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DATE: May 18, 2010
TO: Ad hoc White Sturgeon Work Group
FROM: Neil Ward
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the May 17, 2010, White Sturgeon Workgroup

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

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead 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

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

Ad hoc White Sturgeon Work Group Meeting Monday, May 17, 2010 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Pacific) @ CBFWA Office Portland, Oregon

Support Material is posted on the [RFAC webpage](#) under May 17.

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Neil Ward (CBFWA)
Phone/WebEx: Christine Mallette (ODFW), Brad James (WDFW), Brett Nine (CCT), Mike Faler (USFWS), Mike Parsley (USGS), Dave Parrish (IDFG), Jason McLellan (WDFW)

Time Allocation:

Objective 1: Participation	100%
Objective 2: Technical Review	0%
Objective 3: Presentation	0%

ITEM 1: Review Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and no new items were added.

ITEM 2: Review of Draft Implementation Strategy Templates

Participants reviewed and discussed the draft implementation strategy for Bonneville Reservoir. Several format changes, relative to the [template](#), were recommended and agreed upon by the participants. Included in these changes were the addition of a column for existing projects within the “Current Monitoring,” and the relocation of the “Research Needs” column to “Monitoring Needs/data Gaps” column located in “Unaddressed Monitoring Needs and Data Gaps” section. Although there was discussion regarding the content of the various cells of the table, participants were encouraged to direct their focus towards the evaluation of the template’s structure, for their own purposes, rather than critic the information that had been provided in each cell. Opportunities to review and comment on the content of each implementation strategy will occur during the June and July meetings.

Action: *Neil Ward will update and forward the implementation strategy templates to the workgroup. In addition, Neil will complete the remaining templates for Idaho and forward them to Dave Parrish by the COB on May 18, 2010.*

ITEM 3: Timelines and Deliverables

Proposals for the Mainstem/Systemwide Categorical Review will be due August 2, 2010. During the workgroup’s initial meeting, it was decided

that the implementation strategies for all white sturgeon populations/management units should be developed concurrently and submitted as a suite of strategies for use by the project sponsors, ISRP, and NPCC. Since the initial meeting, participants have decided that implementation strategies for the white sturgeon management units associated with PUD reservoirs in central Washington will be developed September-December 2010. As for the other management units, the workgroup agreed to meet June 21, 2010, at which time participants will submit their completed implementation strategies. From June 21-23, 2010, workgroup members will have an opportunity to review the implementation strategies and provide comments. In addition, participants scheduled a workshop for July 27-28, 2010, during which time the individual strategies will be coalesced to form a Columbia River Basin implementation strategy for white sturgeon with the expectation that the document will be available for use project sponsors, the ISRP, and NPCC during the Categorical Review.

ITEM 4:**Next Meeting - Teleconference**

**Monday, June 21, 2010
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Pacific)**