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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:

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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: January 16, 2009
TO: Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Revised Draft Agenda for the January 21-22, 2009 Winter Members Meeting

Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) Winter Members Meeting Boise, Idaho

Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Time: 12:00pm – 5:00pm (MST)
6:00pm Dinner Speaker - Rocky Barker

Thursday, January 22, 2009
Time: 8:30am – 12:00pm (MST)

Doubletree Hotel Boise-Riverside
2900 Chinden Blvd.
Boise, ID 83714
Room Reservation: 208-343-1871

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

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Meeting support material and WebEx logon are posted at
http://www.cbfgwa.org/committee_main.cfm.

Draft Agenda – Version 2

Day One – Wednesday, January 21, 2009

12:00-12:05pm Welcome and Opening Remarks
12:05-12:10pm Invocation
ITEM 1: Introductions, Roll Call, and Approve Agenda
12:10-12:20pm
Recommended Action: Approve the draft agenda.

- ITEM 2:** **Change of Officers**
12:20-12:35pm
- Gavel passed from outgoing Larry Peterman, Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks, who retired December 2008, to incoming chair, Elmer Ward, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation.
 - NOAA Fisheries will serve as vice chair.
- ITEM 3:** **2009 CBFWA Committee Designees at Winter Members Meeting**
12:35-12:40pm
- At the winter meeting of the Members, it is customary for each Member to submit the names of the designees and alternates appointed to serve on the groups and committees of CBFWA for the next year. CBFWA staff has a template for Members to complete and bring to the January 21 & 22, 2009 Members Meeting or email to jann.eckman@cbfwa.org or trina.gerlack@cbfwa.org.
- Please complete the template posted at http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_1203/CBFWAdesigneesCommunicationRequestSurvey12Nov2008.doc.
- ITEM 4:** **January 7, 2009 Members Draft Action Notes**
12:40-12:45pm
- Recommended Action:** Approve the draft January 7, 2009 Members Teleconference action notes as final.
- ITEM 5:** **CBFWA Amendment Recommendations and Comments Update**
12:45-1:00pm
- The final CBFWA comment package on the draft Fish & Wildlife Program was submitted to the NPCC on December 1, 2008 and is posted at http://www.cbfwa.org/news_main.cfm.
 - On December 17, 2008 a memo was sent to the Chairman Bill Booth and Fish and Wildlife Director Tony Grover, NPCC signed by Executive Director Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA regarding further clarification of CBFWA agencies and Tribes' recommendations and comments on the draft Program: [http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2008_1216/From_BLipscomb\(CBFWA\)_ToMessrsBooth&Grover_ClarificationMemo&Attachment.pdf](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2008_1216/From_BLipscomb(CBFWA)_ToMessrsBooth&Grover_ClarificationMemo&Attachment.pdf).
 - CBFWA staff will provide an update and discuss NPCC discussions at their January 13-15, 2009 meeting in Missoula, MT. The NPCC is finalizing their Program for a February release.
- ITEM 6:** **Context for FY2009 CBFWA Activities**
1:00-1:45pm
- Discussion:**
- CBFWA staff will make a brief presentation relating the various processes in the region to the adaptive management cycle as described by the members in the Definition of Coordination adopted in October of 2007 and the [New Directions Work Plan](#) finalized in October of 2004. The development of the fish and wildlife program and the implementation Biological Opinion RPA's including the Fish Accords will be the processes focused on.
- ITEM 7:** **CBFWA Work Plans**
1:45-3:45pm
- Discussion:**
- The CBFWA FY09 contract year begins on April 1. A draft CBFWA FY09 work plan is out for review by the MAG and Members and should be finalized prior to the meeting. The Members will be asked to review and approve the priority tasks identified

in the work plan and the budget to implement those tasks. The Members will also develop a strategy to ensure adequate collaboration and funding by BPA and the NPCC.

Recommended Action: Approve CBFWA work plan and budget and develop strategy to ensure adequate funding by BPA

Discussion:

- A draft strategy for developing monitoring and evaluation coordination through CBFWA is being developed and will be presented to the Members for approval.

Recommended Action: Approve the M&E Coordination strategy and direct MAG to develop a work plan and budget.

ITEM 8: Draft Status of the Resources Report (SOTR)

3:45-4:45pm

Background: The final draft SOTR template was approved during the January 7, 2009, Members Teleconference. The CBFWA staff was directed to, for the next 60 days, solicit input from the NPCC, BPA, and other interested parties.

- The members need to consider the relationship of the SOTR (hard copy and webpage) to the other regional reporting efforts including BiOp and recovery reporting. Action will be considered to clarify the members' intent relative to how data is provided to each of these efforts and how the Members can assist in streamlining the various processes.

