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DATE: February 14, 2002
 TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)
 FROM: Joe Maroney, Chair *Neil Ward*
 SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the February 12, 2002, RFC Phone Conference

Attendees Dave Ward (ODFW), Joe Maroney (KT), Ron Morinaka (BPA), Brian Marotz (MDFWP), Keith Underwood (STOI), Dave Mosier (SBT), Lawrence Schwabe (BPT), John Arterburn (CCT), Brad Miller (BPA), Greg Beasler (BPA), Dvae Statler (NPT), Carol Perugini (SPT), and Neil Ward (CBFWA)

Time Allocation:

Objective 1. FY 2002 Renewal Process	0%
Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	50%
Objective 3. FY 2001 Adjustments	0%

Item 1:	<i>Review and Approve Agenda</i> No changes were made to the agenda.
Item 2:	<i>Review the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) Within-year Budget Modification Request (see attachment)</i> Through a discussion between the CCT and BPA, it was revealed that the \$326,000 identified as carry forward in the CCT letter was actually carry over funds associated with Project Number 1985003800, titled <i>Colville Tribal Hatchery</i> . The RFC suggested that the CCT should work with BPA to resolve the issue and that the RFC will not review this request again unless BPA believes the proposed actions represent a change of scope or there is a need for placeholder funds.
Item 3:	<i>Develop Review Groups to Review the Technical Merits of Resident Fish Proposals Submitted for Funding Consideration in the Middle and Upper Snake River Provinces and the Columbia Cascade Province</i> During the August 7-8, 2001, RFC Meeting, the Committee agreed that a review group would be assigned, based on expertise and experience, to perform technical reviews of proposals submitted for funding through the Rolling Review. The review group will review and report their findings to the RFC for approval pending a management review by the full RFC during the April RFC Meeting. Table 1 is a compilation of resident fish-oriented proposals submitted for funding consideration in the Middle and Upper Snake River provinces as well as the Columbia Cascade Province. Included in the Table 1 are the names of RFC participants that volunteered to review the documents. For purposes of consistency with past reviews, the project reviews should be

	performed by implementing the same criteria (Table 2) used by the subbasin review teams. Project reviews should be emailed to Neil Ward by 5:00 p.m. on <u>April 9, 2002</u> (<i>reviews will be provided, in an anonymous fashion, to the RFC prior to the next meeting</i>).
Item 4:	Next RFC Meeting Although March 15 was selected as the date for the next RFC Meeting, the date will have to be changed due to an overlap with a previously scheduled MMG Meeting.

Table 1 – Resident fish-oriented project proposals submitted for funding consideration in the Middle and Upper Snake River provinces and the Columbia Cascade Province and the RFC participants that have volunteered to review the proposals.

Project ID	Title and Abstract	Reviewer
32021	<i>Lower Boise River Wetlands Restoration Project</i>	Brian Marotz Dave Statler
32020	<i>Inventory and Assessment of Stream/Riparian Resources, Upper Boise and Upper Payette River Subbasins, Idaho</i>	Joe Maroney
32004	<i>Effects of Culverts on Fish Population Persistence: Tools for Prioritizing Fish Passage Restoration Projects in the Middle Snake Province</i>	Joe Maroney Dave Ward
32011	<i>Mitigation of Marine-Derived Nutrient Loss in the Boise-Payette-Weiser Subbasins</i>	Keith Underwood
32009	<i>Squaw Creek Cooperative Fisheries Restoration Project</i>	Lawrence Schwabe
32013	<i>Fishery Restoration of the Gold Fork River, Idaho</i>	Brian Marotz Lawrence Schwabe
32015	<i>Deadwood River and Clear Creek Drainages Roads Analysis and Repair</i>	Dave Statler
32006	<i>Compare the Parr-Smolt Transformation of Nonanadromous and Anadromous Populations of <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i></i>	Mike Faler
200007900	<i>Assess Resident Fish Stocks of the Owyhee/Bruneau Basin, DVIR</i>	Joe Maroney
32007	<i>Bull Trout Habitat Restoration/Protection Program – Bruneau Subbasin</i>	Brian Marotz
32012	<i>Implement Best Management Practices to Improve Riparian Habitat and Upland Conditions within the Clover Creek Watershed</i>	Vinny Pero
198815600	<i>Implement Fishery Stocking Program Consistent with Native Fish Conservation</i>	John Arterburn
199501500	<i>Lake Billy Shaw Operations and Maintenance and Evaluation (O&M, M&E)</i>	John Arterburn

