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TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)
FROM: Neil Ward, Resident Fish Analyst *Neil Ward*
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for January 3, 2001, RFC Phone Conference Meeting

If there are no objections within five days, these actions will be considered final.

Participants: Sue Ireland (KTOI), Vinny Pero (SPT), Keith Underwood (STOI), Jim Uehara (WDFW), Dave Statler (NPT), Dave Ward (ODFW), Mike Faler (USFWS), Brian Marotz (MFWP), Robert Walker (NWPPC), Kirk Truscott (CCT), Ron Peters (CDAT), Joe Maroney (KT), Tom Giese (CBFWA), and Neil Ward (CBFWA)

Time Allocation:

CBFWA Members Coordination Contract*	
Objective 1. FY 2001 Project Renewal Process	100%
Objective 2. Rolling Province Review	0%
Objective 3. FY 2000 Project Adjustments	0%
Objective 4. Watershed and Subbasin Assessment and Plan	0%
Objective 5. Coordinate Program Amendments	0%

* Not all RFC agenda items support the objectives identified in the coordination contract.

ITEM 1: Discuss Possible Changes to Today's Agenda

No action taken.

ITEM 2: Review and Approve the Innovative Project Proposal Review Performed by the RFC Ad Hoc Work Group

The ad hoc work group provided their results of the technical and management review of the 29 proposals that were submitted in the Northwest Power Planning Council's "Innovative Project" process.

Action: The RFC approved the ad hoc work group's review. The RFC agreed that the proposals should be sorted in descending order from Urgent to Do Not Fund prior to submitting the list to the Members Management

Group (MMG) for review and approval. A transmittal letter describing the RFC's review will accompany the list that is forwarded to the MMG.

ITEM 3: Discuss Process for Review of High Priority

Tom Giese provided an overview of the High Priority Project Proposal solicitation and review. Despite the language in the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) solicitation that suggested fish and wildlife projects would be considered for funding, BPA has recently indicated that only those proposals addressing anadromous ESA species would be considered for funding. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) has contacted the BPA to discuss this issue. However, a final decision regarding the consideration of resident fish proposals has not been issued.

Action: The RFC agreed to review the High Priority proposals that involve resident fish regardless of the current BPA position on funding. The proposals will be reviewed by an ad hoc work group (Dave Ward, Joe Maroney, Keith Underwood, Mike Faler, and Brian Marotz) which will report to the RFC on Friday, January 12, 2001.

ITEM 4: Next Meeting

The ad hoc work group that was developed to review High Priority proposals will meet via phone conference on Friday, January 12, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. (Pacific).

The RFC will meet via phone conference on Friday, January 12, 2001, at 1:00 p.m. (Pacific) to review and approve the product developed by the ad hoc work group.