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August 12, 2004

**TO:** CBFWA Members and MMG  
**FROM:** Rod Sando, CBFWA  
**SUBJECT:** Draft Action Notes from the August 4&5, 2004 Members Meeting

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

SUMMER MEMBERS MEETING  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho  
August 4 & 5, 2004

**Draft Action Notes**

**Attendees:** 8/4/04 – Chairman Warren Seyler, STI; Doug Dompier, CRITFC; Lloyd Irvine and Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Bill Towey, CTCR; Carl Scheeler and Gary James, CTUIR; Bill Hutchinson and Peter Hassemer, IDFG; Sue Ireland, KTI; Dave Statler, NPT; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Claude Broncho and Doug Taki, SBT; Mark Bagdovitz and Maureen Smith, USFWS; Bill Tweit, WDFW; Stephen H. Smith, Fisheries Consulting Inc.; Rocky Barker, Idaho Statesman Newsroom; Barry Espenson, Intermountain Communications; Rod W Sando, Jann Eckman, Kathie Titzler, Tom Giese, Frank Young, Neil Ward, and Trina Gerlack, CBFWA

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**Time Allocation:** 2004-2005 Objectives:

1. Project/Budget Recommendations	69%
2. Fish and Wildlife Regional Issues	11%
3. Annual Report	10%
4. RM&E	0%
5. Other Business	10%

**Wednesday, August 4, 2004**

**Lunch Speaker      Results-Oriented Performance-Based Management Presentation**

Stephen H. Smith, Fisheries Consulting Inc., presented a budget allocation process and investment strategy to achieve results that will satisfy fish and wildlife mandates in the most cost-effective, timely, and equitable manner. The presentation is posted at <http://www.cbfwa.org/mbrs.htm>.

**The agenda was revised and the Executive Session met at 4:30 p.m.**

**ITEM 1:                Release of the Draft Rolling Provincial Review Implementation: 2001-2003 Report (Volume 1) and Presentation**

**Discussion:** Neil Ward described the Draft Rolling Provincial Review Implementation: 2001-2003 Report which included an explanation of why the report was created and how it addresses the objectives and tasks of the FY03 CBFWA proposal. The Rolling Provincial Review Implementation: 2001-2003 Report (Volume 1) represents a review of implementation efforts, results and budget tracking for fish and wildlife projects funded through the Rolling Provincial Review. The report is likely to serve as a tool for fish & wildlife managers, subbasin planners, federal regulators, and the power industry to track implementation efforts and progress in each subbasin. Included in this comprehensive (i.e., includes wildlife, resident fish and anadromous fish projects) document are approximately 25% of the projects funded by the Bonneville Power Administration through the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. The remaining projects will be reviewed by the CBFWA on September 21-24, 2004 and January 2005, with the resulting information being incorporated into the Rolling Provincial Review Implementation: 2004-2005 Report (Volume 2).

Information regarding the September 2004 conference is available at <http://www.cbfwa.org/files/FY04Conference/>. Because the conference is an AFC meeting, funding is available for CBFWA members' participation. Travel reimbursement forms should be submitted to Kathie Titzler (CBFWA.).

**ACTION:**            **Members approved the CBFWA staff's request to present the Rolling Provincial Review Implementation: 2001-2003 Report (Volume 1) to the NPCC at their September 2004 meeting in Seattle, Washington.**

**Members have until August 20, 2004 to provide their final edits to Neil Ward at which time the suggestions will be addressed and incorporated. Following the final revisions, the report will be considered "final" and posted to the CBFWA website. A copy of the final report, as well as a CD, will be provided to each CBFWA Member. Ten copies of the report will be provided to the NPCC.**

**ITEM 2:                Revise the May 2003 New Directions Work Plan**

**Discussion:** Tom Giese led the Members through a review of the 2003 Work Plan accomplishments and general modifications that arose from the MMG retreat in Pendleton. The Members discussed three aspects needing modification in

the current Work Plan.

In the “Funding Diversity” area, the Members believe that CBFWA must move forward in developing additional sources of support. They requested more specific information on the process for applying for grants, worthy kinds of grants available, and the advantage of CBFWA accepting grants. The Members suggested that staff identify some specific grant opportunities, discuss them with the MMG and then develop proposals.

In the work plan area of “Public Relations,” the Members discussed the value and benefits of CBFWA and staff, both to the individual Members’ organizations and to the region. A key benefit of CBFWA in these times of regional change and turnover is to support stability and to provide leadership. The staff asked the Members to supply contacts and speak out about the contributions of the CBFWA organization and our accomplishments with Tribal council members, Congressional delegation, utilities, and the governors’ office. The Members requested a power point presentation explaining CBFWA’s organization and role in the region to share with the Tribal Councils. The Members requested that the history and evolution of CBFWA be resent and posted to the website.

