



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: October 12, 2006
TO: Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for 10/04/06 Members Teleconference Meeting

Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and government agencies:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Members Teleconference October 4, 2006 CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

Draft Action Notes

The support material and reference documents for the 10/4/06 Members Teleconference are posted at:

<http://www.cbfga.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=Members&meeting=all>.

Attendees: Tony Nigro, ODFW; Brian Lipscomb, Kathie Titzler, Tom Iverson, Tana Klum, Dave Ward, Neil Ward, Trina Gerlack, CBFWA

By Phone: Chairman Ron Trahan, CSKT; Claude Broncho, SBT; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Brian Marotz, MFWP; Bill Hutchinson, IDFG; Sue Ireland, KTI; Dave Statler, NPT; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries; Dale W. Chess, Cd'AT; Laura Gephart, CRITFC; Gwen Lankford, Sapphire Strategies

Time Allocation: Objective 1. Committee Participation 100%
Objective 2. Technical Review
Objective 3. Presentation

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Discussion: Ron Trahan chaired the meeting.

The MAG's recommendation to endorse the PNAMP Steering Committee's Recommendation with CCT's request was added to the agenda. Tony Nigro, ODFW will return to the meeting at 2:00pm to review and ratify the actions.

Note: The agenda items are listed in the order they were discussed at the meeting.

Action:

- John Palensky moved to accept agenda as modified, pending ODFW ratification.
- Dave Statler seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 2: Final Review August 30-31, 2006 Summer Members' Meeting Draft Action Notes

- John Palensky moved to accept 8/30-31/06 Members' Meeting action notes as final, pending ODFW ratification.
- Brian Marotz seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved

Additional Agenda Item: Endorse PNAMP Steering Committee's Recommendation

PNAMP website link: <http://www.pnamp.org/>

Jennifer Bayer, PNAMP Coordinator is requesting that CBFWA consider endorsement, as a member of the PNAMP Steering Committee, the Best Practices for Reporting

Locational and Time Related Data white paper. The paper was developed by the Northwest Environmental Data-Network (NED) and offers an opportunity to promote one important element for a strong and consistent data reporting foundation. The Steering Committee deliberations on this issue will be on 10/11/06.

The Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) supports the Summit Environment Consultants Ltd. request to change the date formatting in the NED white paper to the universal medium date DD-MMM-YYYY (e.g., 04-Oct-2006). This format is recognized internationally and eliminates confusion when interpreting and entering data.

The MAG supports the CCT request to change the date format in the NED white paper and the PNAMP Steering Committee's recommendation.

- Action:**
- John Palensky moved to accept the PNAMP Steering Committee's recommendation to endorse and implement the NED's Best Practices for Reporting Locational and Time Related Data white paper on M&E standards and include the Colville Confederated Tribes' request to change the date format to the universal date format, pending ODFW ratification.
 - Bill Hutchinson seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 3: Review MAG's recommended Draft CBFWA Response Letter on the NPCC's FY07-09 Funding Recommendations for distribution to the NPCC by 10/6/06.

NPCC link to draft recommendations

<http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/budget/2007/draftrec/Default.asp>

Discussion: Tom Iverson presented three draft documents that were recommended from the MAG for Members consideration regarding the CBFWA Response on the NPCC FY07-09 Project Selection Process and Funding Recommendations due 10/6/06:

1. Draft CBFWA Programmatic Response - (draft letter responding to the 07-09 Project Selection Process with regards to the F&W Program) and Table of the CBFWA Essential Projects and Tasks – (examples of essential projects or tasks at risk of not being funded and lost in FY07-09 due to inadequate funding for the F&W Program)
2. Draft CBFWA Project Specific Response - (letter responding directly to the projects CBFWA has sponsored within the F&W Program)

Background: The MAG provided comments to 12 bullets in the draft CBFWA Programmatic Response memo and discussed the subject and content of a letter commenting on the NPCC 07-09 Project Selection Process and their overall draft recommendations to BPA. The MAG requested that some bullets be combined, deleted, or broadened with specific examples and recommendations, including a request that the NPCC be consistent with their recommendations; if they choose to deviate from the process, they should provide an explanation of their deviations. The bullets were converted into a draft letter and an excel table with examples with specific projects effected by the process. Individual Members are providing comments to the NPCC FY07-09 project selection process and draft recommendations.

