



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.

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Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: January 8, 2008
TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)
FROM: Mike Faler (Chair)
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the January 9, 2008, RFAC Phone Conference

Resident Fish Advisory Committee Phone Conference Wednesday, January 9, 2008 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Pacific)

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Teleconference Number: (503) 229-0449 ID: 668095

Draft Agenda

- ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda
- ITEM 2: Review and Approve Action Notes for the November 28, 2007, RFAC Meeting
- ITEM 3: Amendment Template Update

Neil Ward will discuss the status of the templates and the likely “packaging” of the information for submittal as amendments.

- ITEM 4: Review and Approve an RFAC Proposed Amendment for a Request for Proposals to Develop Resident Fish Loss Assessment Methodology

During the November 28, 2007 RFAC Meeting, the RFAC directed Mike Faler, Sheri Sears, and Neil Ward to develop a draft amendment for the RFAC’s review. The draft amendment would take the form of an RFP that requests technical assistance (contractors identified by the resident fish managers) to develop resident fish inundation and operational loss assessment procedures taking into account habitat quality and other issues, not withstanding, existing resident fish projects. Listed below is draft language for the RFAC’s review.

Fishery Managers and Council

- 1.1 - The fishery managers are to complete assessments of resident fish losses related to construction and operation of each hydropower facility throughout the Columbia River Basin and submit to Council for approval and adoption into the Program. Implementation of existing and new resident fish mitigation and substitution measures and strategies would not be delayed pending the completion of loss assessments.

Bonneville

- 1.2 - In consultation with the Members of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority, fund the development of a Columbia River Basin Resident Fish Loss Assessment Methodology. Include recommendations for assessing, in a consistent manner, resident fish and habitat losses due to: 1) development and 2.) operation of hydropower facilities throughout the Columbia River Basin. Implementation of existing and new resident fish mitigation and substitution measures and strategies would not be delayed pending the completion of loss assessments.

1.3 - Fund the completion of assessments of resident fish losses throughout the Columbia River Basin as called for in 1.1. The fishery managers expect Council and Bonneville to act immediately to implement resident fish and mitigation measures in this Program. Implementation of resident fish mitigation and substitution measures is not to be delayed pending the completion of loss assessments. Implementation of existing and new resident fish mitigation and substitution measures and strategies would not be delayed pending the completion of loss assessments.

ITEM 5: Legislative Mark-up of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (NPCC) 200 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. Subsequently, the RFAC reviewed sections of pages 17 and 21 that pertain to resident fish. The only edits that were made occurred to the text associated with the first "bullet" in the "Resident Fish Losses" section. During the November 28, 2007 RFAC Meeting, the RFAC approved the deletion of "resulting from the hydrosystem ".and the insertion of "as a result of: 1.) development and 2.) operation of the hydrosystem" at the end of the existing sentence. The RFAC will revisit the resident fish section of the NPCC's Fish and Wildlife Program to ensure no additional changes are needed.

ITEM 6: Review Mark Bagdovitz (USFWS) Request

Mark Bagdovitz has requested that the AFAC and RFAC review and comment on the attached document (salmonrestorationbagdovitz) which pertains to reintroducing anadromous fish to the blocked areas as well removing obsolete infrastructure from Columbia River tributaries. Please review the attached document, prior to the meeting, to facilitate the review/comment process.