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DATE: May 25, 2006

TO: Members

FROM: Ron Trahan, Chair, and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA

SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for 5/3/06 Members Teleconference Meeting

These action notes were approved as final at the Wednesday, June 7, 2006 Members' meeting.

**Members Teleconference Meeting
Wednesday, May 3, 2006
UCUT Office, Spokane WA
1:00-4:00 p.m.
Conference Line 503-229-0191 #7097**

The support material and reference documents for the 5/3/06 Members Teleconference are posted at <http://www.cbfga.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=Members&meeting=all>

Draft Action Notes

- Attendees:** Executive Director Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA; Ron Trahan, CSKT; Executive Director Mary Verner, UCUT, Bill Towey, CTCR; FWP Chief of Operations Larry Peterman, MFWP; Ronald Peters, Cd'AT
- By Phone:** Lonny Macy, CTWSRO; Bill Hutchinson, IDFG; Tribal Council Member Gary Aitken, Sr., KTI; F&W Director Sue Ireland, KTI; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Claude Broncho, SBT; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Dick Stone, WDFW; Administrative Assistant Pat Burgess, CBFWA; F&W Program Coordinator Tom Iverson, CBFWA; Tribal Coordinator Tana Klum, CBFWA; F&W Project Coordinator Neil Ward, CBFWA; F&W Resource Coordinator Frank Young, CBFWA; Executive Assistant Trina Gerlack, CBFWA
- Guest:** Chairman Tom Karier, NPCC
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| Time | Objective 1. Committee Participation | 100% |
| Allocation: | Objective 2. Technical Review | 0% |
| | Objective 3. Presentation | 0% |

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

ACTION: *The start of the meeting was delayed due to technical difficulties with the conferencing system.*

- Larry Peterman moved to accept agenda with the following adjustment: Item 4 moved to follow Item #1. Item 9 moved to follow Item #5.
- Ron Peters seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 4: **Discussion with Chairman Karier Regarding Comments to the NPCC in their Pursuit of a Monitoring & Evaluation Plan for the 07-09 Project Selection Process.**

Discussion: Chairman Karier provided an overview of the NPCC Monitoring & Evaluation Plan. The draft guidance document can be reviewed at: <http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/2006/draftme.doc>. Addressing questions and concerns of the Members, Chairman Karier offered the following information:

The intent is to develop a more sophisticated portal and develop state of the art technical capabilities within the Columbia but not intended to overlap with current data.

The current M&E's in place would be the foundation. Efforts need to be correlated and taken into consideration.

This covers anadromous and resident fish and wildlife. Ongoing programs having M&E component may be adjusted. Already a number of new M&E proposals coming through to be considered in the mix. There's pressure to do more.

The plan document is in the beginning stages. We need to develop arguments to ensure that what we are doing is correct.

In response to concerns of the value of this plan and how the unique situations will be addressed that exist in the basin that not a one size fits all plan will answer, Tom responded that it is possible that the conclusion of all of this may be that we are not duplicating.

This should distinguish between what we are doing versus what we are not doing. Intended to complement, not duplicate.

Goal of program is to evaluate the progress of projects. Don't have the answer as to how many projects need to be evaluated.

The size has not been determined. They will ask BPA to develop scope of work. Size more demanding than what is used now, more FTE's will be required to develop a sophisticated portal system folding into an advisory committee setting standards for data reporting, identifying hurdles and where the data is available. Inspiration can be drawn from PISCES.

This will replace the reporting processes, not the analysis process. It will make the data available.

Distinguishing from StreamNet: StreamNet has a much broader, more vertical base coordinating data collected across the region. StreamNet won't have to maintain the data as this will be done at the data center. StreamNet provides a valuable service in terms of a coordinated website, etc. Data center would add value and become an essential component.

Chairman Karier advised that he did not anticipate for the plan to be adopted as early as June. October is the deadline date, although they would like to see a useful product before then. They will continue to welcome comments throughout the process.

Discussion: Due to the tight timeframe with the 5/26/06 deadline for comments, it was discussed that Members could focus their comments individually but not be precluded from working together to formalize comments.

To ensure that Members are in consensus with each other, CBFWA can facilitate review of the comments. Members can copy their comments to CBFWA and CBFWA can share all the individual comments eliminating duplication or contradictions. These comments will be reviewed by the MAG and formulated and brought to the next Members' prior to submission to the Council.

