

January 19, 2006

TO: Brian Lipscomb

FROM: Tana Klum, Tribal Coordinator

SUBJECT: AFS BiOp Review

Per your request, following is a chronological list of events regarding the independent scientific review of the BiOp as requested by Affiliated Tribes of NW Indians (ATNI) of the American Fisheries Society (AFS).

2004

August Strategy Group formed, facilitated by CBFWA. This group included consultants, environmental group managers, and CBFWA tribal members representatives. The intent was to create an open forum to share perspectives and seek possible collaboration on fish and wildlife issues. The group chose the BiOp as a topic of discussion in light of Judge Redden's BiOp remand. The group decided to seek an independent scientific review of the BiOp in order to keep the court arguments scientific versus what the group perceived as political. AFS (Keith Wolf representing), was called into the group to explain what the AFS process would be. A formal request would need to be made, and financial honorariums for the scientists to conduct the review would be expected. Rod Sando made it clear from the beginning that CBFWA was the coordinating and facilitating body, and because CBFWA did not have consent from its members to assist the group, and therefore any request would not be a CBFWA action, that CBFWA would not "chase the money." The group concurred they would solicit the honoraria and "not to worry about it."

September What entity would best serve making the request to AFS? The group directs CBFWA (Tana) coordinate a resolution through ATNI. During the September ATNI meeting, a Strategy Group conference call was held for Tana to provide a progress report on getting the resolution passed. Tana expressed concern to the group that when the subject of money was raised to the Tribes they were less inclined to support the resolution. The group reassured Tana to "not worry about that, we'll work on that later, just get the resolution passed." Attached: Resolution #04-89, "Finding that NOAA Fisheries's Draft Revised 2000 Biological Opinion for the Federal Columbia River Power System is Inadequate and Insufficient."

October Attached: Letter from ATNI Chairman Ernie Stensgar to Lynn Starnes, President, Western Division, AFS, requesting review.

2005

- February Attached: Letter from Lynn Starnes to Ernie Stensgar providing update with progress on report. Tana asked for this progress report in order to provide it to the ATNI Natural Resources Committee in February.
- May Draft report completed, sent to Tana from lead scientist Jeff Fisher. Tana sent it to the Strategy Group for review. The Strategy Group was given the opportunity to edit the document to ensure the scientific questions were answered.
- The final report was completed by mid-May. Tana distributed to the 13 CBFWA Tribes, the Strategy Group, and provided it to the ATNI Natural Resources Committee.
- Summer Sent an invoice for the honoraria to the Strategy Group. Tana did not receive a response.
- September Attached: Tana requested from Lynn Starnes a formal invoice for the honoraria to provide to Tribal members at the September ATNI meeting. Tana handed the invoice out to individual Tribal policy members versus the more public Natural Resource Committee, but again received negative feedback on this request to the Tribes. The invoice was also sent to ATNI.

Since September, Keith Wolf and Jeff Fisher (lead AFS scientist) have repeatedly sent emails to the Strategy Group members and others notifying them that this request for honoraria has not been fulfilled. Tana has forwarded the information to ATNI and others by phone with email follow up and has not received any response.