



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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February 3, 2010

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Bruce Measure, Chair
Northwest Power and Conservation Council
851 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 1100
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Dear Mr. Delwiche and Chairman Measure:

Over the past six months, the Members of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) have undergone a comprehensive review of the role and functions that the CBFWA organization can serve for the Basin's fish and wildlife managers and for the region. Several significant regional planning efforts have recently been completed including the 2008 Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program, the development of the most recent FCRPS Biological Opinions, the 2008 Columbia River Fish Accords, and Endangered Species Act recovery plans across much of the Basin. Although the Members of CBFWA concur that adequate resources must be provided to implement these plans, they have agreed that their coordination efforts must now primarily focus on the implementation and evaluation components of adaptive management.

To effectively implement this shift in focus and capitalize on the expertise and authorities of the fish and wildlife agencies and tribes, we have adopted the following Policy Directives, committing each Member's staff and directing CBFWA to:

1. participate in and support ongoing assessments of the status of the species and implementation of strategies and actions to help determine if protection, mitigation, and enhancement efforts are successful in the Columbia River Basin;
2. maintain a "Status of the Resources" (SOTR) website and annually prepare a written report summarizing the current information provided on the website; and,
3. monitor and report on activities of key regional forums where policies, programs, and actions that affect fish and wildlife are planned and implemented

These policy directives represent a significant change in how CBFWA does business and what work it will accomplish. With the shift in emphasis to the

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:

Burns Paiute Tribe

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

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

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

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Re: CBFWA AWP

implementation and evaluation phase of adaptive management in the Basin, the fish and wildlife agencies and tribes want to ensure that decisions are supported by the best available scientific information. Accordingly, we are committing to assist in the development and implementation of monitoring frameworks for resident fish and wildlife, consistent with the framework recently developed for anadromous fish. As these frameworks are implemented, we will be better positioned to make the necessary information for all species available through the Status of the Resource report and website, and will work with BPA, Council and others to distribute the information as needed by other entities for their reporting requirements.

We are requesting \$1,681,355 for FY2010 from BPA to complete the tasks necessary to implement the policy directives. This funding level represents a reduction in coordination funding for CBFWA from previous years. The Members of CBFWA have reviewed CBFWA staff's operating budget, as well as their own, and determined that this level of funding is necessary to successfully implement this work plan.

Direct participation by CBFWA Members in regional forums may require additional funding. Participation in regional forums by CBFWA staff should not preclude the funding of individual Members for direct participation. Commitment of each Member's staff will be commensurate with available funding and staffing.

The Members of CBFWA invite you to meet with us on April 20, 2010 to discuss this work plan and to answer any questions you may have regarding its development, implementation, or funding.

If you have questions regarding the attached proposal and statement of work, please contact Brian Lipscomb at 503/229-0191.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Walton, Chairman
Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority


Attachment: CBFWA FY2010 Strategic Plan, Work Plan, and Budget


Final


2010 CBFWA Annual Work Plan and Budget

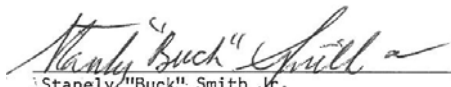
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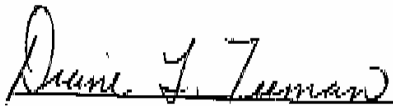
Pursuant to Section 404(F)(2) and 505(B)(1) of the CBFWA Charter, the undersigned Members of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority hereby approve the 2010 Annual Work Plan, Budget including funding sources, and Organization Chart as follows:

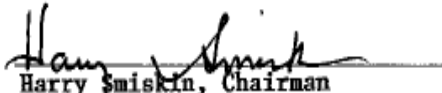

Jennifer Porter, Chair
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

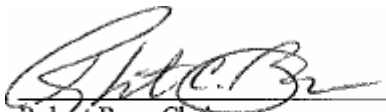

Elwood Patawa, Chairman
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Reservation


