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

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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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

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Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: June 8, 2007
TO: CBFWA Members
FROM: Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes from June 6, 2007 Members Meeting

Members Teleconference

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

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

@ Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA), Portland OR

Teleconference Line: 503/229-0449 ID: 218462

The support material and reference documents for the meeting are posted at

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

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Dave Statler, NPT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Brian Lipscomb, Ken MacDonald, Dave Ward, Pat Burgess, Trina Gerlack, CBFWA

By Phone: Dale W. Chess, Cd'AT; Peter Hassemer, IDFG; Larry Peterman, MDFWP; Gary Sims, NOAA Fisheries; Claude Broncho, SBT; Nate Pamplin, WDFW

Guests: Lynn Palensky, NPCC
Patty O'Toole, Kerry Berg, NPCC (via phone)

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Discussion: Dan Diggs, US Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) was not available to chair the meeting; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS, chaired the majority of the meeting; Larry Peterson closed out the meeting as acting-Chair. Dave Statler, Nez Perce Tribe (NPT), requested a CSMEP workshop update be added to the agenda.

Action: The Members moved to accept the agenda with the addition of the CSMEP workshop update. No objections.

ITEM 2: Approve the May 2, 2007 Members Meeting Draft Action Notes as Final

Action: The Members moved to accept the May 2, 2007 Members meeting draft action notes as final. No objections.

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

Kerry Berg, NPCC, provided the status report on Rhonda Whiting's behalf. Kerry stated that the NPCC is moving along with discussions on the 2007 and FY 2008 start-of-year budgets, and the upcoming amendment process.

ITEM 4: FY 2007-09 Innovative Project Solicitation Process Update

Patty O'Toole, NPCC, advised that the NPCC has received 59 proposals totaling 16M+ in requests. 2M in funding is available from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) for the innovative projects. The ISRP review will conclude

on June 26th followed by a public comment period until July 24th. The NPCC plans to make their funding recommendations by mid-September. Patty confirmed that implementation is targeted for FY 08-09 with FY 07 encompassing the selection process.

ITEM 5: NPCC Draft FY 2008 Revised Budget and Fiscal Year 2009 Proposed Budget

Kerry Berg advised that the NPCC is seeking comments on their proposed draft budget. Written comments should be received at the NPCC central office by June 25th to be considered at the July NPCC meeting in Portland, Oregon. Kerry directed the Members to the NPCC website for more information on the budget and comment process: <http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/2007/2007-6.htm>. CBFWA Members should contact Sharon Ossmann in the NPCC Central Office with any questions or comments (sossmann@nwcouncil.org or call 503/222-5161).

ITEM 6: NPCC Science Policy Conference Update

September 12-13, 2007 @ Portland State University

The intent of this conference is for the scientists to present the current science and for the policy makers to discuss how that information will influence their decision making. The information that comes out of this conference is anticipated to help feed the amendment process.

Kerry Berg stated that good progress is being made on planning the upcoming Science Policy Conference (science-policy exchange). The steering committee and subgroups have continued to meet to prepare the four session topics: Habitat, Mainstem, Estuary, and Ocean.

Lynn Palensky, NPCC, added that the sessions will be high level and each session will begin with the presentation of the topic followed by discussion. The presentation topics will be summarized and it is hoped that those summaries will be finalized in time for distribution prior to the conference. View draft information posted on NPCC website: http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2007_06/fw2.pdf.

Brian Lipscomb added that he and Tom Iverson are on the steering committee and anticipate informing the Members Advisory Group (MAG) and Members of the discussions as the conference draws near.

ITEM 7: Fish Passage Center Oversight Board (FPCOB) Membership Update

Kerry Berg stated that the NPCC is in the process of discussing the nominations received and are on schedule to approve the nominations at their June 12-13th meeting in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Kerry directed the CBFWA Members to review the nomination information in detail posted at http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2007_06/fw6.pdf and to direct any questions to Jim Ruff, NPCC at jruff@nwcouncil.org.

Claudio Broncho, Shoshone Bannock Tribes (SBT), questioned Kerry regarding the SBT's previous appeal to Dr. Tom Karier about the availability of a seat on the Board for the Upper Snake Tribes. Claudio stated that the SBT did not receive a follow-up response to their concerns. Kerry advised that Bruce Measure, NPCC, asked him to address the SBT's concern and that he would speak with Claudio directly.

ITEM 8: Federal Caucus Update

Upon invitation by Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS, Brian Lipscomb and Ken MacDonald provided a briefing on the Collaborative Systemwide Monitoring and Evaluation Project (CSMEP) to the Federal Caucus with the intent to encourage continued funding for the project. Brian and Mark stated that the briefing was well received.

ITEM 9: Collaborative Systemwide Monitoring & Evaluation Project (CSMEP)

At their May 22, 2007 meeting, the MAG reviewed and suggested edits to a letter to the NPCC and BPA regarding requesting continued funding for CSMEP in FY08 and FY09. Ken MacDonald presented a revised letter (version 2) dated June 6th for Members consideration. The Members briefly discussed the perception that CSMEP is not needed as long as the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) exists and the need to clearly communicate the distinction between the two forums.