In the third area of discussion, the Members supported using CBFWA as a forum to discuss the Members’ policy differences, in order to clarify and define the differences in an attempt to resolve them.

The Members requested that the staff modify the form of communication in CBFWA by contacting the Tribal Policy Members by phone on important issues and writing a weekly status report of the issues in the regions which will be posted and easily accessible for review on the CBFWA website.

**ACTION:** **The CBFWA staff will incorporate points from today’s discussions and Dick Stone’s comments to prepare a revised draft of next years’ work plan for review by the MMG. The Members will approve the final draft in the consent mail process.**

**Executive Session:** **June 15, 2004-05 Executive Director Contract – Jann Eckman, CBFWA**

The status on the current Executive Director’s Contract was reviewed and the Members discussed and approved documentation for initiating the recruitment and hiring process for the 2005 Executive Director position.

**Dinner Speaker** **Water and Salmon an Upstream View**

Rocky Barker, author and journalist gave a motivating speech on his view about the salmon and water debates in the region from an Idaho perspective. A copy of his speech to the Members is posted at <http://www.cbfwa.org/mbrs.htm>. Go to Rocky’s website at <http://www.rockybarker.com> for more information.

**Thursday, August 5, 2004**

**Breakfast  
Speakers**

**Preserving the Resources and Cultural Heritage**

Lionel Boyer, Sage Advisor and Former Chairman of the Shoshone Bannock Tribes and Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority spoke about the importance of the CBFWA's unity and urged the Members to renew their commitment to the mission and purpose of the organization.

Jay Minthorn was unable to attend the meeting as planned.

**ITEM 3: Members Discussion and Direction on Regional Issues**

**Discussion:**

The Members decided more clarification is needed before a decision is made to consider another independent entity to replace BPA as the Fish & Wildlife funding administrator as a means to resolve its "conflict of mandate". Rod Sando reported that Greg Delwiche (BPA) is requesting a meeting with CBFWA to discuss the issues and would like to improve the working relationship between BPA and CBFWA. Most of the Members agreed to meet with Greg Delwiche and Bill Maslen of BPA.

**ACTION:**

**The Members established a subcommittee to explore options, review the ATNI resolution, discuss ways to manage the funding program, listen to BPA's perspective and define future directions and strategies. Bill Hutchinson, IDFG; Claude Broncho, SBT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Dick Stone or Bill Tweit, WDFW and (tentatively) Rob Lothrop, CRITFC agreed to serve and Tom Giese, CBFWA will staff the effort. The subcommittee will meet to discuss problems with BPA's administration of the F&W Program funds, explore options for reform, and develop a proposal to reform the administration of the F&W funding. The subcommittee should use the GAO reports, Business Practices work group recommendations, and ATNI Resolutions as a starting point. The subcommittee should meet with Greg Delwiche and report to the September 2004 MMG and ATNI meetings. The Members will review the proposal at the January 2005 Members Meeting.**

**ACTION:**

**Due to time restraints the remaining questions will be discussed at the next MMG meeting.**

b. Should the Members offer recommendations for the Next Rate Case F&W Program funding? If so, what would they be?

c. Should a Policy Level Workshop be arranged to discuss coordination, collaboration, and better working relationships with the action agencies?

**ITEM 4: Integration of Subbasin Plans and Recovery Planning**

Elizabeth Gaar, NOAA Fisheries of the Recovery Branch reported that they have been very busy with litigation issues. She reviewed the components of the recovery plan and what the subbasin plans should provide and what they are not. Elizabeth is working with Doug Marker, NPCC to build the next stages. The NOAA Fisheries requested CBFWA's help and participation in the implementation process for subbasin plans and for recovery plans. The

handouts are posted at <http://www.cbfwa.org/mbrs.htm> for your review.

**ITEM 5: Subbasin Plan Implementation Panel Discussion** – Panel Participants: Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Sue Ireland, KTI; Jim Caswell, Idaho Office of Species Conservation; Tom Karier, Washington Council Member; and Doug Marker, NPCC F&W Director;

Each panel member spoke of their experiences and contributions in the subbasin planning process. The process for the subbasin plan implementation, F&W Program project selection, project prioritization, and CBFWA's role in that process was not defined but will be adopted in December 2004 or January 2005. The NPCC will discuss this issue at the August 10-12, 2004 meeting.

**ITEM 6: Winter Members Meeting**

**ACTION: The next Members Meeting will be the third week of January 2005 in Oregon.**

**Other open discussion items included:**

- No budget is set for printing more copies of the draft Rolling Provincial Review Implementation Report 2001-2003.
- Warren Seyler requested a financial report of the membership dues and each Member's status. He reminded the Members to pay their dues and suggested that the CBFWA annual membership dues be increased.