assessing the unobligated placeholder
- Need for stable funding process
- Capital budget
- Argue for increase above \$186 million
- Demonstrate of BPA's delays in project implementation
- BPA's failure to implement the NWPPC project recommendations
- Allocation among provinces, committees (ARW)
- "Slice of BPA Pie" (Opportunity to buy power options)
- What are BPA incentives to "deal"...carrots and sticks

**ITEM 4: Alternative Project Selection Process**

**ACTION:** The deadline for commenting to the NWPPC is June 12. The Members agreed at the request of Tony Nigro (ODFW) to delay comment pending a request by NWPPC (OR) member Eric Bloch to attend the MMG meeting June 13 to lead a discussion on this issue. Members then requested Jann Eckman contact Tony for a letter of request from Eric Bloch asking to delay CBFWA Member comment past the NWPPC deadline.

**ITEM 5: Next Members Meeting (not discussed due to time)**

- OTHER:**
- Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife provided a letter outlining their position on each agenda item.
  - CRITFC handed out a draft letter from Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber proposing amendments to the NWPPC's bylaws, which would include two year rotations by state of the NWPPC Chair and Vice Chair, and additions regarding the special treatment of the appropriate Tribes.
  - The Kalispel Tribe submitted a letter stating they would object to any placeholder funding requests until CBFWA has consensus on the process.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.