32001	<i>Evaluate the Feasibility Artificial Production Facility DVIR</i>	John Arterburn
199800200	<i>Snake River Native Salmonid Assessment</i>	Joe Maroney Keith Underwood
32003	<i>White Sturgeon Put, Grow, and Take Fishery Feasibility Assessment, Oxbow/Hells Canyon Reservoirs</i>	Sue Ireland Keith Underwood Dave Ward
32010	<i>Lookout Mountain Road Decommissioning</i>	Dave Statler
32002	<i>Implement Best Management Practices to Improve Riparian Habitat and Upland</i>	Vinny Pero
199701900	<i>Evaluate the Life History of Native Salmonids in the Malheur Basin</i>	Joe Maroney Keith Underwood
32017	<i>Suppress Brook Trout Populations in the Upper Malheur Subbasin</i>	Joe Maroney Brian Marotz
32005	<i>Burns Paiute Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Coordinator</i>	Mike Faler
199405400	<i>Tools for Managing Bull Trout Populations Influenced by Nonnative Brook Trout Invasions</i>	Keith Underwood Joe Maroney Brian Marotz
33009	<i>Improve Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Recruitment and Survival in the South Fork of the Snake River</i>	Ron Peters
33007	<i>Implement Best Management Practices to Improve Riparian Habitat and Upland Conditions in the Medicine Lodge Watershed</i>	Vinny Pero
199201000	<i>Habitat Restoration/Enhancement Fort Hall Reservation</i>	Brian Marotz
33001	<i>Assessment of Genetic Populations Structure and Risk of Introgression and Hybridization to Native Trout in the Mid and Upper Snake River Provinces</i>	Dave Statler Joe Maroney
33004	<i>Survival of Adfluvial Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout in the Upper Blackfoot River Drainage</i>	Ron Peters Dave Mosier
33008	<i>Assessing Effects of Columbia River Anadromous Fish Flow Management on the Aquatic Ecology of the Henry's Fork Watershed</i>	John Arterburn Dave Mosier
33002	<i>Establish Instream Flow and Reservoir Pool Habitat for Native and other Trout in the Upper Snake River/American Falls Fragment Area</i>	Keith Underwood Dave Ward
33012	<i>Flow Augmentation in the Upper Snake River Subbasin to Benefit Anadromous, Resident Fish, and Wildlife Species</i>	Dave Mosier Keith Underwood
33010	<i>Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Fish Production Program</i>	John Arterburn
29041	<i>Evaluate Bull Trout Populations in the Columbia Cascade Province</i>	Joe Maroney
29023	<i>Restoration/Protection of Kartar Creek In-stream, Riparian, and Wetland Habitats</i>	Brian Marotz Ron Peters

Table 2 – Technical and management criteria used by Subbasin Review Teams and the RFC for the purpose of performing project proposal reviews.

Technical Criteria

1. Does the proposal demonstrate that the project uses appropriate scientifically valid strategies or techniques and sound principles (best available science)?	Y or N
2. Are the objectives clearly defined with measurable outcomes and tasks that contribute toward accomplishment of the objectives?	Y or N
3. Are the resources proposed (staff, equipment, materials) appropriate to achieve the objectives and time frame milestones?	Y or N
4. Does the proposal include monitoring and evaluation to determine whether objectives are being achieved (including performance measures/methods) at the project level?	Y or N
5. Will the proposed project significantly benefit the target species/ indicator populations?	Y or N
6. Does the proposal demonstrate that project benefits are likely to persist over the long term and will not be compromised by other activities in the basin?	Y or N
7. Does the proposal demonstrate that all reasonable precautions have been taken, to not adversely affect habitat/populations of wildlife, native resident and anadromous fish?	Y or N
8. Are there explicit plans for how the information, technology etc. from this project will be disseminated or used?	Y or N

Management Criteria

1. Does the proposed project address fish and wildlife related objectives, strategies, needs and actions as identified in the subbasin summaries?	Y or N
2. Does the project address an urgent requirement or threat to population maintenance and/or habitat protection (i.e., threatened, endangered or sensitive species)?	Y or N
3. Does the project promote/maintain sustainable and /or ecosystem processes or maintain desirable community diversity?	Y or N
4. Is there a cost-share for the construction/implementation and/or monitoring and evaluation of the project?	Y or N
5. Will the project complement management actions on private, public and tribal lands and does the project have demonstrable support from affected agencies, tribes and public?	Y or N
6. Will the project provide data critical for in season, annual and/or longer term management decisions?	Y or N
7. Will this project provide or protect riparian or other habitat that may benefit both fish and wildlife?	Y or N