



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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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 fish and wildlife 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 Fish, Wildlife & 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

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: August 26, 2008  
TO: CBFWA Members  
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA  
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the September 3, 2008 Members Teleconference

## Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) Members Teleconference Wednesday, September 3, 2008 @ CBFWA Office, Portland OR 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. PDT

WebEx w/Integrative Teleconference has been arranged for this meeting:

**Select:** [Quick Access to Sept 3 Members WebEx Logon](#)

**Log in first:** Enter your name and email address.

Click "Join Now" and follow prompts to dial into the teleconference.

Meeting password: members (lower case)

All support material is posted at [http://www.cbfga.org/committee\\_main.cfm](http://www.cbfga.org/committee_main.cfm).

### Draft Agenda

- ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**  
**Recommended Action:** Approve draft agenda.
- ITEM 2: Draft Action Notes from the August 6, 2008 Members Teleconference**  
**Recommended Action:** Approve as Final: August 6, 2008 Members Teleconference draft action notes.
- ITEM 3: Proposed Strategy for Developing Comments on the Draft Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment and Development of Talking Points**
- CBFWA staff will provide an initial analysis of the draft Fish and Wildlife Program released by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.
  - CBFWA staff proposes development of a comment letter and presentation to Council Members for consideration and approval at the October 1<sup>st</sup> Members teleconference.
  - Discuss need for Members high-level engagement at the October 15-16, 2008 NPCC meeting in Missoula, MT and at the MT evening public hearings.
- ITEM 4: Update on Strategy and Meetings between CBFWA Agencies and Tribes, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council)**

- Status of the Resource (SOTR)
- Development of Comprehensive Work Plans

**ITEM 5: Summary of Proposed Changes to the Endangered Species Act**

- In August 2008, the George W. Bush administration proposed a regulatory overhaul that would bypass Congress and dramatically weaken the ESA by allowing federal agencies to determine whether projects such as highways, dams, mines, etc., will negatively affect endangered species, rather than following the regular protocol of seeking independent reviews.
- CBFWA staff will provide a summary of the proposed ESA changes.

**Recommended Action:**

Do the CBFWA Members want to direct the MAG to develop a collective comment letter for Chairman Peterman's signature?

**ITEM 6: Proposed Change to CBFWA Work Week**

- Discussion and consideration of Member impact of CBFWA staff moving toward a 4-10 work week.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**October Members Teleconference:** October 1, 2008 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**September MAG Meeting:** **Tentative** September 16, 2008 9:00a.m.-5:00 p.m. face-face in Spokane, WA. This meeting date is tentative and may be changed to an alternate date within the previous week due to the simultaneous Council meeting/public hearings in Astoria.

**September Northwest Power and Conservation Council Meeting:** September 16-18, 2008 in Astoria, OR

**Northwest Power and Conservation Council links:** [2008-2009 Program Amendments](#) and [NPCC Public Hearing Schedule](#)

- Tuesday, September 16, Astoria, Oregon hearing, 5-7pm
- Monday, September 22, Spokane, Washington hearing, 5-7pm
- Tuesday, September 23, Lewiston, Idaho hearing, 5-7pm
- Wednesday, September 24, Boise, Idaho hearing, 5-7pm
- Wednesday, September 24, Pendleton, Oregon hearing, 5-7pm
- Thursday, September 25, Yakima, Washington hearing, 5-7pm
- Tuesday, September 30, Olympia, Washington hearing, 5-7pm
- Tuesday, October 14, Kalispell, Montana hearing, 4:30-6:30pm
- Wednesday, October 15, Missoula, Montana hearing, 5-7pm