Recommended Action: Approve action clarifying the Members' intent relative to the SOTR's relationship to the other reporting efforts in the region.

ITEM 9: Fish Screening Oversight Committee (FSOC) Actions

4:45-5:00pm

- The FSOC is committed to becoming revitalized and the development of a charter is a step in this process. In December 2008, the MAG recommended forwarding the draft FSOC charter to the Members for approval.

Recommended Action: Review and approve FSOC charter as final.

- The FSOC has drafted a letter indicating CBFWA's support of Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act (FRIMA) reauthorization. The federal agencies cannot comment on pending legislation until the administration has formed a Statement of Administration Position (SAP). The USFWS and NOAA Fisheries abstained.

Recommended Action: Approve letter in support of FRIMA reauthorization. The USFWS and NOAA Fisheries abstained.

6:00-7:30pm

Dinner Speaker - Rocky Barker

Rocky Barker will be sharing his perspective on what changes could be ahead for fish and wildlife resources under the new Obama administration.

Day Two – Thursday, January 22, 2009

ITEM 10: Introductions and Recap of Day One Meeting

8:30-9:00am

ITEM 11: Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee (AFAC) Objectives Analysis

9:00-9:45am

- In May 2008 the Members directed the AFAC to “develop the linkages between the population level objectives and the programmatic level objectives” contained within the NPCC's Program. This assignment was intended to be a technical analysis that would result in an estimate of the number of salmon and steelhead returning to the Columbia River Basin if all subbasin objectives were met. Results from the analysis may be used

to assess progress likely to be realized towards the NPCC's interim goal of 5 million adult salmon and steelhead if subbasin and recovery plan objectives are achieved.

- Progress on the assignment was presented to the Members in August 2008. The Members then directed the AFAC to work with appropriate entities as needed to refine the objectives. Subsequently, many member agencies have reviewed the draft and provided comments. Co-managers do not agree in a few areas; therefore, a range of objectives is included.
- CBFWA staff will present the draft results. Upon Members approval, the next steps will include presenting results to others in the region, including recovery planning and subbasin groups. This will help to ensure that these groups understand how the objectives were developed, and will facilitate future discussions when the NPCC seeks review and discussion of subbasin summary tables submitted as part of the CBFWA amendment recommendation.

Recommended Action:

Approve presenting and discussing the objectives analysis with other groups in the region.

ITEM 12:

Briefings for the New Administration

9:45-10:45am

- The Members discussed the development of a consensus briefing paper for the new administration regarding fish and wildlife issues in the Columbia River Basin and the policies they may adopt for fish and wildlife resources in the basin. The MAG developed a draft briefing paper for Members consideration.

Recommended Action:

Approve briefing paper for the incoming administration.

- The FSOC has prepared a briefing memo summarizing the effects if Mitchell Act funding for fish screens is eliminated in 2010.

Recommended Action:

Approve Mitchell Act funding memo.

Break

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10:45-11:00am

ITEM 13:

Update on December 10, 2008 - Developing a Northwest Tribal Climate Change Legislative Strategy Workshop

11:00-11:15am

At the December 3, 2008 Members Teleconference Brian Lipscomb stated he would provide an update on the December 10, 2008 workshop hosted by Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority. The workshop was a briefing and opportunity for the Tribes to engage in the process. Brian encouraged CBFWA's participation at the state and national levels to address climate change in the form of carbon cap and trade legislation. State governors from OR, WA, and MT are addressing this issue.

ITEM 14:

Review CBFWA Staff Office Operating Hours

11:15-11:30am

- On September 4, 2008, the Members did not object to the CBFWA staff moving to a Monday through Thursday 4 /10-hour day work schedule to reduce the carbon footprint due to the current economic climate, with the caveat that the schedule change would be assessed by the Members at the winter meeting.

- If the Members are still satisfied with the service provided by CBFWA the change will become permanent and the staff would continue to work Monday through Thursday 4/10-hour days with the CBFWA office closed on Friday, thereby not providing administrative support on Friday. If there are occasions where issues are identified requiring an adjustment of schedule, CBFWA staff will continue to make schedule adjustments as necessary.

No action is required this is an opportunity for the members to provide feedback to Executive Director on this decision.

Upcoming Meetings:

Members February Teleconference, Wed. Feb 4, 2009 1-4pm (via WebEx)

MAG February Meeting, Tues, Feb 17, 2009, 9am-12pm (via WebEx)

NPCC February Meeting, Portland, OR - Feb. 10-12, 2009 - <http://www.nwcouncil.org/>

ATNI Winter Conference, Feb. 16-19, 2009 - www.atntribes.org

American Indian Resources Institute Tribal Leaders Forum - Jan. 23 & 24, 2009

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