



May 12, 2003

TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)

FROM: Dave Ward, Chair

SUBJECT: Version 4 Draft Agenda for the May 14-15, 2003, RFC Meeting

**Resident Fish Committee Meeting
May 14-15, 2003
258 Elkhorn Rd.
Elkhorn Village, ID**

**Wednesday, May 14, 2003
Conference Line: (503) 229-0191, ext. 7097
(1:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Mountain))
and
Thursday, May 15, 2003
Conference Line: (503) 229-0191, ext. 7097
(8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Mountain))**

Draft Agenda
Version 4

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

1:15-1:20

ITEM 2: Biological Risk Assessment Team (BRAT) Update

1:20-1:30

The BPA's Contract Officer Technical Representative for Project 199700900 titled "Evaluate Potential Means of Rebuilding Sturgeon Populations in the Snake River Between Lower Granite and Hells Canyon Dam" has suggested to the Nez Perce Tribe (NPT) that they request the RFC to assemble a BRAT to review Project 199700900. Subsequently, the NPT is requesting the RFC to assemble a BRAT for the purpose of addressing new information and management issues associated with the Snake River Hells canyon white sturgeon population. On May 13, 2003, the BRAT will meet to perform an initial review of the status of Project 199700900. Neil Ward will provide an overview of the results and proposed timeline for additional BRAT activities.

ITEM 3: Discuss the Draft RFC Charter

1:30-1:45

During the March 2003 RFC, an ad hoc RFC Charter Workgroup was organized to develop a Draft RFC Charter that would be available for review by the full committee during the May RFC meeting. Dave Ward will lead the committee in an initial review of the document. Due to time limitations, a page by page review and edit session will not occur. Instead, participants are requested to review the document prior to the meeting and identify specific concerns that can be presented during the RFC meeting (see attached).

ITEM 4: 2004 Western Division AFS - Management of Resident Fish in the Columbia River Session
1:45-2:00

The 2004 Western Division AFS is scheduled for February 29th - March 3, 2004 in Salt Lake City. The theme of the meeting is "Native Fish Management: Policies, Politics, and Practicalities." Dave Ward is in the progress of arranging a session titled "*Management of Resident Fish in the Columbia River.*" Dave will provide an overview of his plan for this session.

ITEM 5: Introduction to Project Presentations and Reviews

2:00-2:05

Through the Rolling Provincial Review, the RFC reviewed and recommended projects for funding based on the scientific soundness of the proposal and the benefits that would be realized by implementing the work. The next logical step for the RFC is to provide oversight (i.e., professional review of results, manuscripts, and reports) during the implementation of these projects. By providing an annual project review, the RFC will be better prepared to review future requests that would be associated with the projects as well as provide professional advice. As a result, the RFC agreed during the December 13, 2002, RFC Meeting to initiate a project performance review process. The RFC decided the best approach would be to convene quarterly meetings (March-Oregon, May-Washington, July-Montana, and October-Idaho) at which time project sponsors would present project results (using PowerPoint) as they relate to the objectives that were reviewed and approved by the RFC during the Rolling Provincial Review. Upon completion of these reviews, the RFC will be positioned to provide an annual report on project implementation achievements and progress towards meeting stated objectives as well as expected future actions (see attached). The following projects were identified as those that would be reviewed during the May 2003 RFC Meeting:

Project 199201000: Habitat Restoration/Enhancement Fort Hall Reservation (SBT)

Project 199815600: Implement Fishery Stocking Program Consistent With Native Fish Conservation (SPT)

Project 199501500: Lake Billy Shaw Operations and Maintenance and Evaluation (O&M, M&E) (SPT)

Project 199701100: Enhance and Protect Habitat and Riparian Areas on the DVIR (SPT)

Project 200007900: Assess Resident Fish Stocks Of The Owyhee/Bruneau Basin, D.V.I.R. (SPT)

Project 199800200: Snake River Native Salmonid Assessment (IDFG)

Project 198709900: Dworshak Dam Impacts Assessment and Fisheries Investigation (IDFG)

Project 199700900: Evaluate Potential Means of Rebuilding Sturgeon Populations in the Snake River Between Lower Granite and Hells Canyon Dams (NPT)

Project 198740700: Dworshak Integrated Rule Curves/M&E (NPT)

Project 199501300: Resident Fish Substitution Program (NPT)

For these reviews to be successful and provide useful information to the project sponsors, the reviewers must review the proposals (available on the CBFWA website) and be familiar with the activities that the sponsors are implementing.

Abstracts and PowerPoint presentations for each project will be available prior to the meeting. By providing the PowerPoint presentation in advance, those that are participating via telephone will be able to follow the presentations and engage in the reviews.

- ITEM 6:** *Project 199201000:* Habitat Restoration/Enhancement Fort Hall Reservation - **(SBT)**
2:05-3:00
- ITEM 7:** *Project 199701100:* Enhance and Protect Habitat and Riparian Areas on the DVIR - **(SPT)**
3:00-4:00
- ITEM 8:** *Project 199700900:* Evaluate Potential Means of Rebuilding Sturgeon Populations in the
4:00-5:00 Snake River Between Lower Granite and Hells Canyon Dams - **(NPT)**

Thursday, May 15, 2003

- ITEM 1:** **Introductions and Review of Expectations**
8:00-8:15 a.m. Neil Ward and Dave Ward will provide an overview of project review expectations.
- ITEM 2:** *Project 199800200:* Snake River Native Salmonid Assessment - **(IDFG)**
8:15-9:15
- ITEM 3:** *Project 198709900:* Dworshak Dam Impacts Assessment and Fisheries
9:15-10:15 Investigation - **(IDFG)**
- ITEM 4:** *Project 200007900:* Assess Resident Fish Stocks of the Owyhee/Bruneau Basin,
10:15-11:00 D.V.I.R. - **(SPT)**
- ITEM 5** *Project 199815600:* Implement Fishery Stocking Program Consistent With Native
11:00-12:00 Fish Conservation - **(SPT)**
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- ITEM 6:** *Project 199501300:* Resident Fish Substitution Program - **(NPT)**
1:00-2:00
- ITEM 7:** *Project 199501500:* Lake Billy Shaw Operations and Maintenance and Evaluation
2:00-3:00 (O&M, M&E) - **(SPT)**
- ITEM 8:** *Project 198740700:* Dworshak Integrated Rule Curves/M&E - **(NPT)**
3:00-4:00

If you are providing a presentation and will require lodging, please contact Neil Ward at (503) 229-0191 or neil@cbfwa.org.