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REVISED DRAFT

DATE: January 31, 2007
TO: CBFWA Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: REVISED Draft Agenda for the Winter Members 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 Colville 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

**Winter Members Meeting – Boise, Idaho
February 7-8, 2007**

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**Harrison Plaza Suite Hotel
409 S. Cole Rd.
Boise, ID 83709
208-375-7666 or 800-376-3608**

**Day One: 2/7/07 – Wednesday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Dinner and Speaker: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
and
Day Two: 2/8/07 – Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Lunch and Speaker: 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

A conference line will be established only IF requested prior to the meeting.

Draft Agenda – Version 2

Members Meeting Packets will be available at the meeting and all support material will be posted on the Members webpage at <http://www.cbfgwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=Members&meeting=next>.

Handouts available at meeting: 2006 CBFWF Audit Report – Members Contact List

Day One – Wednesday, February 7, 2007

- 1:00-1:10pm Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 1:10-1:20pm Invocation**
- 1:25-1:35pm Introductions, Roll Call, and Approve Agenda**
- ITEM 1: Change of Officers**
 - 1:35-1:45pm**
 - The outgoing Chair Ron Trahan, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation transfer the gavel to incoming Chair, Ren Lohofener, Regional Director and Dan Diggs, Assistant Regional Director of Fishery Resources Program of the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Region.
 - The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is the incoming Vice-chair.
- ITEM 2: Draft Action Notes from 1/3/07 Members Teleconference**
- 1:45-1:55pm**

Recommended Action:

- Approve 1/3/07 Members Teleconference action notes as final.

Go to:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0103/ActionNotes010307MembersMtgDraft.pdf

ITEM 3:**Review Agenda and Meeting Introduction****1:55-2:00pm**

The focus of the meeting will be to approve a strategy and plan for developing a comprehensive draft Fish and Wildlife Program amendment recommendation to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council through the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority.

ITEM 4:**FY 2005 Status of the Resource Report****2:00-2:30pm**

Copies of the “2005 Status of the Resources Report” will be distributed to each Member and the CBFWA staff will demonstrate the functions of Status of the Resources Project website. In addition, the CBFWA staff will discuss project deliverables/expectations for 2007 which include: a wildlife section (currently in development with the assistance of the Wildlife Advisory Committee); 2006 and 2007 fish data; potential submission as the F&W Managers input to the NPCC’s report to Congress; and as the basis of Amendment Recommendations by the F&W Managers.

2:30-2:40pm**Break****ITEM 5:****Background on Legal Context of Amending the Fish and Wildlife Program under the Northwest Power Act - Joe Mentor, Mentor Law Group, PLLC****2:40-3:40pm**

Joe Mentor will review the Northwest Power Act from the context of the fish and wildlife managers providing Program amendment recommendations to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council. The fish and wildlife managers hold a unique status within the Power Act for making recommendations to the Council.

ITEM 6:**Strategy and Plan for Developing Recommendations to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Program****3:40-5:00pm**

The Members Advisory Group approved a draft outline for the anticipated amendment and the CBFWA technical committees have described the expected technical level work for completing the outline. The Members will review proposed timelines and work plans for completing the draft amendment by the end of 2007. Also, a strategy will be described to ensure the broadest level of support for the draft amendment.

5:00-5:30pm**Break****5:30-7:30pm****Dinner and Speakers**

Jim Kempton, NPCC will introduce Idaho Council Member Bill Booth, NPCC

7:30pm*Meeting Adjourned***Day Two – Thursday, February 8, 2007****8:00-8:30am****Catered Continental Breakfast****ITEM 7:****Recap Day One Meeting****8:30-9:00am****Recommended Action:**

- Approve strategy, outline, and technical committees’ work to develop draft Program Amendment.

ITEM 8:

CBFWA Public Relations Updates – Tana Klum, CBFWA and Gwen Lankford, Sapphire Strategies

9:00-9:30am

Since the August Members Meeting, a Public Relations work group comprised of Members delegates was formed to assist Gwen and Tana with products relative to the approved Public Relations work plan. The group has met formally twice and will assist Gwen and Tana by presenting the Members with a new draft CBFWA brochure, a revamped website design, and a list of next steps relative to the Public Relations work plan.

- Item 8a:**
- Approve the new CBFWA brochure.

Recommended Action:

- Item 8b:**
- Approve the new CBFWA website design.

Recommended Action:

- Item 8c:**
- Provide direction for next steps in fulfilling the tasks in the Public Relations work plan.

Recommended Action:

ITEM 9: Update On Fish Passage Center – John Platt, CRITFC

9:30-10:15am Briefing on 9th Circuit Court Ruling

ITEM 10: CBFWA Business

10:15-10:45am

Item 10a: Report on CBFWA Office Move and FPC

Discussion:

CBFWA staff will provide an update the CBFWA Office move. Harsch Properties is remodeling the building and they plan to rent the 2nd floor as retail space. 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. The FPC budget was extended by BPA to January 07 and may be extended through to the end of Spring 07.