Discussion Letter 1: Tom Iverson reviewed each paragraph and described the intent of the draft CBFWA Programmatic response regarding the 07-09 Project Selection Process. The Members provided comments on the draft response in paragraphs three, five, and seven. The excel table of the CBFWA essential projects at risk of being lost if not funded will be attached to the draft letter.

If more time was available to comment we would could coordinate the staffs and draw language from each individual Members letters that would benefit everyone. Once the NPCC and BPA make their decisions there should be time to respond again by starting discussions on future strategies with NPCC. Collect specific evidence. CBFWA can

provide comments to Congress on the NPCC FY06 Annual Report and their performance as it relates to the FY07-09 Project Selection Process.

- Action #1:**
- Brian Marotz moved to approve the draft CBFWA Programmatic response letter as modified and include the list of essential project and tasks at risk of not being funded on the NPCC's FY07-09 Funding Recommendations as final for distribution to the Mark Walker, NPCC, pending ODFW ratification.
 - Dave Statler seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved
 - John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries must abstain from all actions that involve budget inadequacies.

Background: The MAG recommended that the CSMEP, HEP, and FPC proposals be rolled into the CBFWA AWP as a single letter. The purpose of this letter is to provide comments on these four proposals that CBFWA has put forward for FY07-09. Included is our intent to describe how the NPCC's decision compares to the original proposed scope of work and budget and the NPCC draft scope of work and budget and to explain how the NPCC's recommendation affects the scope and budget and recommendation of what CBFWA believes the NPCC should do instead.

Discussion Letter 2: Brian Lipscomb reads the revised draft CBFWA Project Specific Response to Council's Draft Recommendations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-2009 on the coordination projects CBFWA has sponsored within the F&W Program (i.e. #198906201, *Annual Work Plan CBFWA*; #200303600, *CBFWA Collaborative Systemwide Monitoring and Evaluation Program*; #200600600, *Habitat Evaluation Procedures (HEP)*; and #200732100, *Data Management for System Operations*). Attached to the draft letter is a list of past and future CBFWA coordination products, a proposal comparison identifying similar objectives in the Kalispel and Spokane Tribes proposal to the Grande Ronde Model Watershed proposal, and the invitation letters to KT and ST welcoming their participation with CBFWA on regional issues.

The Members requested that one sentence be added describing what the MSRT team consisted of and identifying that this was a regional team comprised of F&W managers, NPCC staff, BPA staff, and others.

- Action #2:**
- Bill Hutchinson moved to approve the Draft CBFWA Response Letter in concept as modified on the NPCC's FY07-09 Funding Recommendations, pending ODFW ratification.
 - Lonny Macy seconded motion, Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 4: Schedule a Special Members Teleconference to Approve the MAG's Draft Comments on the NPCC Amendment Process

Discussion:

The technical committees and the MAG are meeting to prepare draft CBFWA comments on the NPCC's proposed amendment process calling for defined biological objectives for the Fish and Wildlife Program focusing on how to facilitate program amendments and how are the biological objectives defined.

The NPCC's request for comments are due 10/31/06 and posted at [http://www.cbfgwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2006_0830/\(Item5\)2006_0822NPCCreqCommentReBioObj4Program.pdf](http://www.cbfgwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2006_0830/(Item5)2006_0822NPCCreqCommentReBioObj4Program.pdf)

At this Special Members Teleconference, the MAG will present the recommended draft comments on the NPCC Amendment Process and request approval for Chairman Trahan's signature and distribution to the NPCC.

- Action:**
- Lonny Macy moved to schedule a Special Members Teleconference on October 27, 2006 beginning at 9:00am at the CBFWA office to approve the MAG's recommended draft comments on the NPCC proposed Amendment Process before the 10/31/06 due date, pending ODFW ratification.

- Dave Statler seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

Action:

Meeting was adjourned pending ODFW ratification.

- The Members directed Brian Lipscomb to update Tony Nigro on today's actions. If ODFW objects to any of the actions or edits to the discussion documents, the Members will be notified, otherwise all letters will be printed on CBFWA's new letterhead with Chairman Ron Trahan's signature.

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