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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

DATE: April 18, 2007
TO: Members
FROM: Dan Diggs, Chair, Larry Peterman, Vice-chair, and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Addendum Added to Final Action Notes from the 4/4/07 Members Meeting

Members Teleconference

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

1:00-4:00 p.m.PST

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CBFWA Office
Portland, Oregon

The support material and reference documents for the 4/4/07 Members meeting are posted at:
<http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=Members&meeting=all>

*These action notes were approved as final at the
May 2, 2007 Members meeting.*

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Dan Diggs, USFWS; Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson, Kathie Titzler, Tana Klum, Neil Ward, Dave Ward, Pat Burgess, CBFWA; John Platt, CRITFC; Gwen Lankford, Sapphire Strategies

By Phone: Amos First Raised, BPT; Dale W. Chess, Cd'AT; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Kathryn Brigham, CTUIR; Brad Houslet, CTWS; Peter Hassemer, IDFG; Gary Aitken, Sr., KTI; Dave Statler, NPT; Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Michael Pope, ODFW; Mary Verner, UCUT; Nate Pamplin, WDFW

Guest Attendees: Bruce A. Measure, Jim Ruff, NPCC

Guests By Phone: Lynn Palensky, Rhonda Whiting, NPCC

Time Allocation:

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Action: The Members moved to accept the agenda with a slight adjustment in the item order. No objections.

Note: *The agenda items are listed in the order discussed.*

ITEM 2: Approve the 2/7-8/07 Members Meeting Draft Action Notes as Final

Action: The Members moved to approve the 2/7-8/07 action notes as final. No objections.

ITEM 3: Status Report from Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) Fish & Wildlife Committee Chair and/or Members

Rhonda Whiting, NPCC F&W Committee Chair, provided the update for NPCC.

NPCC Meetings: Rhonda stated that Brian Lipscomb attended the March NPCC F&W Committee meeting to provide the amendment strategy presentation and an update on the coordination group process. The NPCC intends to have more meetings where projects and sponsors are

located and it is hoped that CBFWA Members will attend those meetings. The next meeting is in Libby, MT on April 17-19th.

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Actions:

Rhonda stated that the Council has not issued a formal response to BPA's decisions to date; however the issues have been identified and they have requested that BPA provide clarification and additional information.

Amendment Process:

Rhonda advised that the amendment process is being discussed at length at each meeting. Although a tentative schedule is in place, the NPCC has not yet called for amendments. Rhonda stated that she has not participated in an amendment process and would appreciate individual guidance on the process.

Kathryn Brigham inquired about the NPCC plan for linking responsibilities. Brian Lipscomb responded that if the Umatilla tribe and other CBFWA Members feel that a strategy to offset BPA's obligations for the losses of the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) is an appropriate strategy, then it will be included as a recommendation to the NPCC.

Science Policy Conference:

Rhonda stated that the NPCC is planning a Science Policy Conference scheduled for September 12-13, 2007. A steering committee is being formulated to plan the conference and the NPCC has invited CBFWA staff to participate as steering committee members.

Lynn Palensky, NPCC, provided additional information stating that the NPCC Chair initiated the Science Policy Conference with the intent to gather new information studied or researched over the last ten years. Lynn stated that this isn't a policy making forum but instead a pursuit for the best science to substantiate measures and possible recommendations for NPCC consideration.

The steering committee's task is to assist in formulating conference objectives and provide recommendations on the conference structure.

In response to Members' concerns about how the NPCC expects to deal with different perspectives and provide the F&W managers equal weight, Rhonda stated that they will use common sense and take into consideration the presenters' credibility and credentials in their perspective fields. The NPCC is hopeful that the steering committee will provide some sideboards on how to deal with this issue.

An additional concern raised was that the name implies that science is making policy. Rhonda stated that the name could be changed so there's no implication in that regard.

Science Policy Conference Steering Committee Members: Lynn Palensky provided the names of the current steering committee members (as of 4/4/07):

Peter Paquet, Jim Ruff, Steve Waste, Erik Merrill, NPCC
 Phil Roger, CRITFC
 John Ferguson, NOAA Fisheries
 Thomas P. Poe, M.S., Consulting Fisheries Scientist
 William Percy, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Oceanography, OSU
 Colin Levings, Ph.D., Research Scientist
 Richard Williams, Ph.D., Former ISRP Member
 Susan Hanna, Ph.D., Professor, Agriculture & Resource Economics, OSU

The MAG has recommended that the Members approve Tom Iverson and Brian Lipscomb's participation in the steering committee. *See agenda Item 7 Action.*

ITEM 5:

Fish Passage Center Oversight Board (FPCOB)

The NPCC is considering changing and reinvigorating the FPCOB pursuant to the 2003 Mainstem Amendment language and have invited comments, due 4/6/07, on revising the membership categories for the FPCOB. Review the NPCC request for comment:

http://www.cbfgwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0320/Fish%20Passage%20Center%20Oversight%20

[Board%20Draft%20proposal%20to%20reinstate%20board.htm](#)

Bruce Measure, NPCC, was invited to provide NPCC perspective on the reinvigoration of the Fish Passage Center Oversight Board (FPCOB). Bruce stated that the FPCOB is a NPCC program; therefore, there must be oversight and accountability to understand their investment. Although the FPCOB previously created a platform for the Board, not much has been done. Bruce stated that he encouraged the revival of the Board to lend credibility and provide a common ground. He does not see the Board as a policy making body.

