



DATE: February 6, 2006

TO: Wildlife Advisory Committee

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

SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the January 23, 2006 Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting

Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting
 January 23, 2006
 CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Dick Stone (WDFW), Katherine Cousins (IDFG), Lynn Palensky (NPCC), Joe DeHerrera (BPA), and Frank Young (CBFWA)

By Phone: Scott Soultz (KTOI), David Speten (BPT) and Michael Pope (ODFW)

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

ITEM 1: Capitalization of BPA-funded Wildlife Land Acquisitions via Fixed Price Contracts for Habitat Units – Joe DeHerrera

Discussion: At the October 6, 2005 WAC meeting there were some questions relative to capitalization of BPA-funded wildlife land acquisitions that Joe was unable to answer completely and he committed to returning at a subsequent meeting with more complete answers. Joe distributed a handout (attached) that responds to these questions and elaborated on each of the responses in the handout. In response to a question about BPA's ability to capitalize hatchery construction, Joe responded that the legislative language in the bills authorizing hatchery construction directed that capital funds be used for that purpose but were silent on land acquisition.

ITEM 2: Discuss Opportunities to Assist Council in the Development of Funding Partnerships – Lynn Palensky

Discussion: Lynn reviewed that history of the Council's interest in this issue and reported that she had not spent a lot of time yet on this task but that the Council did not intend to become involved in project specific funding agreements, but rather use a more programmatic approach. She stated that it would be helpful if the agencies and tribes identified impediments to cost-sharing or partnering that were preventing projects from being implemented. The managers indicated that the number one partnering impediment was that some federal agencies (USFWS and NRCS) do not regard BPA funding as qualifying as match for federal dollars. Lynn said that she would look into this issue to determine how the Council can help. Lynn also pointed out that there is a program called Plan2Fund which is a Watershed Planning Tool developed by the Environmental Finance Center at Boise State University that helps organizations determine their funding needs to meet the goals and objectives of their Watershed Program. This tool is available to interested parties at: http://sspa.boisestate.edu/efc/Tools_Services/Plan2Fund/plan2fund.htm

ITEM 3: Discuss Support for 70/15/15 Funding Allocation for FY 07-09 Project Selection Process.

Discussion: Dick and Frank pointed out that the Council, BPA and CBFWA have supported the 70/15/15 allocation among anadromous and resident fish and wildlife. Lynn Palensky said that the Council allocation was basin-wide and not by province and that the Council had not yet determined exactly how this was to be accomplished. It was concluded that it would require an iterative budgeting process to accomplish this basin-wide allocation since some provinces had no anadromous fish project proposals and some had no wildlife project proposals.

ITEM 4: Election of WAC Chair for 2006

Discussion: Dick Stone pointed out that his term is up since he was elected as Chair in January 2005. Frank agreed and said that he would send out a request for nominations and include Chair selection on the agenda for the next WAC meeting.

ACTION: Frank will send out a request for nominations for Chair of the WAC for 2006.

ITEM 5: Development of WAC 2005 Workplan

Discussion: Dick stated that the WAC needs to develop a workplan for 2006 to guide meeting agenda's and meeting location. There has been considerable support in the past for meetings focused around site visits to local wildlife mitigation areas which provide learning opportunities.

ACTION: Frank will add workplan development to the agenda for the next meeting.

ITEM 6: Update on Oregon Trust Fund Negotiations

Discussion: Michael Pope reported that discussions involving a possible long-term mitigation agreement for Oregon wildlife losses are ongoing between interested parties and BPA. The parties to these discussions are NPT, YN, CRWSRO, BPT, CTUIR, Grande Ronde and Siletz Tribes, ODFW, and USFWS.

ITEM 7: Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be March 22-23 with location to be determined. Suggestions for location if next meeting and possible site visit are welcome. The default will be a one-day meeting in Portland March 22.