



# 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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Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

#### Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: April 15, 2010  
TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)  
FROM: Neil Ward, CBFWA staff  
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the April 21, 2010 RFAC Meeting

## Resident Fish Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 21, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Pacific)

CBFWA Office – Small Conference Room  
851 SW Sixth, Suite 300  
Portland, OR

### WebEx has been arranged for this meeting:

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### Draft Agenda

- ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda**
- ITEM 2: Approve Action Notes from the March 11, 2010, RFAC Meeting**
- ITEM 3: Appoint a New RFAC Chair**

Because the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) has withdrawn from the CBFWA, the CCT (Sheri Sears) will longer chair the RFAC. Subsequently, pending approval from the RFAC, the ODFW (Christine Mallette) will become Chair of the RFAC. Assuming approval, the RFAC will seek nominations to fill the vacant Vice-Chair position.

- ITEM 4: Overview of the “Columbia River Basin Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, and Reporting Plan” (MERR Plan)**

The NPCC is in the process of finalizing the *Draft Columbia River Basin Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, and Reporting Plan*. The Strategic Plan focuses on the policy level of the NPCC’s research, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting needs, and consists of the mission, expectations, and general guidance for RM&E and reporting implemented under the NPCC’s Fish and Wildlife Program. Neil Ward will provide an update and discuss the MERR Plan.

- ITEM 5: Mainstem/Systemwide Categorical Review: Columbia and Snake River White Sturgeon Update**

Neil Ward and Christine Mallette will provide the NPCC’s updated timeline for its Mainstem/Systemwide RM&E Categorical Review as well as an update

regarding the ad hoc white sturgeon workgroup's progress. Included in the presentation will be the draft process for developing monitoring implementation strategies as well as an example of the template that participants are using to record pertinent monitoring information and project justifications.

**ITEM 6: Resident Fish Losses: Development of Methodology to Assess Operational Losses**

The RFAC will continue to discuss an appropriate methodology for assessing resident fish losses resulting from hydrosystem operations. In addition, participants will discuss the metrics and ranges that the RFAC directed Neil Ward to develop relative to the operation tables that Sheri Sears provided during the February 18, 2010, RFAC Meeting.

**ITEM 7: Next Meeting**