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June 17, 1999

TO: Anadromous Fish Managers

FROM: Tony Nigro, Chair

SUBJECT: DRAFT Action Notes from 6/17/99 Meeting

Attendance: In Person: Tony Nigro (ODFW), Phil Roger (CRITFC), Bob Foster (WDFW), Frank Young (CBFWA), Paul Kucera (NPT), John Palensky (NMFS), Brian Allee (CBFWA), Lynn Hatcher (YIN), Mary Marvin (CBFWA), Tom Iverson (CBFWA), Tom Giese (CBFWA), Christine Clark (CBFWA Student Intern).
On the Phone: Bert Bowler (IDFG), Gary James (CTUIR), Patty O'Toole (CTWSRO), Fred Olney (USFWS).

ITEM 1. AFM Participation on a CBFWA Ad Hoc Committee on Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation (R, M&E).

Discussion: Nominees were sought for the R, M&E Ad Hoc Committee. This committee will outline a R, M&E plan for CBFWA. The group needs to determine whether Gustavo Bisbal's existing document could provide a basis for developing a CBFWA research, monitoring and evaluation plan or at least provide input to a plan. Phil Roger emphasized the importance to incorporate members from the other caucuses. Tony Nigro feels that it is important that the CBFWA ad hoc group determine the need and role of a R, M&E plan.

Action: Phil Roger was nominated to represent AFM on the ad hoc committee.

ITEM 2. AFM Participation on a CBFWA Ad Hoc Work Group on Strategic Planning.

Discussion: Brian reviewed the goals of the "think tank" meeting to be held on 8/12 in Helena, Montana. The meeting will be facilitated and Brian recommends hiring Jim Waldo as facilitator. A preliminary meeting was held recently and a concept paper was created (see attached handout from meeting). If you would like to make comments on the concept paper, please have them to Brian by the end of June. The concept paper will be revised and sent out to the Members prior to the

August meeting. Further discussion will also be held with the managers prior to the August meeting.

ITEM 3. AFM Participation on a CBFWA Ad Hoc Work Group on Budget Equity and Effective Use of Caucus Analyst Position.

Discussion: Tony asked for volunteers to participate in this ad hoc group and attend the meeting on July 15. John Palensky, Lynn Hatcher, Fred Olney, and Tony Nigro volunteered. Tom Giese stated that he would be putting together a table of budget allocations and their budgetary effects, which will help to focus discussion.

ITEM 4. Status of Improvements to Subbasin Summaries.

Discussion: There have been sporadic responses to re-writes on the subbasin summaries. SRT members need to be encouraged to continue working on their revisions. The ISRP report could be a motivator to improve the summaries.

A standard protocol is needed to define objectives and how they differ from strategies, similar to the 1998 Work Plan. Once a definition is made, it will be important to ensure that all work – past, present, and future – follows this guideline. Problems should be defined by biological parameters (ie. growth, recruitment, survival, mortality, etc.).

Action: The AFM assigned Tom Giese the task of refining the definition of objectives and re-organizing the problem statements for review and response by the SRTs.

ITEM 5. Schedule for the Subregional Teams (SRTs) to Meet and Prepare CBFWA's Response to ISRP's Comments on Individual Projects and the DAIWP.

Discussion: The SRTs now include Resident Fish and Wildlife, and a new SRT has been added for the Upper Columbia. Tom Iverson asked for members to volunteer for the Mainstem and Systemwide SRT. John Palensky, Phil Roger, Bob Foster, and Fred Olney volunteered. Tom Iverson stated that he would contact the Colville Tribe, Chris Fisher was involved in the project review for this SRT. Paul Kucera asked that the Clearwater SRT occur on Friday instead of Thursday as there is a conflict with a Nez Perce meeting. The Council is also visiting the tribes and sponsors in July to present their interpretation of the ISRP comments. CBFWA feels it would be helpful for Members to have CBFWA's comments available when they meet with the Council.

Brian will attend the 6/22 informal dialog meeting with NPPC staff in Portland. CBFWA needs to be able to inform NPPC staff about the general approach to be taken, and the Members need information from the Council as to the Council's expectations. CBFWA would like an ongoing discussion with the Council during the process of addressing the ISRP's comments. Members would like access to the ISRP as Members address concerns raised in the ISRP report. Several

projects were rated as “delay funding” or “fund in part,” but no specific process was established for addressing ISRP concerns. Brian will also attend the meeting in Astoria on 6/30.

ITEM 6. Format and Process for CBFWA’s Response to ISRP’s Comments on Individual Projects and the DAIWP.

Discussion: On 6/18, Tom Iverson will begin separating the ISRP comments according to their subbasins and subregions. These will be sent to their specific SRTs. The Managers agreed that the DAIWP is our recommendation; if tier and budget changes need to occur, they must be done at the caucus level, and those will happen only if an obvious point has been completely missed, and the argument is very strong in favor of revision. The SRTs will strictly provide a technical response to the ISRP review.

Action: The AFM reaffirm their support for Tom Iverson and Tom Giese to assemble summary tables as a basis for compiling comments.

Action: Discussion will occur on 7/27 regarding the protocols on which to base Tier and Budget revisions.

Action: The SRTs will provide input responding to relevant recommendations found in the 27 boxes of the ISRP report.

Action: A standard approach is needed for each SRT to address “real time sharing of products.” E-mail appears to be a beneficial technology for this task. All SRT tables will be sent out to the other SRT participants at the end of each SRT meeting.

Action: Tom Iverson and CBFWA staff will prepare a schedule of important dates specific to the AFM and this process.

ITEM 7. Next AFM Meeting.

July 27 and 28th were agreed on for the next AFM meeting, 9 am to 4 pm. The meeting will extend into the 28th contingent on need.