Item 10b: Members Budget Increase Requests

The CTUIR has expended its FY06 CBFWA contract amount of \$6,000 and are requesting an additional \$10,000 to continue participating through the remainder of this contract period.

The WDFW has expended its FY06 CBFWA contract amount of \$30,000 and are requesting an additional \$5,000 to continue participating through the remainder of this contract period

There is approximately \$25,166 left in the Reserve account.

Recommended Action:

- Approve CTUIR and WDFW additional budget requests to continue participating in CBFWA through the FY06 contract period.

Item 10c: Official Appointment Letter Designating Each Tribe/Agency's CBFWA Committee Representatives for 2007

Recommended Action:

- Each Tribe and Agency of CBFWA should complete the template designating a committee representative for the Members policy group, Members Advisory Group, Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee, Resident Fish Advisory Committee, Wildlife Advisory Committee, Fish Passage Advisory Committee, and an Administrative Assistant for the calendar year 2007.
- Please complete the attached template letter and bring it with you to the meeting.

Item 10d: Select Members Teleconferences and Meeting Dates, Time, and Location

In 2006, the Members scheduled monthly standing Members Teleconferences for the 1st Wednesday of every month starting at 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The 2006 MAG Meetings were scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 9:00am-Noon and the MAG was directed to set an agenda for the Members monthly teleconference meetings during their monthly MAG meetings.

Confirm March Members Teleconference Date, Time, & Location

The 2007 Summer Members Meeting should be held in August in Montana to maintain the meeting rotation among the states. The NPCC is meeting August 14-16, 2007 in Washington.

Recommended Action:

- Establish monthly conference calls for Members and MAG

Recommended Action:

- Approve date and location for the 2007 Summer Members Meeting.

10:45-11:00am**Break****ITEM 11:****Canadian North Fork Mining Issue Update** – Brian Marotz and Mark Deleray, MFWP**11:00-11:20am**

Brian Marotz and Mark Deleray provided the technical brief and PowerPoint presentation at the 1/25/07 MAG Meeting on the Canadian NF Mining issue. The Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks requested CBFWA's support on this issue and a letter will be sent with the NPCC's letter to the Canadian Policy-makers.

Information is linked at:

- http://www.cbfgwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0125/NPCC-NorthForkMineLetter011807Final.doc

- <http://www.cbfgwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>

- http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2007_01/7.pdf

- <http://cbbulletin.com/Free/198335.aspx>

ITEM 12:**Quagga Mussel Spread in the Colorado River Basin, and New Concern about Inoculation of the Snake/Columbia via the Owyhee Update** – Dan Diggs, USFWS**11:20-11:30am**

Review notice that indicates possible introduction of Quagga mussels into the Columbia Basin via hatchery transfer from Nevada to the Owyhee Basin.

ITEM 13:**Pacific Lamprey Update****11:30-11:40am**

Dan Diggs, USFWS will give an update the USFWS's recent and upcoming efforts on Pacific lamprey restoration in the Columbia Basin.

ITEM 14:**Proposed Innovative Project Solicitation Update** – Tom Iverson, CBFWA**11:40-11:50am**

The NPCC has approved an innovative project solicitation for FY 2007-2009. CBFWA staff will describe the current status of the solicitation, time lines, and selection criteria.

ITEM 15:**BPA's In Lieu Process Update** – Dave Ward, CBFWA**11:50am-Noon**

The Power Act requires that BPA funding be in addition to, rather than in lieu of, funding by other entities where appropriate. In letters to the NPCC dated August 3, 2006 and October 6, 2006, BPA gave preliminary scores to all new and ongoing proposals relative to in lieu funding concerns. The BPA hoped to finalize its ratings in January. The technical committees will review the final BPA ratings and provide feedback to the MAG and the Members when BPA distributes those ratings.

ITEM 16: Working Lunch and Speaker - John Platt, CRITFC

12:00-1:00pm Celilo Falls Inundation Memorial Partnership

Discussion: March 10, 2007 marks the 50th anniversary of the inundation of Celilo Falls. This is an opportunity to focus public attention on the hydrosystem as it relates to fish and wildlife.

The four CRITFC Tribes have events planned, including a feast at Celilo, and the Columbia River History Center will be host to a major conference.

Recommended Action:

- Approve recommendation that CBFWA Members partner with CRITFC to raise awareness across the region.

ITEM 17: Northwest Power & Conservation Council's F&W Committee Discussion

1:00-3:00pm Discussion on Program Amendment

Meeting adjourned