



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 government 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 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: September 14, 2009
 TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)
 FROM: Neil Ward
 SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the September 24, 2009 RFAC Meeting

Resident Fish Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (PDT)
@ CBFWA Office
851 SW Sixth, Suite 300, Portland, OR

WebEx has been arranged for this meeting:
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Teleconference Number: to be arranged and forwarded Prior to the Meeting
9:00am-12:15pm -Teleconference Number: 503/229-0449 ID: 172523
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- ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda**
- ITEM 2: Approve Action Notes from the July 14, 2009 and August 11, 2009 RFAC Meetings**
- ITEM 3: Resident Fish Loss Assessment Letter for Members Review**
 During the September Members meeting, there was a motion to approve the resident fish loss assessment letter; however, the motion did not receive a second. Sheri Sears and Neil Ward brief the committee on the actions the RFAC needs to take to ensure the proposed methodology for assessing inundation losses is approved by the Members in October and forwarded to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.
- ITEM 4: Resident Fish Losses: Development of Methodology to Assess Operational Losses**
 During the August RFAC meeting, participants began to review and discuss the existing methods for assessing resident fish losses that are a result of Federal Columbia River Power System operations. Norm Merz (Kootenai Tribe of Idaho (KTOI)) described the framework that the KTOI has created for the Kootenai River Floodplain Ecosystem Operational Loss Assessment. In addition, the RFAC began to review the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (MFWP) methodology ("*Determination of Fishery Losses in the Flathead System Resulting from the Construction of Hungry Horse Dam*") that was used to estimate annual fishery losses in the Flathead system as the result of the completion and subsequent operation of Hungry Horse Dam. The RFAC will continue to review the MFWP's methodology to determine whether the methods, or select steps, could be used elsewhere in the Columbia River Basin. Christine Mallette will provide an update regarding ODFW's evaluation of the MFWP's method for assessing bull trout losses, resulting from annual operations, in the Bonneville Pool.