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DATE: January 5, 2007
TO: Members
FROM: Lynn DuCharme, Acting Chair and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for 1/03/07 Members Teleconference Meeting

Members Teleconference
January 3, 2007
CBFWA Office, Portland, OR

Final Action Notes

The support material for the 1/03/07 Members Teleconference are posted at:
<http://www.cbfga.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=Members&meeting=all>.

Attendees: Brian Lipscomb, Kathie Titzler, Neil Ward, Tom Iverson, Dave Ward, Trina Gerlack, CBFWA

By Phone: Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Dale W. Chess, Cd'AT; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Chris Hunter, MFWP; Dave Statler, NPT; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Claude Broncho, SBT; Tim Dykstra, SPT; Mary Verner, UCUT; Nate Pamplin, WDFW

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Note: Ron Trahan was unable to attend the meeting, Lynn DuCharme, CSKT acted as chair. A quorum was confirmed when Claude Broncho, SBT joined the meeting and he approved the actions taken in Item 2 and Item 3.

Action:

- Tony Nigro moved to accept the agenda as drafted.
- Chris Hunter seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 2: Review the December 6, 2006 Members Teleconference Draft Action Notes

Action:

- Chris Hunter, MFWP moved to accept the 12/6/06 Members Teleconference Action Notes as Final, pending approval from a member from the Snake River Tribes.
- Nate Pamplin, WDFW seconded the motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 3: CSKT Budget Increase Request

CSKT has expended its FY06 CBFWA contract amount of \$6,000 and they are requesting an additional \$5,000 to continue participating through the remainder of this contract period. There is currently approx. \$34,000 left in the Reserve account.

- Action:**
- Tony Nigro moved to approve CSKT's request for an additional \$5,000 to continue their meeting participation through the remainder of the CBFWA contact year, pending approval from a member from the Snake River Tribes.
 - Chris Hunter seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 4: Briefing on Wildlife O&M Issue and Presentation Review

In the FY 07-09 recommendations to BPA the NPCC recommended that all wildlife O&M funding be considered interim. Asserting that neither the NPCC nor BPA had ever reviewed wildlife O&M costs, the NPCC advised that a final recommendation would be made subsequent to a review.

Some important points are:

- NPCC has initiated this review since the recommendations in October.
- Received briefing from BPA PISCES data at the November meeting.
- Met with BPA to develop a work plan for the review on 12/4/06.
- Developed a draft assignment to the Independent Economic Analysis Board (IEAB) as part of the work plan for consideration by the NPCC at their December meeting.
- As a result of this activity some Members expressed concern that this conversation was proceeding on a track without Fish & Wildlife Managers' input.
- On a separate track from these efforts the UCUT's scheduled to give an overview of Wildlife O&M to the Fish and Wildlife Committee at the December NPCC meeting. CBFWA was able to work with UCUT from this presentation and request that all the Fish and Wildlife Managers be included in this conversation and that NPCC not make the assignment to the IEAB prior to that input.

Based on this information the NPCC held off on their IEAB assignment until CBFWA input could be provided and they are also looking to include the Fish and Wildlife Managers in the overall evaluation of wildlife O&M. The NPCC would like a presentation from CBFWA at its January meeting to inform this discussion and provide feedback to the IEAB.

Some reference documents are the IEAB Task documents #105: Scoping Investigation of Available Project Information and #116: Investigation of Wildlife O&M Costs. **Task documents 105 and 116** and the **UCUT presentation and O&M Fact Sheet** are posted for review at:
<http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>.

- Discussion:** Brian Lipscomb requested that the Members delegate and direct the WAC to work with him to develop a final O&M presentation or letter to the Council at the January 17-18, 2007 meeting that provides input for the IEAB assignment. The WAC is meeting on 1/11/07 and will not have enough time to bring the presentation or letter back to the Members for final review and approval.

The Members want the overall strategy to go beyond O&M wildlife mitigation, and have concerns with economics, cost bench markings differences for habitat and hatchery work, and land acquisitions with resident fish. The Members requested that the WAC develop a broader view for bench markings in their presentation. The IEAB are willing to engage with the F&W Managers and understand that there are bench marking differences and limitations and want help defining them. The IEAB need your perspective on the seven activities proposed in the SOW of the *IEAB Task #116 Investigation of Wildlife O&M Costs*.

- Action:**
- Nate Pamplin moved to delegate the Wildlife Advisory Committee to work with Brian Lipscomb to develop a Wildlife O&M presentation or letter for distribution at the January 16-18, 2007 NPCC Meeting.
 - Tony Nigro seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 5: CBFWA Response to Innovation Project Solicitation Alternative

Discussion: Brian Lipscomb stated that the Council recommended setting aside \$3M for 2007-09 (\$1M per year) for innovative projects. BPA has not made a decision on the NPCC's recommendation. The Council staff will present an innovative solicitation process description at the January meeting in Vancouver, Washington.

The Members reviewed the CBFWA draft letter, which recommends that the Council use the group of unfunded 2007-09 proposals as a pool to select innovative projects for funding. In addition, the Council should work with the F&W Managers to develop criteria that addresses F&W needs and defines proposals that meet that criteria. This would save a year on process and speed up the funding for selected projects.

Dave Statler suggested that the Members review Patty O'Toole's 11/30/06 NPCC memo on the draft criteria for the innovative solicitation process. Go to:

http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2006_12/fw_innovative.pdf

- Action:**
- Tony Nigro moved to approve the draft letter as final with an additional sentence stating that the F&W managers should help the Council develop ranking criteria that address critical fish and wildlife protection, enhancement, and mitigation needs. The revised draft will be sent to Chairman Trahan for final review, approval, and signature today.
 - Chris Hunter seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 6: CBFWA Office Move and Fish Passage Center Update

Discussion: Harsch Properties is remodeling the building and they plan to rent the 2nd floor as retail space. Part of their offer to CBFWA is that more space is available on the 3rd floor for the same price per square foot. CBFWA is still considering moving to the 3rd floor, but all costs and options are being reviewed, including the consideration of the FPC moving in with CBFWA. Staff will keep the Members updated.

ITEM 7: Next Members Winter Member's Meeting

The next Members Teleconference is scheduled for February 7, 2007.

The MAG is recommending to the Members that the 2007 Winter Members meeting be held on February 7-8, 2007 in Boise, Idaho.

Agenda items cued for the Winter Members Meeting include: Passing the gavel, the Program Evaluation Process, and Work Plan for CBFWA/Resulting in recommendations to amend the Program with guest advisor, Joe Mentor, proposed Innovative Project Solicitation, FY 2005 Status of the Resource Report, and Celilo Falls Inundation Anniversary Partnership with speaker John Platt, CRITFC.

The next NPCC meetings are scheduled for:

- January 16-18, 2007 in Vancouver, WA - CBFWA's Wildlife O&M presentation
- February 13-15, 2007 in Portland OR - CBFWA's feedback on StreamNet FY07-09 Priorities and CBFWA's response to *in lieu* process
- March 13-15, 2007 in Boise, ID

- Action:**
- Tony Nigro moved to approve the Winter Members Meeting in Boise, Idaho on February 7-8, 2007 starting at 1:00pm on 2/7 and ending on the 2/8, and drafting an agenda from the items above.
 - Claude Broncho, SBT seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved

Discussion: Claude Broncho, SBT is looking forward to having the meeting in Boise, ID and is planning to bring Council Members to the meeting.

Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS requested that the agenda be drafted and distributed quickly to arrange for the USFWS director to attend the meeting.