Bruce stated that he is of the opinion that the Fish Passage Center (FPC) contract be transferred to CBFWA.

The stated composition of the Board may be larger than necessary but should contain an uneven number in order to provide a tie breaker. The NPCC appointed Chair would serve as a tie breaker in favor of the NPCC's Fish and Wildlife Program.

Policy considerations are premature; changes should be done in an amendment process.

Bruce suggested that CBFWA request to meet with the NPCC formally to discuss this issue, or request additional time on the NPCC agenda.

Discussion: Brian Lipscomb presented a letter that the MAG formulated in response to the NPCC's request for comment. The Members discussed the content of the letter and suggested edits to clarify the stance of the CBFWA Members.

Action: Members moved to approve the letter with revisions emphasizing that 1) the FPC is meeting its obligations as established and contemplated in the Program; 2) the FPC is transparent and all data and analysis is posted in a timely manner on the public website; and 3) the lack of NPCC FPCOB meetings over the past year result in what appears to be a current attempt to fix what is not broken. Members requested the rewording of the 2nd sentence/2nd paragraph/2nd page. Rob Walton abstained. No objections.

Tom Iverson revised the letter as requested in the Members' action and presented the revised draft to the Members for their approval.

Action: The Members moved to accept the revised letter. Rob Walton abstained. No objections. See Addendum to this action as follows.

Addendum: Larry Peterman, MDFWP was asked to present to the NPCC at their meeting in Libby, Montana on April 18, 2007, the 4/4/07 CBFWA letter sent to Jim Ruff, NPCC regarding the Fish Passage Center Oversight Board (FPCOB). After reviewing the 4/4/07 letter, he expressed concerns with the second paragraph. Brian Lipscomb called an emergency Members Teleconference to clarify the second paragraph. The group met on 4/16/07 and 4/17/07 by teleconference and resolved the concerns surrounding paragraph two.

The summary notes for the those meeting are posted for your review at:

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

The 4/17/07 Final CBFWA comment letter (clarifying the 4/4/07 letter) regarding FPCOB was presented to the NPCC at their 4/18/07 meeting by Larry Peterman, Vice Chair and is posted at :

http://www.cbfgwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0417/CBFWAclarificationLtrToNPCCand040407FPCOBltr_041707FINAL.pdf

ITEM 4: CBFWA Public Relations Update & Sapphire Strategies Contract

Discussion: Brian Lipscomb advised that the press statement provided at the Celilo Falls Memorial on March 10, 2007, reportedly provided exposure to an estimated 1-1/2M people. Public relations accomplishments of the last year include the development of the press release process and a comprehensive press list and the redesign of the logo, stationary, website, and brochure.

Public relations subcommittee member, John Platt, advised that the subcommittee met

recently to review the past year's accomplishments and they agreed that the subcommittee's next steps include 1) development of community meetings to cultivate greater support and understanding; 2) define the message and the audience; and 3) conduct a written survey and site visits to gather anecdotal information (i.e., images, success stories, etc), formulate the information in a presentation, and through a workshop format synthesize a message that will best capture the public support for the protection, mitigation, and enhancement of fish and wildlife resources.

John, Gwen Lankford, and Tana Klum all emphasized that the most important part of this process is the collaboration with the Members' communications staff.

Action: The Members moved to accept the Sapphire Strategies Contract/SOW. No objections. The Public Relations Statement of Work for 4/1/07 – 3/31/08, approved by the Members, can be viewed at:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0404/SapphireStrategiesInc-SOW.4.3.072.pdf

ITEM 6: Response to BPA's FY 07-09 Actions

Discussion: Brian briefly advised that the CBFWA technical committees (Resident Fish Advisory Committee, Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee, and Wildlife Advisory Committee) have reviewed BPA's funding decisions in the context of the NPCC recommendations and CBFWA's priorities and reported their initial findings to the MAG at their March meeting. The technical committees are all scheduled to meet to continue their discussions and analysis.

The MAG will provide a draft letter for Members consideration at the May meeting focusing on CBFWA's frustration with the recommendations, which do not appear consistent with the project review and the recommendations that came out of that process, and detailing consequences for projects that have been negatively impacted by the decisions.

