



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: February 27, 2009
TO: CBFWA Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Revised** Draft Agenda for the March 4, 2009 Members Teleconference

Members Teleconference Wednesday, March 4, 2009

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CBFWA Office, Portland OR (via WebEx)

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

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http://www.cbfgwa.org/committee_main.cfm.

Revised Draft Agenda

- ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**
- Recommended Action:** Approve the draft agenda.
- ITEM 2: Approve February 4, 2009 Members Draft Action Notes**
- Recommended Action:** Approve the February 4, 2009 Members Teleconference draft action notes as final.
- ITEM 3: EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) Response to the CBFWA Workplan and the inclusion of the Fish and Wildlife Agencies and Tribes in the Development of a Coordinated Basin-wide Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Program**
- 1:00-2:00 p.m.** On January 28, 2009 the Members communicated their proposal for funding for the FY09 CBFWA workplan. Since then several meetings with BPA and Council have occurred. To date, BPA and the Council are not willing to commit to fund CBFWA staff and Member participation to develop essential RM&E frameworks for either the Council Program or the BiOp. Failure to achieve funding for the RM&E portion of the workplan will significantly reduce our funding level, causing a substantial budgetary impact to the CBFWA organization with far reaching fiscal and policy ramifications. CBFWA staff will discuss the fiscal and policy ramifications of this decision for Member consideration toward developing strategies to address the implications and request a funding commitment from BPA.
- 2:00-2:45 p.m.** Greg Delwiche, BPA, is scheduled to call into the Executive Session at 2:00 p.m. to participate in this discussion.
- ITEM 4: CBFWA Members' Budget Increase Requests**

- Background:
- **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** is requesting an additional \$10,000 to cover their CBFWA and Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) coordination needs through the remainder of their contract period.
 - **Nez Perce Tribes (NPT)** is requesting a \$5,000 add-on to the NPT contract budget for CBFWA participation through March 31, 2009, based on previous monthly expenditures for travel and time.

Recommended Action: Approve WDFW and NPT budget requests to continue CBFWA participation through March 31, 2009.

ITEM 5: Habitat Evaluation Procedures (HEP) Project Budget Request

- Background:
- The Habitat Evaluation Procedure (HEP) is the accounting tool used to track the acquisition and development of Habitat Units to offset the losses identified in the Council Fish and Wildlife Program. These Habitat Units are the unit of measurement for the ledger recommended by the agencies and Tribes for inclusion in the Program and subject to verification by the Wildlife Crediting Forum.
 - An increase in the HEP budget and contract is necessary to complete evaluations across the basin so that the Wildlife Crediting Forum will have the necessary information to build a crediting ledger for the Program as proposed in the CBFWA wildlife amendment recommendations.
 - At the January 15th MAG meeting, Ken MacDonald presented three HEP funding scenarios for MAG consideration, as requested by Paul Ashley, Regional HEP Coordinator.
 - At the February 17th MAG meeting, Ken MacDonald and Paul Ashley provided a presentation inclusive of a briefing on the history of HEP, current contract levels, the reasoning behind the requests, and a description of what the alternatives will provide.
 - Ken MacDonald will provide a presentation and review the funding request.

Recommended Action: Approve the proposed HEP budget and expanded workplan for submission to the BOG.

Upcoming Meetings: **MAG Teleconference** March 17, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Members April Teleconference, Wed. April 1, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Council Meetings: March 10-12, 2009 in Boise ID and April 14-16, 2009 in Skamania, WA
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