Ken MacDonald advised that Jen Bayer is scheduled to attend the June 19th MAG meeting to discuss interaction with PNAMP.

The Members briefly reviewed the revised letter and suggested some edits: 1) changing the word “recommendations” in the first sentence to “decisions,” 2) reconsidering the use of the bold font in the first paragraph, and 3) add language to address the distinction between CSMEP and PNAMP.

Action: The Members moved to approve the letter with the addition of a short paragraph addressing the CSMEP/PNAMP issue, without reducing the current content of the letter. No objections.

ADDED ITEM: CSMEP Workshop Update

Ken MacDonald advised that a CSMEP workshop is scheduled for June 27-29th at Portland State University in downtown Portland. Agenda items include the wrap up of the Snake Basin pilot study and establishing a plan for presenting the results to the NPCC, managers, and other technical groups.

Pete Hassemmer advised that the PNAMP steering committee has scheduled a strategic planning meeting for June 26-27th. Ken MacDonald stated that he will attend the meeting and he has provided Jen Bayer with contact information encouraging her to invite CBFWA MAG members.

ITEM 10: Development of a Comprehensive Management Coordination Strategy Update

At the February 7-8, 2007 meeting, CBFWA Members directed the MAG to work with the Spokane and Kalispel Tribes to develop a comprehensive management coordination strategy and integrate all coordination initiatives into the strategy. The coordination groups have continued to meet to explore and define coordination.

The NPCC Fish and Wildlife Committee’s June 12-13th meeting agenda includes a Comprehensive Management Coordination Strategy update. The coordination groups developed a presentation which may be used as an outline to draft a Program measure for the amendment process. The tasks identified for coordination within the Program will serve as a menu for coordination groups to choose from when proposing projects. The presentation was provided to the MAG at the May 22nd meeting and their suggested edits were incorporated into the presentation.

Brian Lipscomb reviewed the presentation with the Members and received additional feedback and suggested edits: 1) on slide one (after the cover page), list the three topic titles, without descriptions, (bulleted on one slide), followed by three separate slides detailing the descriptions. Link to the draft presentation Brian reviewed with the Members:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0606/CoordinationPresentationForJune07NPCCmtg060607.ppt.

ITEM 11: Status Report from CBFWA Technical Committee Chairs

Lamprey Technical Workgroup (LTWG) Update: Dave Ward advised that the LTWG was directed by the MAG, via the AFAC, to review the Army Corp of

Engineers (COE) 2007 Pacific Lamprey Draft Passage plan and formulate comments. Those comments will be presented by the AFAC to the MAG at the June 19th meeting.

Dave Statler added that the Fish Passage Advisory Committee (FPAC) is also reviewing the COE's Pacific Lamprey Passage plan and will provide their comments to the MAG on June 19th.

ITEM 12: May 9, 2007 Amendment Strategy Workshop and July 24-25 Follow-up Session Update

Brian Lipscomb advised that the May 9th workshop was well attended and produced good discussions. Draft action notes from the July 24-25th workshop are available for review at:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0522/ActionNotesJointAmendWkShop050907DRAFT.pdf.

A follow-up workshop is planned for July 24-25th in Spokane and the group expects to schedule one more workshop prior to the September Members' meeting.

ITEM 13: Data Management Framework Subcommittee (DMFS) and Northwest Environmental Data-network (NED) update

The MAG tasked the DMFS to develop data management project recommendations for FY 2008-2009, for endorsement by the CBFWA Members, consistent with the NPCC and BPA's 07-09 funding decisions which called for a comprehensive review of data management projects. In addition, NED has released a strategy for managing data which may be a good background document to be used as framework for the Fish and Wildlife Program. The DMFS is reviewing the NED strategy document and anticipates providing draft recommendations to the MAG at the June meeting.

Brian Lipscomb advised that Tom Iverson was attending a June 6th collaborative meeting of the DMFS and NED workgroups working to finalize a data framework recommendation which will be brought back to the MAG on June 19th and to the Members for endorsement to forward on to NPCC and BPA.

ITEM 14: Ad-hoc Biological Objectives Workgroup Update

Dave Ward provided an update stating that at the last meeting, the biological objectives workgroup discussed definitions and the direction of the group prompting the questions: Why do we need biological objectives and how should they be used? A white paper, written by a bio-analyst about the Program in general, was presented for review and discussion.

View workgroup goals and vision statement on the NPCC website at http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2007_05/10.pdf

Referencing the related agenda items discussed in today's meeting Dave Statler stressed the importance of the integration and extension of all the workgroups and entities involved.

ITEM 15: Select New Date for July Members' Teleconference

Action: The Members moved to reschedule their July meeting to Thursday, July 12th from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. No objections.

Meeting Adjourned.