



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and fish and wildlife agencies:

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Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: October 13, 2008
TO: Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)
FROM: Ken MacDonald CBFWA
SUBJECT: October 7, 2008 WAC Teleconference Action Notes

October WAC Teleconference
October 7, 2008
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
CBFWA Office, Portland Oregon

The support material for the meeting will be posted at
http://www.cbfwa.org/committee_wac.cfm

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Ken MacDonald (CBFWA), Nate Pamplin (WDFW), Lynn Palensky, Erik Merrill (NPCC)

By Phone: Angela Sondenaa (NPT), Carol Perugini.(SPT), Michael Pope (ODFW), Tom O'Neil (NHI), Alan Wood (MFWP), Tracy Hames (YN), Scott Soult (KTI), Paul Ashley (CBFWA), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR)

Time Allocation:	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
	Objective 2. Technical Review	0%
	Objective 3. Presentation	0%

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

ACTION: The draft agenda was approved as written.

ITEM 2: Approve July 23-24, 2008 WAC Meeting Draft Action Notes as Final

ACTION: The July 23-24, 2008 Draft Action Notes were approved as final. At the conclusion of this item, Nate Pamplin assumed the committee Chair from Angela Sondenaa.

ITEM 3: Elect Vice Chair

Discussion: Nominations were requested for a new WAC vice chair and Doug Calvin was nominated.

ACTION: Doug Calvin was elected as the vice chair of the WAC.

ITEM 4: Wildlife Program Review

Discussion: Lynn Palensky and Erik Merrill provided an update on the status of the wildlife project review process. The Northwest Power & Conservation Council (NPCC) staff is still working to get the project sponsor report form finalized. They are working to ensure consistency with the format Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will be using for Accord projects. Lynn stated they hope to have the form completed and posted to the NPCC

website thus opening the review process by the end of the month. There will be a two-month period for project sponsors to submit their information. The managers may get another opportunity to comment on the draft form.

There was a question regarding a common template for management plans. Lynn stated that where management plans currently exist they should be attached to the project review form. Development of a template for new management plans will be developed at a later date.

Tom O'Neil asked how RM&E and data management projects were going to be treated. Lynn stated those projects will be treated the same as other wildlife projects but there will be specific questions for those projects to address, similar to those in the white paper the WAC reviewed during the July meeting.

The sponsor reports will probably include work plans through 2013.

The tentative schedule for ISRP site visits was discussed. October 30 is tentatively scheduled for the Willamette Valley projects. Michael Pope will confirm the date with the managers of the projects (Amazon, Willow Creek, Green Island and Xena) and report back to Lynn and Erik.

October 20, 21, 23 are tentatively scheduled for the Colville wildlife projects, WDFW Swanson Lake project, Albeni Falls and Spokane and Couer d' Alene Tribe projects in the Spokane area. Logistics will be worked out in the coming weeks.

At this point, there was a concern raised by WAC members that the site visit schedule was a bit different than had been discussed in previous meetings. In previous meetings, it was suggested that since the site visits would probably not occur on all projects, the review should include representative projects that could provide the ISRP with an overview of the types of projects in the Basin, providing a context to understand the diversity of management issues. Such understanding would be informative for the ISRP as the sponsor reports are reviewed. The current schedule appears now to be a more comprehensive review but not representative, especially for projects with difficult travel logistics. The logistic issues are ones that the ISRP needs to understand. Erik explained that they needed to work within the ISRP schedule but acknowledged that site visits to the more remote projects would be beneficial and possibly the ISRP members could be split to view projects in the Yakima area and Precious Lands and southern Idaho the week of November 3. This would provide the ISRP with broader exposure to different management issues in the Basin. There still would be projects that would not have a site visit so the process needs to ensure those sponsors whose projects are not visited are given a fair opportunity in the review process.

ACTION: Nate Pamplin will work with the Swanson Lake project manager to confirm availability for a site visit. Erik Merrill will check with the ISRP about the potential to split the panel so more projects can be visited (Done the week of Nov. 3 the ISRP will be split between the Yakima area and Precious Lands. No decision regarding southern Idaho yet). Lynn and Erik with assistance by Ken MacDonald and Paul Ashley will work with project sponsors to coordinate logistics.

ITEM 5: Program Amendment Response

Discussion: Nate Pamplin and Ken MacDonald briefed the WAC on the current status of the CBFWA response to the NPCC's draft amended Fish and Wildlife Program. The WAC was informed about the recent consultation meeting between the Members of CBFWA, Bill Booth and Greg Delwiche, and the draft CBFWA comparison of the draft program and the CBFWA recommendations (see memo posted under this item). The MAG will be meeting October 7 with Tony Grover, NPCC and based on those discussions formulate a recommended approach to respond to the draft program for Member consideration on October 12.

ITEM 6: Next WAC Meeting

Discussion: It was decided that a WAC meeting would not be scheduled until after the NPCC officially opens the Wildlife Project Review process.

ACTION: Ken MacDonald will work with Nate Pamplin and Doug Calvin to schedule the next WAC meeting after the Wildlife Project Review process officially begins and the sponsor report format is posted on the NPCC's website.

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