



# 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: April 29, 2009  
TO: CBFWA Members  
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the May 6, 2009 Members Teleconference

**Members Teleconference  
Wednesday, May 6, 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:

**Select:** [Members May 6th WebEx w/Integrative Teleconference](#)

**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)

Meeting support material and WebEx link are posted at

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

### Draft Agenda

**ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**

**Recommended Action:** Approve the draft agenda.

**ITEM 2: Approve April 15, 2009 Members Draft Action Notes**

**Recommended Action:** Approve the April 15, 2009 Members Teleconference draft action notes as final.

**ITEM 3: Status of the Resources (SOTR)**

**Background:** On April 21, the MAG recommended the 2008 SOTR template be finalized by the Members. If approved, this final template will be provided to Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council)'s Fish and Wildlife Committee for their information and sent to the Members' MAG and technical representatives for data verification (completed for Members' action at the June 3, 2009 Members teleconference). The SOTR website will be up by June 15, but not fully populated. The final template is a 33-page basinwide summary with interactive disk containing all of the sub-basins and provinces.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the final 2008 SOTR for presentation to the Council's Fish and Wildlife Committee and commit to verification of the data by May 31, 2009.

**ITEM 4: Comments on High Level Indicators (HLIs) to the Council**

**Background:** "The Council is interested in developing a list of high level indicators to communicate its Fish and Wildlife program's progress to the region's Governors and to Congress. The Council is requesting public comment on a draft list of seventeen possible indicators in an effort to stimulate discussion and to begin the process of aligning, as appropriate, with existing high level indicators used by others in the region in reporting the status and trends of the region's natural resources." Comments are due by April 24, 2009. Review Council's

request at <http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/program/hli/Default.htm>.

The Council extended the deadline for HLI comments to May 18, 2009:  
<http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/program/hli/Default.htm>

The MAG and staff have prepared a draft comment letter from CBFWA to the Council regarding comments on Council's HLIs for Members review and approval.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve CBFWA comment letter to the Council on High Level Indicators.

**ITEM 5:**

**CBFWA Work Plan Update**

Discussion:

- The development of coordinated deliverables needed to implement the amended Fish and Wildlife Program will be provided.
- The development of coordinated monitoring for the BiOp and the Program has been ongoing and an update will be provided with feedback requested.

**ITEM 6:**

**FY 2009 Funding**

Discussion:

- The CBFWA funding memo to Bill Booth will be reviewed for background and current situation regarding funding for Members through the CBFWA-Annual Work Plan (CBFWA-AWP) and the Coordinated System-wide Monitoring and Evaluation Project (CSMEP).
- The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)'s actions to date have not provided replacement funding for CSMEP resulting in elimination of \$950k of funding, additionally BPA has only provided \$1.5M of the \$1.8 requested for funding the CBFWA-AWP. Total impact to the Members from these actions is over \$1.4M.
- At the Members March meeting, you agreed to communicate at the executive level, support for CBFWA's continued coordination of monitoring. Some of the Members have accomplished this, others are pending, and an update will be provided regarding the status of these letters.
- The BPA's actions regarding these issues have not been consistent with Council or CBFWA recommendations.

**Recommended Action:**

Additional actions by the Members will be discussed relative to the FY 2009 budget and work plan.

**ITEM 7:**

**Summer Members Meeting**

**Recommended Action:**

Select Summer Members Meeting date, location, and items of discussion.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**MAG Teleconference, Monday May 18, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** – Due to scheduling conflicts the MAG will meet on the third Monday of every month from 1-4pm for the remaining of the year.

**Members Meeting at CBFWA Office, June 3, 2009, Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Council Meeting:** May 12-14, 2009 in Walla Walla, WA - Members will present the final SOTR to F&W Committee and Members attendance is requested. <http://www.nwcouncil.org/> and June 9-11, Whitefish, MT