ACTION:

- Ron Peters moved for Members to agree to add this as an agenda item to the 5/16/06 MAG agenda for discussion.
- Tony Nigro seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 2a: a) Clarify Members Action on the CBFWA Staff Interaction on the Budget Oversight Group with Non-CBFWA Project Sponsors

During the 4/5/06 Members' meeting, the five defining points were approved; however, the MAG questioned Tom Iverson's responsibility of interaction with non-CBFWA project sponsors. The MAG requested that this item be reviewed with the Members at the May 3, 2006 meeting for clarification relative to Tom Iverson's interaction with non-CBFWA project sponsors.

ACTION:

- Motion brought by Dick Stone to clarify that Tom's interaction would be with CBFWA Members only.
- Ron Peters seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 2b: b) Clarify Members Action on whether or not CBFWA staff should provide Project Reviews from a Technical Management Standpoint. Historically, technical management review of the projects has been an integral part of the process, it is not this year. During the 4/5/06 Members' meeting, the Members directed the CBFWA committees to provide technical management review for CBFWA adoption in response to the ISRP review as a recommendation to the NPCC. The MAG requested that this item be reviewed with the Members at the May 3, 2006 meeting for clarification.

ACTION:

- Sue Ireland moved to refer the issue back to the MAG for further discussion and clarification.
- Claudio Broncho seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 3: Approve 4/5/06 Members Meeting Draft Action Notes as Final.

ACTION:

- Larry Peterman moved to accept minutes as amended in Item 2a and 2b.
- Ron Peters seconded motion. Motion passed, action accepted.

ITEM 4: This item was discussed after Item #1.

ITEM 5: Update on the Mainstem Systemwide Review Process for FY 07-09.

Discussion: Tom Iverson provided an overview of the Mainstem Systemwide Review Team

process. The proposals were prioritized into four categories: 28 projects were placed in the Core Program category (\$41M), 32 were placed in the High Priority category (\$20M), 55 were placed in the Recommended Action category (\$17M) and 21 were ranked as Do Not Fund (\$2.9M). Ten on-the-ground projects were deemed better suited to a local review and not prioritized by the MSRT (\$2.7M). Several projects were not given a final ranking, pending a review in special categories (i.e., fish passage monitoring, database management, and fish and wildlife manager coordination). Overall, the MSRT completed a review of 161 proposals.

Tom stated that the recommendations going to the Council on Friday, 5/5/06 are not final and will continue to be developed and grouped.

Tom advised that the MSRT met on 5/2/06 to discuss FY 2007-2009 proposals for fish and wildlife manager coordination in follow-up to the recommendation by the MSRT that the project sponsors coordinate a strategy for providing an adequate and equitable level of support for coordination of the fish and wildlife manager's participation in the Fish and Wildlife Program.

The group will meet this month to discuss database projects and layout a plan for database management. Meetings will be scheduled for other issues such as fish passage monitoring, bull trout, sturgeon, lamprey, ocean research, etc. The group will continue to address issues as their work continues through the summer.

An update will be provided to the Council on May 9, 2006 in Walla Walla.

Ron Peters asked for confirmation that the status report to the Council was under the MSRT and not on CBFWA letterhead. Tom confirmed that the report was under the MSRT.

ITEM 9: Update on Formal Invitation to Kalispel and Spokane Tribes to Rejoin CBFWA Organization

Discussion: Brian Lipscomb informed the Members that a formal invitation has been drafted to the Kalispel and Spokane Tribes to consider rejoining CBFWA. The letter of invitation will be delivered with a follow-up visit in person by Brian Lipscomb and Ron Trahan to the Kalispel and Spokane Tribal leaders. The letter will be copied to all Members.

ITEM 6: FY06 Budgets for Members' Participation

Recommended Action:

- Approve Kootenai Tribe of Idaho request to restore their participation funding level to \$12,000 for the FY 2006 contract.
- Approve Idaho Department of Fish Game request for their meeting participation funding budget be \$20,000 for FY 2006 contract.

The Reserve Account balance would be \$34,166 after these requests are approved.

