



DATE: January 7, 2005

TO: Wildlife Committee (WC)

FROM: Dick Stone, Acting Chair *Franklin R. Young*
for

SUBJECT: Action Notes for the January 5, 2005 Wildlife Committee Meeting

Wildlife Committee Meeting
 January 5, 2005
 CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

Action Notes

Attendees: Terry Luther (CTWSRO), Angela Sondenaa (NPT), Beth Chase (KTOI), Dick Stone (WDFW), Joe DeHerrera (BPA), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Maureen Smith (USFWS) and Frank Young (CBFWA)

By Phone: Kathy Cousins (IDFG), Loren Kronemann (NPT), Tracy Hames (YN), Matt Berger (CCT), Ray Entz (KT) B.J. Kieffer (STOI), Bob Martin (IDFG) and Anders Mikkelsen (CDAT)

Time	Objective 1. Project Recommendations	%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Regional Issues	100%
	Objective 3. Annual Report	%

ITEM 1: Selection of Chair for 2005

Discussion: Maureen Smith nominated Dick Stone to serve as WC Chair. Terry Luther seconded the motion. Dick was asked to leave the room during the discussion that followed.

ACTION: There were no objections to Dick Stone serving as WC Chair from meeting participants. Since this action was taken on short notice this recommendation will be distributed via consent mail for final approval.

ITEM 2: Review and Improve Draft Wildlife Mitigation Funding Needs for BPA Rate Case Document

Discussion: The WC reviewed and discussed the Rate Case issues outlined in the document. Maureen outlined the guidance provided during discussions at the January 4, 2005 Members Management Group (MMG) meeting on preparing for a discussion with Greg Delwiche at the February 1, 2005 MMG Meeting. She stated that the MMG had assigned the task of developing questions and background information on suggested future wildlife mitigation funding alternatives to the WC for transmission to BPA after approval by MMG.

Joe DeHerrera stated that BPA had a generally favorable view of the success of past long-term wildlife mitigation funding agreements and that the wildlife managers have had an important role in wildlife mitigation in the past and he expected that this role will continue. Joe spent considerable time discussing BPA's new perspective under Fish and Wildlife's new management (Greg Delwiche and Bill Maslen); the importance of terrestrial habitats relative to streams/fish habitat; an overture on BPA's part for a more collaborative approach with the managers to better insure long-term success of the FWP; and Greg's belief that Bonneville has a moral obligation beyond the legal for fish and wildlife. There was significant dialog between the WC and Joe relative to different funding options for wildlife mitigation from the perspective of both the managers and BPA relative to the upcoming Rate Case.

ACTION: It was decided that Dick Stone will draft a "Strawman Document" drawing from the draft documents prepared to date and the extensive discussion in today's meeting. This will include questions to guide our discussions with BPA on February 1, 2005. Dick will send the draft to Frank by COB January 7, 2005. Frank will distribute the document to a workgroup of Dick Stone, Loren Kronemann, Maureen Smith, Beth Chase and Frank Young for review. Frank will send the Workgroup approved document out for WC and MMG review January 14, 2005. The consensus document will be transmitted to BPA on January 21, 2005.

ITEM 3: Date and Location of Next Meeting

No date was set for the next meeting.