



# 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: September 9, 2008  
TO: CBFWA Members  
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA  
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the September 11, 2008 Members Teleconference

**Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA)  
Special Members Teleconference  
Thursday, September 11, 2008  
@ CBFWA Office, Portland OR  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. PDT**

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

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Meeting password: members (lower case)

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[http://www.cbftwa.org/committee\\_main.cfm](http://www.cbftwa.org/committee_main.cfm).

## Draft Agenda

Special Members teleconference to review comments (due September 15<sup>th</sup>) on the proposed ESA changes.

### **ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**

**Recommended Action:** Approve draft agenda.

### **ITEM 2: Proposed Changes to the Endangered Species Act**

As discussed in the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Members Teleconference, the Department of the Interior is proposing to amend regulations governing interagency cooperation under the ESA. The proposed rule is subject to a 30-day public comment period with the deadline set at September 15, 2008.

CBFWA Staff Briefing Paper:

[http://www.cbftwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008\\_0903/ESAproposedchangessummarydraft.pdf](http://www.cbftwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0903/ESAproposedchangessummarydraft.pdf).

Review the proposed rule:

[http://www.cbftwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008\\_0903/ESA\\_ProposedRegulations\\_AT50P\\_R2008\\_08\\_13\\_FR.pdf](http://www.cbftwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0903/ESA_ProposedRegulations_AT50P_R2008_08_13_FR.pdf).

On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Members directed CBFWA staff to develop a comment letter for review by the MAG and to ask the MAG to recommend if the letter would be best sent by the Agencies and Tribes collectively or individually.

**Recommended Action:** Approve letter from CBFWA Members, to be signed by Chairman Peterman, as drafted by CBFWA staff and recommended by the MAG.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

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

**September MAG Meeting:** September 12, 2008 10:00am-4:00pm face-face in Spokane, WA.

**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](#) (as of 9/4/08)

- Tuesday, September 16, 5-7pm, **Astoria**, Oregon
- Monday, September 22, 5:30-6:30pm, **Spokane**, Washington
- Tuesday, September 23, 5-7pm, **Lewiston**, Idaho
- Wednesday, September 24, 5-7pm, **Boise**, Idaho
- Wednesday, September 24, 5-7pm, **Pendleton**, Oregon
- Thursday, September 25, 5-7pm, **Yakima**, Washington
- Tuesday, September 30, 5-7pm, **Lacey**, Washington
- Tuesday, October 14, 10am, **Polson**, Montana
- Tuesday, October 14, 4:30pm, **Kalispell**, Montana
- Wednesday, October 15, 5pm, **Missoula**, Montana
- Tuesday, October 21, 5-7pm, **Portland**, Oregon