



DATE: March 7, 2001
 TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)
 FROM: Brian Marotz, Chair *Neil Per*
 SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes from the March 6, 2001, RFC Phone Conference

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

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Dave Ward (ODFW), Tom Iverson and Neil Ward (CBFWA)
By Phone: Brian Marotz (MFWP), Vinny Pero (SPT), Jim Uehara (WDFW), Joe Maroney (KT), Sue Ireland (KTOI), Ron Peters (CDAT), Melo Maiolie (IDFG), Lawrence Schwabe (BPT), Dan Gonzales (BPT), Barry Hanson (ODFW), Lynn Ducharme (CSKT), Matt Colon (TU), Nick Gayeski (WT), and Dan Duffield (USFS)

Time	Objective 1. FY 2001 Renewal Process	%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	100%
	Objective 3. FY 2000 Adjustments	%
	Objective 4. Template for watershed and subbasin assessment and plan	%
	Objective 5. Coordinate program amendments	%

ITEM 1: Discussion Possible Changes to the Agenda

ACTION: Items 2 and 3 of the Draft Agenda were removed. A budget review discussion regarding project proposals/budgets in the Mountain Columbia Province was added to the agenda (Item 3).

ITEM 2: Review Subbasin Team (SBT) Recommendations for Project Proposals for the Mountain Columbia Province

Results of the February 27 – March 1, 2001, SBT review for the Mountain Columbia Province were reviewed.

ACTION: The RFC approved the project recommendations with the following modifications:

Project #24010 – The following text was added to the “Project Review Comments” section. This project will investigate the feasibility of an alternative for sturgeon recovery. The province review group felt that the implementation of Project 24021 is necessary prior to funding Project 24010. In addition, the review group struggled with understanding the objectives of the proposed work since the identified objectives were really tasks. As it is currently written, the project should be categorized as a “Recommended Action”. The USFWS White Sturgeon Recovery Team has identified this as a high priority action. It is essential for this project to be implemented if Project 24021 identifies reconnection of the flood plain as a high priority.

Project #240216 – The following text was added to the “Project Review Comments” section. The co-managers agree that the Kootenai River Network needs to be utilized in the subbasin as a coordinator to encourage participation from local stakeholders.

Project #199004402 – The Y for Management Criteria 5 was changed to N based on documentation (i.e., memos from IDFG to CDAT) provided by IDFG. The following text was inserted at the end of the last sentence of the “Project Review Comments” section: based on cost effectiveness.

Item 3: Develop a Process to Review Project Proposal Budgets for Projects in the Mountain Columbia Province

Although an exercise that involved project sponsors voluntarily evaluating/reducing their proposed project budgets was initiated during the SBT review in Kalispell, MT, the exercise was terminated. Subbasin Team members from the Mountain Columbia Province indicated that they were interested in performing a budget review but that they would like the entire RFC to participate in the exercise.

ACTION: The RFC agreed to review and provide comments relative to the tasks and associated budgets of each project from the Mountain Columbia Province. The following timeline and responsibilities was approved by the RFC:

March 6 – March 20, 2001

The RFC members will provide a budgetary review of Project Numbers 24001, 24003, 24004, 24005, 24008, 24009, 24010, 24012, 24016, 24017, 24019, 24020, 198806400, 198806500, 19900400, 199004402, 199101903, 199101904, 199404700, 199404900, 199500100, 199500400, 199608720, 199700400, and 200000400 to Neil Ward by the COB on Tuesday, March 20, 2001.

March 21, 2001

Neil Ward will distribute the comments (anonymous format) to the SBT and project sponsors by the COB on Wednesday, March 21, 2001.

March 22, 2001

The Coeur d'Alene and Pend Oreille SBTs and project sponsors will meet to perform a budget review (site and time TBA).

March 23, 2001

The Flathead and Kootenai SBTs and project sponsors will meet to perform a budget review (site and time TBA).

Week of March 26, 2001

Meet with NWPPC staff (i.e., Doug Marker) and BPA COTRs to discuss budget reviews and subsequent results.

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