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Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: February 28, 2008
TO: Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)
FROM: Ken MacDonald, CBFWA
SUBJECT: February 25 and 26 WAC/NPCC Staff Work Meeting

WAC/NPCC Staff Meeting

February 25-26, 2008

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM February 25

8:00 AM- 12:00 PM February 26

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CBFWA Office – Portland, OR

The support material and reference documents for the meeting will be posted at:

<http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=WAC&meeting=all>

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: February 25 - Ken MacDonald (CBFWA), Angela Sondena (NPT), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Michael Pope (ODFW), Tracy Hames (YN), Ray Entz (KT), Peter Paquet and Patty O'Toole (NPCC), Dorie Welch (BPA)

February 26 – Tom Iverson (CBFWA), Angela Sondena (NPT), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Tracy Hames (YN), Ray Entz (KT), Patty O'Toole (NPCC)

By Phone: February 25 – Doug Calvin (CTWSRO)

Time Allocation:	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100
	Objective 2. Technical Review	%
	Objective 3. Presentation	%

ITEM 1: WAC/NPCC Recommendations re: IEAB Tasks 116 and 117

Discussion: During the January Council meeting in Vancouver an agenda item was to approve a memo from then Chairman Karier to BPA requesting BPA to begin implementing some specific recommendations from the IEAB Tasks 116 and 117 reports. At the Council meeting the wildlife managers requested the memo not be sent to BPA without further consultation between the Council staff and the managers. The Council agreed to postpone any action on the IEAB reports for 90 days during which time the managers would work with Council staff to provide recommendations for implementing recommendations from the report. The February 25 and 26 meeting was the first step towards that assignment.

There was considerable discussion within the group regarding the reports, history of the wildlife program and O&M issues. In the end it was decided that Patty O'Toole would draft a letter to the Council with manager input, noting:

- The managers have reviewed the report and provided initial comments on the reports.
- The managers would like to work with BPA to implement some of the recommendations to improve contract efficiencies.
- A number of the recommendations are already being implemented by the managers.
- The managers would like to work with BPA to explore implementation of other recommendations once the Fish and Wildlife Program has been amended.

The letter would be rather general but the managers would like to meet with the Council Fish and Wildlife Committee during the April Council meeting in Whitefish for more detailed discussion.

A draft letter was prepared for Patty for consideration. It is hoped that the letter and suggested approach will be supported not only by the managers but also BPA.

ACTION: WAC/NPCC Recommendations re: IEAB Tasks 116 and 117

Patty O'Toole will draft a letter for review by the managers and BPA for the April Council meeting. The WAC will prepare talking points with specific examples for a discussion between representatives of the WAC and the Council's Fish and Wildlife Committee at the April meeting in Whitefish.

A WAC meeting will be scheduled in March to develop the discussion topics and decide who from the WAC will attend.

ITEM 2: Wildlife Program Amendment

Discussion: The format of the CBFWA program amendment that will be going to the MAG was discussed and current wildlife language reviewed in context of the format. The WAC members present provided some recommended changes to Tom Iverson.

ACTION: The recommended changes were incorporated and then sent out for MAG and WAC review on February 27. Comments are due back to CBFWA staff by March 5.