Nathan Small, Vice-Chairman
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Diane Teeman, Tribal Chair
Burns Paiute Tribe

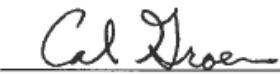

Harry Smiskin, Chairman
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Robert Bear, Chairman
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley
Reservation



Samuel N. Penney, Chair
Nez Perce Tribe

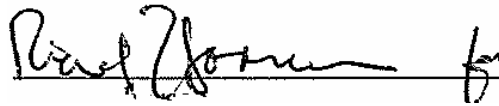

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Flathead Reservation


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Robyn Thorson, Regional Director
Fisheries Resources
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service


Barry Thorson, Acting Regional Administrator
NOAA Fisheries

2010 CBFWA Work Plan

A Strategic Plan for Adaptive Management Implementation and Evaluation

February 3, 2010

The Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) was established by charter in 1987 to coordinate the efforts of its Members to protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources of the Columbia River Basin through joint planning and action. The charter states that the purposes of the CBFWA are:

- (A) to assure comprehensive and effective planning and implementation of fish and wildlife programs in the Columbia River Basin, ongoing or proposed, consistent with requirements of applicable law; and
- (B) to facilitate discussion among fish and wildlife managers in an effort to find consensus, to improve the quality of fish and wildlife decision-making, and to influence other regional decision-makers.

With the adoption of the 2008 Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program including sub-basin plans, the development of the most recent FCRPS Biological Opinions, the 2008 Columbia River Fish Accords, and Endangered Species Act recovery plans across much of the Basin, the region has completed a major portion of the planning phase of adaptive management. The members of CBFWA agree resources must be provided to implement these plans and agree that coordination efforts must now primarily focus on the implementation and evaluation components of adaptive management. To accomplish this, the CBFWA members adopt the following Policy Directives committing each member's staff and directing CBFWA staff to:

1. participate in and support ongoing assessments of the status of the species and implementation of strategies and actions to help determine if protection, mitigation, and enhancement efforts are successful in the Columbia River Basin;
2. maintain a "Status of the Resources" (SOTR) website and annually prepare a written report summarizing the current information provided on the website; and,
3. monitor and report on activities of key regional forums where policies, programs, and actions that affect fish and wildlife are planned and implemented.

A fourth directive, although not included in the CBFWA work plan submitted to Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council for funding, is to direct CBFWA staff to seek additional funding for CBFWA related activities from sources other than BPA. Work funded through other sources will complement the activities identified in the CBFWA Policy Directives.

To ensure effective implementation of these directives, the members will conduct two face to face meetings each year to review progress and to confirm the content of each directive. Additional meetings or conference calls may be scheduled by the Chair or as requested by individual members to address any urgent or time-sensitive issues that may arise. The Members Advisory Group and technical committees are directed to meet as needed to assure effective efforts toward implementing each directive.

Finally, to provide guidance and support to the Executive Director on issues pertaining to budget and personnel, the Members will form an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will be composed of the Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, and up to two additional Members selected by the Chair to ensure that the committee is composed of at least one member from a tribe, state, and federal agency.

Policy Directive #1

The Members of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority recognize the role CBFWA can play in delivering useful technical, science-based products associated with protection, mitigation and enhancement of the Columbia Basin's anadromous and resident fish, and wildlife. CBFWA's role will include participation in regional efforts to establish and apply appropriate standards, measuring techniques and metrics to provide status assessments. Therefore, the Members direct CBFWA staff to participate in and support ongoing assessments of the status of the species and implementation of strategies and actions to help determine if protection, mitigation, and enhancement efforts are successful in the Columbia River Basin.

Forums

The Members discuss and exchange information on policy, technical, and scientific issues related to the protection, mitigation, and enhancement of fish and wildlife and their habitats in the Columbia River Basin in many forums. However, the CBFWA forums provide a unique opportunity for state, federal, and tribal fish and wildlife managers in the Columbia River Basin to collaboratively address regional issues related to implementation of the Northwest Power Act and other important issues that affect their management efforts.

