



February 2, 2000

TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)

FROM: Gary James, Chair

SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for January 18, 2000, AFC Meeting in Portland.

**If there are no objections within five days, these actions will be considered approved.**

**Attendees:** Gary James (CTUIR, Chair), Ron Boyce (ODFW), Bert Bowler (IDFG), Phil Roger (CRITFC), Bob Foster (WDFW), Fred Olney (USFWS), Doug Taki (SBT), John Palensky (NMFS) Tom Iverson and Brian Allee (CBFWA).

**By Phone:** Howard Schaller (USFWS), Patty O'Toole (CTWSR), and Chad Coulter (SBT)

**ITEM 1: Review and Approve the November Draft Action Notes and Discuss Possible Changes To Today's Agenda**

Two items were added to the Agenda. Under Item 4, Phil Roger presented an update of the CBFWA Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Plan effort. Item 10 was added as an FYI on reports Tom Iverson recently received from the US Army Corps of Engineer.

**ACTION:** Agenda was modified and approved.

Tom Iverson reviewed the November Draft Action Notes. One question arose as to the current status of the quarterly review issues discussed in Item 5 of the November Action Notes. On December 16, 1999 a consent mail was approved for recommendations to Northwest Power Planning Council (NWPPC) regarding project numbers 9600700 and 9701400. The letter was forwarded to NWPPC on December 20, 1999. These two issues will be addressed at the next Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting on January 31-February 1, 2000.

**ACTION:** November Action Notes were approved.

**ITEM 2: Review the New Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) Charter and Discuss the Role of the Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC) Within the New Structure**

The CBFWA Charter has been restructured to include a Members Management Group (MMG) and four standing committees (Anadromous Fish, Resident Fish, Wildlife, and Fish Passage Advisory Committees, see attached). The AFC discussed its role within CBFWA, reviewed the membership list for this committee, and discussed the information needs for this group. The group also discussed changing the regularly scheduled meeting date to the third Wednesday of each month. It was the feeling of the group that the MMG would definitely need to meet monthly and the AFC would only need to meet as required by the MMG. The meetings will be scheduled each month; however, depending on the depth of the agenda, meetings may be canceled or reduced to a conference call.

**ACTION:** The updated mailing lists are attached. The “AFC” list includes working members and the “Actions and Agendas” list includes everyone that has requested to be on the information update list for this committee.

**ACTION:** The regular schedule for AFC meetings has been changed to the third Wednesday of the month.

**ITEM 3: Update on the NWPPC’s FY 2000 Decision Process**

The NWPPC has essentially completed its FY 2000 budget decisions. A decision document will be forthcoming from NWPPC that summarizes all of their funding decisions. The NWPPC is still working on the final decision related to the list of 42 “new and innovative” projects. The current and likely proposal is to fund 11 of those projects that the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) identified as fulfilling an unimplemented area of the NWPPC program and having systemwide significance. Two of these projects were rated by CBFWA as Tier 2 (Project Numbers 20102 and 20064) and the remaining were rated by CBFWA as Tier 3. The 11 projects will be provided with \$200,000 upon completion of a proof of concept proposal for FY 2000. The proposals will be screened by the ISRP before being funded to insure continuity with the sponsors’ original concepts. No additional funding will be provided in the future for these projects until a final report is provided for the first year of work. No funding will be provided for the remaining 31 projects.

There was also a discussion of the future role of a technical analytical group similar to the Process for Analyzing & Testing Hypotheses (PATH). A group needs to gather and discuss the future role of a collaborative analytical work group and develop recommendations that could form the basis of an amendment to the program. The recommendations need to be developed closely with NWPPC staff to insure that everyone’s needs and concerns are

met. Depending on the nature of the recommendation, any products may or may not need to be forwarded to the MMG. An update of this group's progress will be provided to the MMG on February 2.

**ACTION:** Ron Boyce, Phil Roger, Howard Schaller and a representative from the National Marine Fisheries Service science center will meet on Monday January 24 at 2 p.m. at Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) to discuss this issue and develop recommendations.

**ITEM 4: Update from the ad hoc Subbasin Planning Work Group (SPWG)**

Gary James provided an update from the SPWG. The SPWG continues to work on the development of several products including a Fish and Wildlife Subbasin Plan Outline and a subbasin matrix identifying all co-managers within each subbasin. A presentation was made at the NWPPC meeting in Tacoma, Washington, on January 11, 2000 and did not go very well. The group will begin working with the NWPPC and NWPPC staff to develop the process and products collaboratively. A copy of the most recent Subbasin Plan Outline is attached to these action notes for your review. It was determined that we are premature in reconvening the sub-regional teams at this time.

