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DATE: March 28, 2011

TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)

FROM: Neil Ward, CBFWA staff

SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the April 7, 2011 RFAC Meeting

Resident Fish Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, April 7, 2010 10:00 a.m. – Noon (Pacific)

> CBFWA Office 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 October 5, 2010, RFAC Meeting

ITEM 3: Discuss the Chair and Vice Chair Positions

Effective April 1, 2011, ODFW will no longer be a CBFWA member. Subsequently, the RFAC Chair position will become vacant. The BPT is currently serving as the Vice Chair. In the past, the existing Vice Chair has assumed the role of interim Chair (e.g., ODFW participated in this capacity following the departure of the CCT). Due to changes to their staff, the BPT has indicated a desire to remain as Vice Chair while their representatives become more familiar with the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. Honoring their request, the USFWS has volunteered to be the interim RFAC Chair. The RFAC will discuss these proposed changes.

ITEM 4: Review of the 2011 CBFWA Work Plan: RFAC Tasks

The CBFWA Members recently approved the 2011 CBFWA Work Plan. When developed in 2010, the CBFWA Work Plan included objectives that would require multi-year efforts from the CBFWA technical committees. Included in those efforts was the participation in region-wide workgroups (consisting of CBFWA members and non-members) that were developing research, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting strategies for focal species throughout the Columbia River Basin.

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The 2011 CBFWA Work Plan is a continuation of the objectives and tasks that were included in the 2010 Work Plan. Subsequently, RFAC members will likely continue to be engaged in activities, with other managers throughout the Columbia River Basin, associated with the development of monitoring and evaluation strategies. Focal species for which strategies are being developed include white sturgeon, kokanee, redband trout, bull trout, cutthroat trout, and resident fish substitution species. Neil Ward will lead the participants in a review of the work plan.

## ITEM 6: Implementation Strategies: Progress Report and Timelines

Neil Ward will provide an update on the status of the implementations strategies and proposed timelines for completion.

#### ITEM 7: CBFWA Survey: Discuss RFAC Results

For 2010, the Bonneville Power Administration required the CBFWA to conduct a survey, of its members as well as non-members, to evaluate involvement and satisfaction with the CBFWA coordination services. Included in the survey where several questions about the RFAC. Neil Ward will provide an overview of the survey results and Mike Faler will lead the participants in a discussion regarding potential actions to take to improve the services provided through the RFAC.

### ITEM 8: Next Meeting