Guiding Principles

The CBFWA Members place a high priority on improving the status of fish and wildlife resources in the Columbia Basin. The CBFWA committees will focus on delivering products associated with the Columbia Basin's anadromous and resident fish, and wildlife. Using the technical expertise and information of its members, CBFWA staff will assist with the facilitation and coordination of the development of status assessments of species, strategies, and actions necessary to reach success while avoiding inefficiencies and duplication of effort. The CBFWA consensus recommendations submitted on April 4, 2008 to the Northwest Power and

Conservation Council (Council) for the 2008 Fish and Wildlife Program will form the basis for implementing this policy directive.

Deliverables may include but not be limited to:

Anadromous Fish

CBFWA will annually report the status and trends of all anadromous salmonids in the CRB for each population and roll-up population summaries on the Status of the Resource website.

CBFWA will annually report the status and trends of Columbia River lamprey on the Status of the Resource website.

Resident Fish

CBFWA will annually report, on the Status of the Resources Project's website, the status (i.e., distribution, abundance, habitat, and genetics) and trends of bull trout in the Columbia River Basin.

CBFWA will annually report, on the Status of the Resources Project's website, the status (i.e., distribution, abundance, habitat, and genetics) and trends of resident trout in the Columbia River Basin.

CBFWA will annually report, on the Status of the Resources Project's website, the status (i.e., distribution, abundance, habitat, and genetics) and trends of Kootenai River white sturgeon.

CBFWA will annually report, on the Status of the Resources Project's website, the status (i.e., distribution, abundance, habitat, and genetics) and trends of white sturgeon in the Columbia and Snake rivers.

CBFWA will annually report the status and trends of reservoir/lake-specific resident fish species, consistent with co-manager priorities and roll-up summaries for geographic area, on the Status of the Resource website.

Wildlife

CBFWA will report the wildlife monitoring defined framework elements in the Status of the Resource Report on an annual basis.

Habitat Condition

CBFWA will annually report habitat condition in the Status of the Resource Report.

Hatchery Effectiveness

CBFWA will annually report the results of hatchery actions on VSP parameters of anadromous and resident fish on the Status of the Resource website and the contribution towards conservation and mitigation goals.

Hydro Actions

CBFWA will annually report on the Status of the Resource website the FCRPS project configuration modifications and operations applicable to the FCRPS Biological Opinions and the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Program.

CBFWA will develop and submit, to the NPCC, methodologies to quantify construction and inundation impacts and operational impacts, due to the FCRPS, for native resident fish and their habitat.

CBFWA will annually report progress towards meeting the wildlife goals of the Fish and Wildlife Program, including the status of the crediting ledger, ecological conditions of wildlife projects as described in their management plans, and action effectiveness.

Policy Directive #2

The Members of CBFWA recognize the need for an integrated report on the status of fish and wildlife and their habitats in the Columbia River Basin relative to goals and objectives defined by the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program, the Basin's fish and wildlife managers, and others. The agencies and Tribes intend to consolidate this information to support multiple processes and programs affecting fish and wildlife. Therefore, the Members direct CBFWA staff to maintain a "Status of the Resources" (SOTR) website and annually prepare a written report summarizing the current information provided on the website.

Audience

The SOTR report will target, as its primary audience, persons and organizations responsible for policies, programs, and projects that affect Columbia Basin fish and wildlife and their habitats. Examples may include: federal, state, and local legislators and policy-makers, rate payers, government agencies and private businesses whose activities affect fish and wildlife and their habitats, local stakeholder groups and non-governmental organizations promoting business, environmental or fishing/hunting interests.

Guiding Principles

The SOTR report will complement, but not replace, reports by fish and wildlife managers and others in the region. The Members of CBFWA commit to materially contribute to the

development of the SOTR report, as necessary, to ensure its content is accurate and is useful in informing its audience about the overall status of fish and wildlife and their habitats relative to restoration and enhancement goals. The report will also describe ongoing actions to protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

Deliverables may include but not be limited to:

CBFWA staff and Members will provide an up-to-date Status of the Resource website.