ITEM 7: Amendment Strategy

Science Policy Steering Committee: As discussed under Agenda Item #3, the NPCC is populating a steering committee to develop a Science Policy Conference scheduled for September 12-13, 2007.

The NPCC has invited CBFWA staff to participate on the steering committee.

Action: The Members moved to approve CBFWA staff participation on the NPCC Science Policy conference steering committee. The Members directed CBFWA staff to suggest that the title of the conference be changed to Science Review. No objections.

Biological Objectives Work Group Update: Brian Lipscomb advised that three meetings have transpired between CBFWA staff, customer groups, NPCC staff, and BPA staff on objectives and overall strategy for developing biological objectives and the linkage between subbasin level objectives and regional scales. Brian stated that these meetings are encouraging with regard to facilitating an informed amendment process.

Amendment Strategy Letter: Brian Lipscomb advised that the amendment strategy draft letter, presented for Members review and approval in today's meeting, outlines CBFWA's recommended strategies and actions for consideration during the proposed amendment process for 2007. The letter conveys the Members' actions resulting from the February 2007 Members' meeting.

Brian met with Steve Wright and Greg Delwiche in February to review the CBFWA Members' actions. During that meeting, Steve Wright, BPA, expressed willingness to draft a letter in response and support to a CBFWA letter articulating the direction of the Members' actions.

Action: The Members moved to accept the amendment strategy letter as drafted.

Motion Discussion: The Members suggested the inclusion of US v. Oregon agreements, the Pacific Salmon Treaty, and the Clean Water Act into the second paragraph, last sentence.

- Amended Motion:** The Members moved to accept the letter with the inclusion as suggested. No objections. The final amendment strategy letter, signed by Chairman Dan Diggs, is posted at: http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0404/AmendmentLetterCBFWAtoRegionFinal040407.pdf
- ITEM 8: FY07 Members Coordination Contracts - Allocation**
- Kathie advised that the budget allocation presented for Members' approval is the result of Members' estimates of their needs for the 4/1/07-3/31/08 contract period. Kathie requested approval on the AWP budget allocations.
- Kathie Titzler reminded Members to send in their invoices for year ending 3/31/07 so she can close out the contract year.
- Action:** The Members moved to approve the 4/1/07-3/31/08 AWP Budget Allocations. No objections.
- The AWP Budget Allocation for 4/1/07-3/31/08, approved by the Members, is posted at: http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0404/AWP2007MbrsReq.xls
- ITEM 9: Salmon Economic Analysis & Planning Act (SEAPA)**
- Discussion:** Brian Lipscomb referenced an article in the *Idaho Statesman* regarding a bill introduced into the House on March 13, 2007 by Representative J. McDermott (D-WA). The bill calls for an economic analysis of the removal of the Snake River facilities.
- Action:** Brian suggested that Members review the bill and decide if they want CBFWA to facilitate comment, with the understanding that the federal entities would have to be excluded.
- Idaho Statesman article:**
http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0320/SalmonEconomicAnalysisPlanning%20Act-IdahoStatesmanArticle031407.doc
- SEAPA Press Release:**
http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0404/SEAPAPressRelease031307.doc
- SEAPA Bill:**
http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0404/SalmonPlanningActHR150_030207.pdf
- ITEM 10: Lamprey Technical Work Group Update**
- The Lamprey Technical Work Group (LTWG) has been reinvigorated as part of the Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee (AFAC). The work group will address the BPA comments regarding the need to develop a research plan that will identify the effects of the hydro system and potential mitigation measures.
- ITEM 11: Official Appointment Letter Designation Letter**
- Brian Lipscomb asked that Members complete their 2007 official appointment letters and submit them to CBFWA. Posted to the CBFWA website Members web page is list of designation letters received and letters outstanding, as of today's date:
http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0404/ListOf2007DesigneesCBFWAagenciesTribesIncomplete.pdf
- Members can print out the designation form letter from the Members webpage at:
http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0404/CBFWAdesigneesCommunicationRequestSurvey012207.doc
- ITEM 12: CBFWA Office Move Update**
- Brian Lipscomb reported that the alternative site on SW 11th & Salmon in Portland presented a negative health and safety issue for staff and visiting Members. CBFWA will proceed with consideration of the 3rd floor space of the current building with the expectation that the FPC and CBFWA staff will merge. The move is anticipated to take place in approximately six months.

FYI:

Next Members' Teleconference Date and Time

The next Members' teleconference is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at the CBFWA office.

The next NPCC meeting will be on April 17-19-2007 in Libby, MT.

**CBFWA
Attendance at
NPCC Libby
Meeting:**

The Members expressed the importance of CBFWA presence at the Libby NPCC meeting to address the issue of the FPCOB directly to the NPCC. Dan Diggs will review his schedule for possible attendance. It was also suggested that the Montana Vice-chair be asked to attend, as well as the CBFWA members from Kootenai Tribe of Idaho (KTI).

Meeting Adjourned.