



DATE: October 17, 2005
TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)
FROM: Lawrence Schwabe, Chair *Neil Ward*
SUBJECT: Updated Draft Agenda for the October 24, 2005 RFAC Meeting

**Resident Fish Advisory Committee Meeting
October 24, 2005
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Pacific)
@
Portland, Oregon, CBFWA Office**

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Draft Agenda Version 2

ITEM 1: Review Agenda

ITEM 2: Resident Fish Population Status Template: Update

Neil Ward will present the updated draft template that will be used to assemble resident fish information for the purpose of performing a status review of resident fish resources in the Columbia River Basin. Neil will ask RFAC participants to identify dates that they could meet to assist him in identifying the location (e.g., reports, websites, plans) the pertinent information of the template and whether the parameters and populations that have been identified are appropriate to evaluate the status of the resources in the manager's respective region. Neil further indicated that he does not expect the managers to complete the template but instead that he would perform the task once he has been informed as to the location of the information.

ITEM 3: Creating Project-Type Placeholders for the Fish and Wildlife Program: Update

During the August 31, 2005, RFC meeting, an ad hoc workgroup was formed to draft a correspondence that would be forwarded to the Members Advisory Group (MAG) highlighting the continued reduction in funds that the Northwest Power and Conservation Council has recommended for resident fish projects. In addition, the RFC directed the ad hoc work group to include a recommendation to initiate the use of project-type placeholders to ensure that the resident fish segment of the Fish and Wildlife Project does not continue to absorb budget cuts. The RFAC will present the proposal to the MAG for their review and consideration on October 25, 2005.

ITEM 4: Review and Approve RFAC Charter

In September 2005, the Members adopted a new charter and directed an ad hoc group to develop a universal charter for the technical committees. Lawrence Schwabe, who participated in the development of the format for the new technical committee charter, will lead the RFAC in a review of the proposed RFAC Charter. The RFAC Charter will be presented to the MAG during their November 2005 meeting.

ITEM 5: Discuss the Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee (PNUCC) “Projects of Interest” Document and Decide How to Respond

The PNUCC has indicated that they intend to become more involved in the Northwest Power and Conservation Council’s Fish and Wildlife Program during the project recommendation phase. The PNUCC recently identified several projects, funded through the Fish and Wildlife Program, that they believe should no longer receive funding from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). A review of the list suggests that the PNUCC may not be familiar with the resident fish substitution and off-site mitigation provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Program. Neil Ward will lead the RFAC in a discussion regarding the PNUCC document. The RFAC will consider an action recommending the MAG to invite the PNUCC to an upcoming MAG meeting to discuss the PNUCC’s intentions and brief them on the various components (e.g., resident fish substitution) of the Fish and Wildlife Program.

ITEM 6: CSMEP: Evaluate the Potential for Initiating a Resident Fish Effort

ITEM 7: Coeur d’Alene Trout Ponds

Ron Peters will lead the RFAC in the review of a funding situation that Coeur d’Alene Tribe has experienced during the last several years. The Coeur d’Alene Tribe submitted a within year request to complete an on-going project that has been denied funding by the NPCC and BPA. Because this has not been funded since 2001, the Tribe has had no support for an alternative fishery resource promised us by the council and BPA. The Tribe feels that this project has been unjustly overlooked and unfunded for too long and is asking the RFAC to review this letter and project proposal and recommend to the MAG and Members its immediate prioritization for emergency funding through the within-year process.

Please contact Neil Ward at (503) 229-0191 or neil.ward@cbfwa.org if you have questions or would like to add additional items to the agenda.