CBFWA staff will develop an annual Status of the Resource Report.

Policy Directive #3

The Members of CBFWA recognize the efficiency of a shared central staff with policy and technical expertise to assist Members with issues related to fish and wildlife management in the Columbia River Basin. Therefore, the Members direct CBFWA staff to monitor and report on activities of key regional forums where policies, programs, and actions that affect fish and wildlife are planned and implemented. The Members may designate CBFWA staff to participate in these forums, or to communicate or represent a consensus position by the Members in one or more of the forums.

Area of Emphasis

Key regional forums may include, but are not limited to, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council), US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) Columbia River mitigation forums, Regional Implementation Oversight Group (RIOG), the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP), Washington Governor's Monitoring Forum, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), tribal coordination organizations, and other relevant forums.

Guiding Principles

CBFWA staff will participate in these forums as assigned to keep the Members informed of activities affecting fish and wildlife resources in the Columbia River Basin. If explicitly agreed to by the Members, consistent with the CBFWA charter, CBFWA staff may communicate or represent a consensus position by the Members. Individual Members may request assistance from CBFWA staff to formulate their position in these forums through the exchange of perspectives and information.

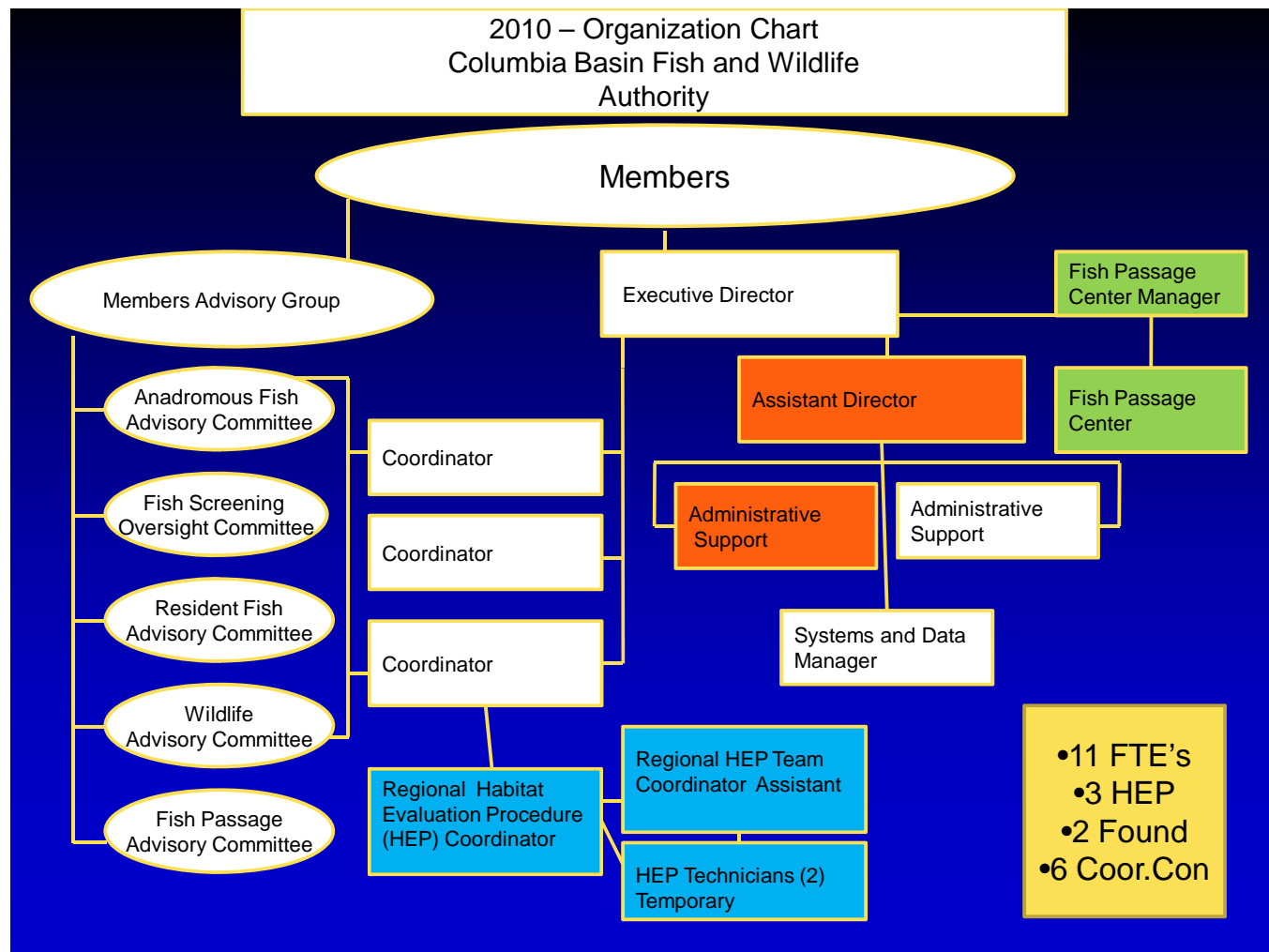
Deliverables may include but not be limited to:

Information updates and analyses for the CBFWA Members on current activities of various forums within the Columbia River Basin that may impact Members' interests.

Note

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2010 Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority Organizational Chart



2010 Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority Budget

Total Budget: \$1,681,359 (a+c+e)
 CBFWA Staff Allocation: \$1,203,651 (a-b+c-d+f)
 Members Allocation: \$ 477,708 (b+d+e-f)

FY 2010 Funding by Member Policy Position:

CBFWA Members	X	Policy Position A Sovereign requests BPA to fund a portion of their regional coordination needs through CBFWA based on the attached work plan and needs based budget.		X	Policy Position B Sovereign requests BPA to allocate a portion of their regional coordination funds to be assigned to CBFWA.		X	Policy Position C Sovereign requests BPA to send their full coordination funding allocation directly to their entity.	
		BPA to CBFWA	CBFWA to Entity		BPA to CBFWA	CBFWA to Entity		BPA to Sovereign	Sovereign to CBFWA
Burns Paiute		\$ 1,279,073	\$ 30,000						
Shoshone Bannock			\$ 25,000						
Shoshone Paiute			\$ 13,000						
Nez Perce			\$ 60,000						
Umatilla			\$ 20,000						
Warm Springs			\$ 10,000						
Yakama			\$ 12,000						
Salish Kootenai			\$ 4,000						
MTFWP			\$ 10,250						
WDFW			\$ 46,125						
NOAA			\$ -						
USFWS			\$ 3,000						
Colville					\$ 67,974	\$ 15,375			
Kootenai				\$ 75,364	\$ -				
IDFG						\$ 129,474	\$ 88,034		
ODFW						\$ 129,474	\$ 82,033		
Indirect Costs and Placeholder			\$ 140,077						
Total		\$ 1,279,073	\$ 373,452		\$ 143,338	\$ 15,375		\$ 258,948	\$ 170,067
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Budget Amendment to Reflect Withdrawal of CCT from CBFWA

- Reduce CBFWA Staff Travel by 10%
- Reduce Members' Placeholder by \$40,732

2010 Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority Budget

Total CBFWA Contract: \$1,354,437 (a+c)
 CBFWA Staff Allocation: \$1,028,900 (a+c-b)
 Plus IDFG/ODFW dist. \$ 170,067 (f)
 Members Allocation: \$ 325,537 (b)

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IDFG						\$ 129,474	\$ 88,034		
ODFW						\$ 129,474	\$ 82,033		
Members' Placeholder			\$ 55,222						
Indirect Costs			\$ 36,940						
Total		\$ 1,279,073	\$ 325,537		\$ 75,364	\$ -	\$ 258,948	\$ 170,067	
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