Phil Roger presented a brief discussion of the CBFWA RM&E draft report. This report was sent to the Members on January 27, 2000 as an attachment in the MMG meeting packet.

There was also some discussion about the upcoming data management review by the Independent Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB) and the ISRP. The managers instructed CBFWA staff to request a description and schedule for that review.

**ITEM 5: Update on the Amendment Process from the ad-hoc Amendment Advisory Committee (AAC)**

The NWPPC announced the opening of the amendment process for the Fish and Wildlife Program at its meeting in Tacoma, Washington. The announcement was provided at the meeting and is available on the NWPPC's web site (see [www.nwppc.org/2000-1.htm](http://www.nwppc.org/2000-1.htm)). A policy level work group has been established within CBFWA to develop amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Program. Tom Giese provided a brief update from that committee.

A general schedule was provided for the amendment process over the next year:

- NWPPC releases request for Program amendments January 12
- NWPPC releases "strawman" outline February 22

- Managers submit amendment recommendations April 18
- Public comments on recommendations Mid-May
- NWPPC releases proposed amendment rule Mid-June
- Public comments on rule End of July
- NWPPC adopts new Fish and Wildlife Plan End of August

The managers requested that CBFWA staff backcast a schedule from April 18<sup>th</sup> to determine deliverable deadlines and meeting dates necessary to complete program amendment recommendations.

**ITEM 6: Discuss “Interim Funding” and Assign Representatives to Help Develop Budget and Statement of Work Forms for a Potential Regional Review**

A small group of CBFWA staff, NWPPC staff and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Contract Officer Technical Representatives (COTR) have begun discussing an interim budgeting process for funding projects following FY 2000 and prior to the subbasin planning review process. The NWPPC has not been clear on how funding will be determined in FY 2001 through FY 2003 for those projects selected in FY 2000. This group is attempting to develop a simple budget review process to address ongoing projects in FY 2001 through FY 2003. Doug Marker (BPA/NWPPC) will present the initial solicitation form and instructions to the NWPPC on January 31 at the Fish and Wildlife Committee Meeting. The drafts will also go out to CBFWA Members for review. A meeting has been scheduled for January 19, 1999 to continue discussion of the proposal form and there is an opportunity for input from the managers.

**ACTION:** Gary James and Doug Taki volunteered to participate at the next meeting of the informal group in order to provide the fish and wildlife manager’s perspective in the initial draft.

**ITEM 7: Conservation Enforcement (CE) Discussion**

On December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1999 CRITFC submitted a letter to Brian Allee requesting a resolution on the CE projects (#9202409-Nez Perce Tribe and #9202400-CRITFC). In the FY2000 Draft Annual Implementation Work Plan, CBFWA did not provide funding for these two CE projects. At the December 27 NWPPC Fish and Wildlife Committee Meeting, Eric Bloch requested that a meeting be setup prior to February 1<sup>st</sup> with all interested parties to address CRITFC concerns regarding these projects. A meeting has been set for January 28, 2000 from 1-3 p.m. at CBFWA offices.

**ITEM 8: Report to Members Management Group (MMG)**

With the new CBFWA structure, the AFC will provide a report to the MMG on what actions they have taken in the past month and what issues they have

discussed. Gary James will make the presentation if he attends the meeting in person. If Gary does not attend, Tom Iverson will brief an AFC representative that is present, and that person will make the presentation for the group. The presentation will be a brief summary of the action notes and proposed agenda for the next AFC meeting.

#### **ITEM 9: USACE Reports**

Tom Iverson has received two USACE reports related to Pacific lamprey: “Swimming Performance And Exhaustive Stress In Pacific Lampreys” and “Determination Of Passage Of Juvenile Lamprey: Development And Tagging Protocol”. These will be kept in the CBFWA library if anyone needs a copy.

#### **ITEM 10: Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2000 in Portland.

Potential agenda items include:

1. Report on the development of a collaborative analytical work group
2. Warm Springs Tribe funding request
3. Discuss CBFWA RM&E report
4. Update on the amendment process
5. Update from the SPWG