



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and fish and wildlife agencies:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

## Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

DATE: May 15, 2007  
TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)  
FROM: Neil Ward  
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the May 15, 2007 RFAC Meeting

## Resident Fish Advisory Committee Teleconference May 15, 2007 Portland, OR (CBFWA Office)

*These notes will be approved as final at the next RFAC Meeting.*

### Draft Action Notes

**Attendees:** Dave Ward (CBFWA) and Neil Ward (CBFWA)  
**By Phone:** Jim Uehara (WDFW), Mike Faler (USFWS), Ron Peters (CDAT), Hunter Osborn (SBT), Sheri Sears (CCT), and Melo Meiolie (IDFG)

**Time Allocation:**

Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Objective 2. Technical Review	%
Objective 3. Presentation	%

**ITEM 1: Review Agenda**  
No new items were added to the agenda

**ITEM 2: Joint CBFWA Committee Amendment Strategy Workshop - Update**  
Jim Uehara and Dave Ward provided an update regarding the amendment workshop that was convened in Boise on May 9, 2007. Topics discussed included: 1.) status of the definitions developed jointly with the Anadromous Fish and Wildlife Advisory committees, 2.) identification of subbasins for which information has not been confirmed or provided relative to focal species, biological objectives, limiting factors, and threats, 3.) proposed plans for identifying resident fish losses, and 4.) assignments and timelines.

### Definitions (Approved by the Members Advisory Group (MAG))

#### *Biological Objective*

The desirable condition or state that one is attempting to achieve through a course of action. Objectives for species may have two components: (1) biological performance, describing responses of populations or aggregate populations/communities, and/or (2) environmental characteristics, which describe conditions needed to achieve biological performance. Biological objectives are intended to be measurable and should have spatial and temporal components.

#### *Strategy*

A strategy is an approach to achieve biological objectives by addressing limiting factors or threats.

### Definitions (To be approved by the MAG by July 24, 2007)

#### *Measure*

Specific actions to be undertaken to contribute to achieving biological objectives and rebuilding schedules. *Measures must stand or fall on the basis of their demonstrated contribution toward the biological objectives.*

\*This draft definition was taken from the 1994 Program.\*

*Limiting Factor*

Environmental (biotic and abiotic) conditions that **prevent a population from reaching its established biological objective (AFAC) that limit the capability of a focal species population to reach its biological objective (RFAC)**. If removed, the target population would be expected to expand.

*Threat (Causative Factor)*

Activity or condition that contributes to, or causes, one or more limiting factors.

\*The AFAC considered “or condition” to be superfluous; however, this is minor, and the definition as given here would likely be given AFAC approval.\*

**Remaining Information Needs**

Jim Uehara informed the RFAC that information has been confirmed for focal species, biological objectives, metrics, limiting factors, and threats for approximately 40% of the subbasins. Neil Ward indicated that he will contact the managers, for which information is missing, to confirm the accuracy of the information that was presented in the tables. In addition, Neil indicated that he would be in contact with the managers to identify strategies to address the limiting factors. Neil suggested that the RFAC’s goal should be to have all subbasins completed and submitted to the MAG by July 24, 2007.

**Resident Fish Losses**

Jim Uehara reported that the MAG advised the RFAC to delay initiating an effort to address resident fish losses in the Columbia River Basin; however, Jim did indicate that the MAG suggested the assessment exercise would occur, but at a later date. The RFAC discussed the possibility of having Brian Marotz provide a presentation that would include his experiences with the development of resident fish losses for Montana and how resident fish managers elsewhere in the Basin could adapt the Montana approach to their potential needs to identify resident fish losses.

- ACTION:** Review and provide comments, relative to the definitions that have not been approved by the MAG, to Neil Ward no later than Friday, May 25, 2007. Jim Uehara, Neil Ward, and anyone that is interested will meet with Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee representatives on May 29, 2007 to discuss the definitions in an and attempt to arrive at consensus prior to submitting the definitions to the MAG.
- ACTION:** The RFAC directed Neil Ward to make arrangements with Brian Marotz to ensure that he can provide a resident fish lose presentation during the RFAC’s July 31- August 1, 2007, meeting in Montana. **Update – Brian has confirmed that he will be available to provide a presentation on July, 31, 2007.**
- ACTION:** The RFAC directed Neil Ward to provide, to the RFAC, the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department reports that describe the process that the agency used to establish resident fish losses for construction and operation of Hungry Horse and Libby dams.  
<http://www.efw.bpa.gov/Publications/R00006294-4.pdf>  
<http://www.cbfwa.org/solicitation/components/forms/Proposal.cfm?PropID=510>  
<http://www.cbfwa.org/solicitation/components/forms/Proposal.cfm?PropID=344>

**ITEM 3: Next Meeting**

**Date:** July 31 – August 1, 2007

**Location:** Whitefish, MT

**Site:** Information will be provided later

**Time:** July 31, 2007: 1:00p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

August 1, 2007 6:30a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (site visits)