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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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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

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National Marine Fisheries Service

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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: April 7, 2009
TO: CBFWA Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the April 15, 2009 Members Teleconference

Members Teleconference Wednesday, April 15, 2009

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

CBFWA Office, Portland OR (via WebEx)

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

Select: [Members April 15th WebEx w/Integrative Teleconference](#)

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Meeting password: members (lower case)

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Draft Agenda

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

Recommended Action: Approve the draft agenda.

ITEM 2: Approve April 1, 2009 Members Draft Action Notes

Recommended Action: Approve the April 1, 2009 Members Teleconference draft action notes as final.

ITEM 3: Finalize Draft Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (RM&E) Work Plan Proposal

Background:

The CBFWA work plan proposal was approved by the Members and distributed in January 2009 and the Council's amended F&W Program was distributed in February 2009. Since that time, CBFWA has received from Tony Grover, NPCC, a 5-page 2009 Fish and Wildlife Program to-do list of work items that need to be accomplished over the next year and a Gantt chart listing a timing schedule to-do the NPCC Program tasks. CBFWA staff prepared a comparison document of CBFWA's work plan to the Council's to-do list, and the planning part is a one-to-one match. CBFWA has captured the same issues and commitments identified by the Council to implement into the Program. The Members and Council should meet to discuss this information to address the Program work commitments to be completed with the fish and wildlife agencies and Tribes participation in the implementation process and amendment developments as outlined in the CBFWA coordination work plan.

In March, the Members assigned the RM&E ad hoc committee to develop an extensive monitoring and evaluation proposal to take to BPA via NOAA Fisheries for consideration to assure effective implementation of the BiOp M&E. The RM&E subcommittee developed draft M&E proposal in two pieces 1) the preliminary draft Viable Salmonid Population (VSP) M&E work plan in support of the BiOp and Accords and 2) the draft M&E work plan that addressed habitat.

At the April 1st Members teleconference, Brian Lipscomb described the work plan status in two parts. 1) coordination to implement the planning to implement the amended Program. The amended Program is loaded with additional planning activities that need implementation this year and continue over the next several years, which CBFWA crafted their work plan to do. 2) coordinating the implementation of BiOp M&E to assist the Action Agencies and NOAA to assure that M&E for the BiOp is being designed and implemented in an effective and efficient method. The Members provided a detailed review of the preliminary draft VSP monitoring proposal and passed the following motions relating to the revised preliminary draft RM&E work plan proposal in support of the FCRPS BiOp and Columbia Basin Accords to include Habitat:

1. The Members directed staff to work with the Members directly, to finalize the VSP M&E proposal revised during the meeting.
2. Forward the revised draft to the RM&E subcommittee to verify any changes.
3. Members direct staff to schedule a special Members teleconference on April 15, 2009 to take final action on the proposal and prepare for communicating the proposal to BPA and the Council.

Recommended Action: Members approve RM&E Work Plan Proposal.

ITEM 4: BPA/NPCC Follow-up Meetings to Discuss the Work Plan

Background: Meetings are being planned for the Members to communicate your coordination needs for implementing the 2008 BiOp and the 2009 NPCC Fish and Wildlife Program.

- Points to address relative to 2009 NPCC Fish and Wildlife Program will be developed and discussed.
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Recommended Action: Members agree to talking points and delivery commitment.

Upcoming Meetings: **MAG Teleconference**, April 21, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Members May 6, 2009 Teleconference, Wed. May 6, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Council Meeting: May 12-14, 2009 in Walla Walla, WA <http://www.nwcouncil.org/>