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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 government agencies:

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Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead 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

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Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: September 15, 2010
TO: CBFWA Members
FROM: Chairman Walton, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for 9/8/2010 Members Planning Committee Teleconference

Members Planning Committee Teleconference
Wednesday, September 8, 2010
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. (Pacific)
@ CBFWA Office - Portland, Oregon
[Members' Webpage](#)

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson, and Trina Gerlack, CBFWA
Phone: Rob Walton, Chair; Elmer Ward, CTWS; and Julie Collins, USFWS

Time Allocation:

Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Objective 2. Technical Review	0%
Objective 3. Presentation	0%

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

Action: The agenda was approved as written.

ITEM 2: September Face-to-face Members Meeting

Chairman Walton reviewed the objectives of the September Members' meeting and confirmed the meeting date and time. The group discussed the approach and potential outcomes of meeting, and developed a draft agenda.

Action: The Members Face-to-Face Meeting is scheduled for one-day on September 28, 2010 from 10:00am-4:00pm in Portland, Oregon at the CBFWA office.

ITEM 3: Review Proposed FY 2011 CBFWA Work Plan and Budget

Action: The proposed FY 2011 CBFWA work plan and balanced budget was approved as draft for review at September 28, 2010 Members Meeting. There are two assumptions built in to the draft balanced budget: 1) ODFW and WDFW are no longer members; and 2) the Executive Director position will not be filled until further notice.

Discussion: If the Members approve the draft FY 2011 CBFWA work plan and balanced budget and are committed to their requested share of coordination funds to support the work plan, it should be sufficient to carry out the work plan for next year. It is important that the Members approve and commit to the FY11 work plan and budget by November 15, 2010 to maintain the core staff functions and produce the contract deliverables as the regional coordination discussions take place.

The Planning Group agreed that adoption of the FY11 work plan should go smoothly as it continues implementation of the Policy Directives adopted by the Members for FY10. The Members will be asked to review the Policy Directives and Deliverables and confirm that their needs are being met as part of the decision making process for FY11.

Chairman Walton views next year as interim, as the NPCC's Category Review Process picks up the question of regional coordination funding in the fall and winter. It is possible that the region will develop a 5-year regional coordination plan for the Fish and Wildlife Program. One question was what CBFWA could do in 2011 to prepare for a successful 5-year plan. The planning group discussed some options:

- Keep the CBFWA name, SOW, work plan and demonstrate that we can support the whole Program; or change the name and function to better serve all fish and wildlife managers in the Basin, considering some people have a negative view toward the CBFWA name.
- One option would be to change the CBFWA name and function to a Technical Services Forum which would be dedicated to technical support for the Fish and Wildlife Program and would work closely with PNAMP and other processes and organizations. The CBFWA office and staff could be set up to provide Technical Services and contracts under Section F and G of Chapter 8 of the 2009 Program for data management assessments, monitoring, and reporting. The Technical Services Forum could encourage all agencies and tribes and their organizations to participate.
- The group discussed the governance issue. How and who should govern a technical services group? Is there a need for a central staff? Could the Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Foundation, which is the fiscal arm of CBFWA, be the parent organization of new technical services model. How would the new model be funded and who would fund it? What skill set and budget would best serve the program? Who would ultimately direct the staff?
- In the past, CBFWA has provided a forum for Members to consider policy, budget, and legal issues. The Members may want to continue a CBFWA outside the technical services function described and have the majority of CBFWA staff work under the technical services function, with a minimal staff serving policy role as a low cost, idling, advocacy group under the CBFWA name. It was felt that this conversation will have to take place over the winter, in conjunction with the Council's categorical review of regional coordination projects.

A summary of several options discussed are:

1. Keep 2011 SOW, membership, and format and continue with CBFWA as-is into the future.
2. Continue CBFWA with no BPA funding, rely on Member's contributions.
3. Establish a Technical Services forum/function only and CBFWA goes away.
4. Separate out the technical functions that CBFWA provides for the

Program from the policy functions that CBFWA provides for the Members and create two separate entities.

Action: The group developed the following items for the September 28, 2010 draft agenda.

1. Review Policy Directives and Deliverables.
2. Layout 2011 CBFWA Work Plan and Budget beginning April 1, 2011.
3. Approve the FY 2011 CBFWA work plan and balanced budget.
4. Request Members commitment and signatures on balanced budget as soon as possible.

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5. Consider 2011 as an Interim year and plan a strategy for the long term.
6. Discuss regional coordination, principals, and funding for the Council's categorical review.
7. Next Meeting - Schedule a Members Meeting in November 2010 to approve funding commitment to complete the contract and discuss the long and short term strategies to preserve the functions of CBFWA.

ITEM 4: Other Issues

There is some concern related to non-CBFWA Members participating at CBFWA meetings staffed by CBFWA and a request that the roles of the Members need to be clarified. The staff will consider identifying Members versus Interested Parties in the Action Notes of CBFWA meetings.

The CBFWA Charter language adjustments discussed at the August MAG meeting will be considered at a later date, and will not be discussed at the September's Members meeting.