



# 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
- Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: November 20, 2007

TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)

FROM: Mike Faler (Chair)

SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the November 28, 2007, RFAC Meeting

**Resident Fish Advisory Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, November 28, 2007  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Pacific)**

**Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT) Office  
25 W. Main, Suite 418  
Spokane, WA 99201**

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- ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda**
- ITEM 2: Review and Approve Action Notes for the November 6, 2008, RFAC Meeting**
- ITEM 3: RFAC Proposed Methodology to Identify Resident Fish Habitat Losses due to the FCRPS Presentation to the Members Advisory Group (MAG)**

Sheri Sears provided a PowerPoint presentation to the MAG during their November 20, 2007 meeting demonstrating how RFAC's **DRAFT** resident fish habitat loss procedure could be used to identify the amount of resident fish habitat lost due to inundation. Following the presentation, Neil Ward indicated that the proposed procedure has not been approved at this time due to numerous concerns. Neil suggested that one possible approach to reach consensus was to develop a suite of approaches from which managers could select the procedure that best fits their needs. Neil indicated that the RFAC would continue to pursue achieving consensus on a procedure that would be submitted during the amendment process. The RFAC is expected to provide a progress report during the MAG's December 2008 meeting.

To prepare for the upcoming MAG meeting and for meeting the deadline (December 31, 2008) for submitting information to the MAG for consideration during the amendment process, the RFAC will:

1. Evaluate whether developing a suite of procedures is an appropriate approach.
2. Identify the outstanding issues that exist preventing the RFAC from achieving consensus.
3. Develop a plan and timeline to resolve the outstanding issues.

**ITEM 4: Legislative Mark-up of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (NPCC) 2000 Fish and Wildlife Program**

During the November 20, 2007, MAG meeting, the technical committees were directed to perform a review of the sections of the NPCC's 2000 Fish and Wildlife Program that are pertinent to the each of the committees. During this meeting, the RFAC will review pages 17 and 21, with additional reviews occurring during December 2007. The MAG has directed the technical committees to provide their comments to the MAG no later than December 31, 2007. *The RFAC participants are encouraged to review pages 17 and 21 and to come to the meeting with their recommend changes.*