



June 26, 2001

TO: Wildlife Committee

FROM: Carl Scheeler

SUBJECT: Action Notes from the June 19-20, 2001 Wildlife Committee Meeting

If there are no objections within five days, these action notes will be considered final.

Draft Actions

Attendees: Peter Paquet and Robert Walker (NWPPC), Steve Judd and Matt Berger (CCT), Maureen Smith (USFWS), Ed Bottom (IDFG), Susan Barnes, Greg Sieglitz and Ken Rutherford (ODFW), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Paul Ashley (WDFW), Tracy Hames and Theo Strong (YN), Catherine McDonald (TNC), Scott Soultis and Steve Binnall (KTOI), Joe DeHerrera (BPA), Terry Luther (CTWSRO), Keith Lawrence (NPT), and Frank Young (CBFWA)

By Phone: B.J. Kieffer (STOI) and Carol Perugini (SPT).

Time	Objective 1. FY 2002 Renewal Process	%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	80%
	Objective 3. FY 2001 Adjustments	%

ITEM 1: Update On Council Land/Water Acquisition Process

Discussion: Peter Paquet provided a progress report on the implementation of the land acquisition measure in the Council's recently amended Program. Peter provided a handout of a draft Proposed Land Acquisition Strategy, with proposed criteria to evaluate proposals, for review.

ACTION: Review draft documents and send comments to Peter Paquet prior to next Habitat and Land Acquisition Work Group meeting July 11, 2001.

ITEMS 2&3: Future Wildlife Committee Role *(Agenda items 2 and 3 were combined under this category.)*

Discussion: Brian Allee informed the Committee that Council staff does not see a role for CBFWA when Phase 1 of the Rolling Provincial Review is completed next spring since subbasin planning will be done outside of CBFWA. Brian request that the Committee members to express their view on this issue.

ACTION: The Committee developed the following outline as a guide to the future role of the WC.

A. Provide a forum to address regional wildlife issues under the NWPPC

1. Assure Program implementation consistency
2. Review roles of watershed councils and other non-agency/tribal entities
3. Support trust funds to assure long term O&M
4. Define remaining undefined components of Program

B. Project review and prioritization

1. Facilitate site visits and information exchange
2. Assist with conflict resolution at basin level
3. Review area management plans for consistency with CBFWA O&M Guidelines
4. Advise on role and functions of non-agency/tribal entities
5. Provide oversight for project technical review and ranking for consistency with agency/tribal management objectives (through subbasin teams).

C. Development and administration of review process

1. Review products of watershed councils

D. Provide technical audit of projects, including HEP standards, M&E, etc

ITEM 4: Update on Sharptail Grouse Project 21034

Discussion: Matt Berger recommended that the Sharptail Grouse Project be used as a “pilot study” to determine whether it would be appropriate to try a regional approach to the reintroduction of sharptail grouse. He suggested formation of a sharptail grouse advisory group, made up of interested parties from throughout the basin, to guide the implementation of Project 21034 to assure that information gathered would be useful in making reintroduction decisions throughout the basin.

ACTION: Anyone interested in being involved in helping guide this project should contact Matt Berger at 509/634-2122, or matt.berger@colvilletribes.com.

ITEM 5: Formation of a Habitat Committee

Discussion: Frank Young stated that the MMG had appointed a working group of John Palensky, Fred Olney, Theodora Strong, Carl Scheeler and Frank Young to review the draft Charter and bring their recommendations to the July 12 MMG meeting for further review and discussion. Some MMG members had expressed concern about the relationship between this proposed CBFWA committee and federal and Council habitat initiatives. The working group will attempt to address these concerns during a conference

call at 1 p.m. June 27, 2001.

ACTION: The WC recommended that there be a call for an organizational meeting of the Habitat Committee soon after the Charter is approved.

ITEM 6: Discussion of How to Fund Coordination Needs

Discussion: Susan Barnes stated that the Rolling Provincial Review Process does not provide a means to fund the coordination needed to carry out acquisitions. Frank Young suggested that the current CBFWA Members coordination funding contracts be used to fund this coordination if this would be acceptable to the Council and BPA.

ACTION: Joe DeHerrera will work with CBFWA staff and Susan to develop a funding proposal for the WC to consider at the next meeting.

ITEM 7: Consistency of BPA in its Application of Crediting for Future Projects Relative to the 2000 Fish and Wildlife Program

Discussion: Maureen Smith provided the WC with a handout describing BPA's failure to comply with the 2:1 crediting measure in the Council's newly amended Program and asked that members advise her on how to deal with this issue prior to the July 23 WC conference call meeting.

ITEM 8: Site Visit and Presentation of the Management Plan for Burlington Bottoms.

Discussion: Susan Beilke presented the Five-year Habitat Management Plan (2001-2004) for Burlington Bottoms Wildlife Mitigation Site and conducted a tour of the area.

ACTION: The Wildlife Committee determined that the Management Plan was consistent with the CBFWA O&M Guidelines for Wildlife Mitigation Projects.

ITEM 9: Time and Location of Next Meeting. *The next meeting will be via conference call through CBFWA at 10:00 a.m. July 23, 2001.*