ACTION:

- Tony Nigro moved to accept budget amendment as presented.
- Bill Towey seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 7: Approve SOW Draft Sapphire Strategies Contract for CBFWA Public Relations Assistance

Discussion: Brian Lipscomb presented the Sapphire Strategies Contract/Statement of Work for approval by the Members. Bill Towey questioned if retainers were standard in the PR arena. Brian Lipscomb advised that it was standard and explained that with the amount of PR assistance needed over the next year that it is guaranteed that the PR assistance will be used, fully receiving service for what is paid out. Ron Peters expressed concern about anyone outside of CBFWA retaining, or holding, CBFWA funds. The group discussed offering Sapphire an alternative arrangement eliminating the retainer and working under an hourly rate of \$48.00 for the first 50 hours, and \$65.00 hr for any time spent thereafter. Brian Lipscomb advised he would discuss this alternative arrangement with Sapphire.

- ACTION:**
- Bill Towey moved to approve the Sapphire Strategies contract with the stipulation that the change in the contract reflect the agreement of \$48/hr for the first 50 hrs of work and not to exceed \$65/hr for hrs of work over 50 hrs.
 - Larry Peterman seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 8: Approve Draft Letter to Keith Wolf, AFS Western Division Clarifying CBFWA Position regarding the Science Review for ATNI.

Discussion: Brian Lipscomb and Tana Klum presented a draft letter for approval clarifying CBFWA's position regarding the Science Review for ATNI. The group read through the letter as Brian briefed the Members on the highlights of the letter detailing the chain of events that led to the need for CBFWA clarification. Brian cited that the vagueness of both ATNI and AFS' interactions and correspondence led to this misunderstanding. Within the letter, CBFWA is extending an offer to facilitate between ATNI and AFS.

- ACTION:**
- Claudio Broncho moved to approve letter to send as drafted.
 - Larry Peterman seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 9: This item was discussed after item #5.

ITEM 10: Update on Recruiting the Vacant Anadromous Fish Management Coordinator Position.

Discussion: Brian Lipscomb informed the Members that 12 applications were received by the close of the AFMC job announcement, seven of the applications were complete, and five were incomplete. The AFMC subcommittee is on track to proceed as scheduled within the job announcement.

Ron Peters questioned the function of the MAG AFMC subcommittee duties as inclusive of functioning as the hiring committee, not just reviewing the base candidates to determine if the job announcement needed to be extended. Brian confirmed the duties of the MAG subcommittee to include screening and interviewing applicants and referenced the current CBFWA Charter outlining the process. Brian advised that under the current Charter, the AFMC subcommittee will refer the final candidates to the MAG and the MAG will defer the final decision to the Executive Director.

The AFMC subcommittee anticipates having three candidates to recommend to the MAG for the June 20th meeting.

ITEM 11: Update Status of the Resource Report

Discussion: Brian Lipscomb informed the Members that CBFWA provided an update of the Status of the Resource mock-up to the Power Council. This report has gone through some modifications with the end result of the full-circle mock-up nearly identical to what they started with. Brian advised that the process is on schedule and he and Neil Ward will present the mock-up at the Council meeting in Walla Walla on 5/9-10/06. Their presentation will include a paper version of the report and an interactive web version. Amy Langston is currently working on the final input to the web version of the report mock-up.

ITEM 12: CBFWA Committee Update

Discussion: Dick Stone informed the group that the Fish and Wildlife Committee will meet in Eastern Oregon on 5/31-6/1/06. Topics of discussion include predation and a quick look at the various proposals up for recommendation. At this time, the AFAC does not have anything scheduled until after the next MAG meeting.

Neil Ward provided an update on the RFAC advising that they met last week to discuss the proposal review process. They plan to meet on 6/1/06 to finalize plans for the review process and the group has a retreat planned for the end of June to review various managers' comments in the context of the ISRP and subbasin team reviews. The White Sturgeon Conference held in March was quite successful. Critical uncertainties and monitoring and evaluation needs were identified relative to white sturgeon.

FYI ITEM: Members Meeting Information

- Next Members Teleconference is Wednesday, June 7, 2006, CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon
- Monthly Members Teleconferences are scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month in 2006 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- The Summer Members Meeting is scheduled for August 23-24, 2006 in Boise, Idaho.

Discussion

- The July Members meeting is scheduled for July 5, but the group may want to reschedule due to the July 4th holiday. Brian Lipscomb stated that the Members can consider that for discussion at the next Member's meeting in June.