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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

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: October 5, 2009
TO: CBFWA Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the October 7, 2009 Members Teleconference

**Members Teleconference
Wednesday, October 7, 2009
1:00-4:00 p.m. (Pacific)**

@ CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

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

Select: [Members October 7 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)

Support material will be posted on the Members webpage at

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

Draft Agenda

ITEM 1: Introductions, Roll Call, and Approve Agenda

Recommended Action: Approve draft agenda

ITEM 2: Approve as Final: Draft Action Notes from the September 2, 2009 Members Teleconference

- [9/2/09 Members Teleconference Draft Action Notes](#)

Recommended Actions: Approve September 2, 2009 Members Teleconference draft action notes as final.

ITEM 3: October 29, 2009 Directors and Tribal Chairs Policy Meeting Agenda Review

- A draft agenda was developed with the MAG for the October 29 Directors and Tribal Chairs Meeting with the following elements:
 - Approval of Policy Directives with opportunity for agency and Tribal perspective
 - Lunch Speaker – Nancy Sutley
 - Communicating to the region – BPA/NPCC
 - Press Conference on release of SOTR
- Members consider the timing and content of this meeting as the Policy Directives and work plan are reviewed. Action will be requested at Item 4.

ITEM 4: Draft FY 2010-14 CBFWA Policy Directives and Work Plan

Background: The MAG was assigned to formulate policy directives and complete deliverables and tasks for Members consideration at the October 7 teleconference and October 29 Members policy level meeting. The MAG worked through the draft policy directives, deliverables, and tasks providing substantive edits to the drafts, including a draft funding Position Statement to

address the distribution of funding described as BPA's default position in Greg Delwiche's [June 9, 2009 letter to Brian Lipscomb](#).

At the September 30 teleconference, the MAG reviewed each Policy Directives (tier 1), Deliverables (tier 2) and Tasks (tier 3) of the CBFWA FY 2010-2014 work plan and provided comments. The MAG directed CBFWA staff to incorporate their requests into one document and forward the revised Policy Directives, associated Deliverables, and Tasks with assigned estimates of effort for Members consideration at the October 7th Members Teleconference.

The MAG also discussed the budget and recommended that CBFWA staff develop draft budgetary figures tied to tasks for Member consideration

The MAG tabled the draft funding Position Statement until the next MAG meeting and pending Members' direction and review of the revised draft Policy Directives, Deliverables, and Tasks.

Recommended Action: Finalize Directives (tier 1), Deliverables (tier 2) and Tasks (tier 3) of the CBFWA FY 2010-2014 work plan.

ITEM 5: October 29, 2009 CBFWA Directors and Tribal Chairs Policy Meeting

- Confirm Content and Timing

Background: At the September 30 teleconference, the MAG expressed concern about being able to confirm the attendance of Nancy Sutley and Steve Wright for October 29 meeting and have the decision material clear, complete and properly vetted for policy review by that date and wondered if the meeting should be delayed. The MAG deferred this decision item to the Members for their consideration at the October 7, 2009 teleconference. The MAG and CBFWA staff will be providing draft products for Members review and make the decision to meet on October 29 or to postpone the meeting date.

Recommended Action: Approve meeting date or select new date.

ITEM 6: 2008 Status of Fish and Wildlife Resources in the Columbia River Basin (SOTR) Report

- The SOTR report is available and the Interactive Website is up and running. A review of the website's location and access will be provided and available at (<http://www.cbfwa.org/sotrver2/default.cfm>).

Background: On September 30, the MAG reviewed and modified the draft press release and requested additional comments by October 2 for Members consideration on October 7 teleconference. The intent is to use the press release as a basis for a press conference to be scheduled after Members approval. Per Nate Pamplin's request, the WDFW's public affairs person is reviewing the draft and will be providing comments.

Recommended Action: Approve SOTR press release and provide direction for its release, press conference as part of October 29 Members Policy meeting, if this is postponed, release it immediately.

ITEM 7: Resident Fish Habitat Loss Assessment Methodology and Letter for Members Approval

Background: Neil Ward, CBFWA and Sheri Sears, RFAC Chair presented the RFAC recommendations to the MAG on June 15 and the MAG approved the following for Members consideration.

At the September 2 teleconference, the Members requested more time to review the draft letter on the RFAC's proposed methodology for calculating lost resident fish habitat due to construction and inundation for recommendation to the Council.

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (NPCC) amended Fish and Wildlife Program (Program) provides for resident fish mitigation "where construction and inundation losses have been assessed and quantified by the appropriate agencies and tribes, mitigation should occur through the acquisition of appropriate interests in real property at a minimum ratio of 1:1 mitigation to lost distance or area." Despite the mitigation provisions, the Program does not prescribe specific methodology for the calculation of lost resident fish habitat due to construction and inundation. Because of this omission, resident fish managers (i.e., Columbia

Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority's (CBFWA) members and non-members) in the Columbia River Basin, working through the CBFWA Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC), developed the following methodology to allow for the consistent quantification of inundated resident fish habitat. The RFAC is seeking the Members approval of the methodology as well as approval to submit said methodology to NPCC to be recognized as the accepted methodology for quantifying inundated resident fish habitat.

- [RFAC Presentation: Resident Fish Mitigation - Loss Assessment](#)
- [RFAC proposed Methodology for Calculating Lost Resident Fish Habitat Due to Construction and Inundation](#)

Recommended Actions:

Review and approve the RFAC proposed methodology for calculating lost resident fish habitat due to construction and inundation as well as the letter for submittal to the Council.

ITEM 8:

Northwest Power and Conservation Council Meeting Updates

Background:

CBFWA staff will provide updates for Council meetings and follow-up on relative discussions held at the August MAG meeting.

- [2009 Fish and Wildlife Program](#) - No appeals to the final Program were submitted prior to the filing deadline
- High Level Indicators Update – [Council Discussion on proposed Fish and Wildlife Program Indicators, Nancy Leonard, Fish, Wildlife and Ecosystem Monitoring and Evaluation Manager](#)
- [September 10-11, 2009 Columbia River Science Policy Exchange](#) update
- [Wildlife Crediting Forum charter and schedule](#) approved on August 12, 2009
- [Sixth Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Plan](#)

Upcoming Meetings:

Members Policy Meeting: October 29, 2009 (via face-to-face meeting - details TBA)

[Members Teleconference:](#) November 4, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

[MAG Teleconferences:](#) Oct. 19 and Nov. 16, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

Region-Wide Monitoring Workshops: Oct. 20-21 and Nov. 3-5, 2009 in Stevenson, WA (details TBA)

[Council Meetings:](#) [Oct. 7-9, 2009 in Ketchum, ID](#) & Nov. 12-13, 2009 Teleconference

Columbia River Treaty (CRT) Review Meeting - Umatilla Tribes have agreed to host the December 9-10, 2009 in Pendleton, OR.