


March 31, 2000

TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)  
FROM: John Palensky, Vice-Chair  for  
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for March 17, 2000, AFC Meeting in Portland.

**Attendees:** Ron Boyce (ODFW), John Palensky and Phil Roni (NMFS), Linda Catabay (BPA), Tom Iverson, Neil Ward and Tom Giese (CBFWA).  
**By Phone:** Gary James (CTUIR, Chair), Bert Bowler (IDFG), Phil Roger (CRITFC), Bob Foster (WDFW), Fred Olney (USFWS), Doug Taki (SBT), Patty O'Toole (CTWSRO), Bob Bilby and Todd Bennet (NMFS), Jay Marcotte (BPA).

**Time Allocation:**

<b>CBFWA Members Coordination Contract*</b>	
<i>Objective 1. FY 2001 Project Renewal Process</i>	14%
<i>Objective 2. Rolling Province Review</i>	5%
<i>Objective 3. FY 2000 Project Adjustments</i>	36%
<i>Objective 4. Watershed and Subbasin Assessment and Plan</i>	
<i>Objective 5. Coordinate Program Amendments</i>	29%

\* Not all AFC agenda items support the objectives identified in the coordination contract.

**ITEM 1: Discuss Possible Changes to Today's Agenda (15 min)**

John Palensky requested to add a new Agenda Item 7, a request for Brian Brown (NMFS) to present an update on spill negotiations with Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to the anadromous fish managers. Agenda Item 2e was removed from the agenda.

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

**ITEM 2: FY 2000 Project Budget Modification Requests (75 min)**

**Item 2a:** The Warm Springs Tribe requested additional funds for Project Number 9802400, Monitor Watershed Conditions On The Warm Springs Reservation. This project is a continued effort to evaluate and restore watersheds on the reservation. During the project selection process, the Central Oregon Subregional Team reviewed the project and found that it met management criteria and was technically sound. However, while balancing the subregional budget, the project was cut from \$179,969 to \$35,000 (four objectives to one objective). The Subregional Team (SRT) agreed to fund the remaining objectives in FY 2001. The Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) reviewed the project and recommended that three of the four objectives be funded. The project consists of four objectives that include macro-invertebrate sampling, a culvert stream crossing inventory, McNeil core sampling that evaluates the quality of spawning gravel at various locations and the final year of habitat inventories that were initiated in 1998. The ISRP did not support the macro-invertebrate sampling objective as they felt that the methodology needed additional development.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (CTWSRO) requests funds to implement the three objectives supported by the ISRP at an additional cost in FY 2000 of \$77,700 (\$112,700 - \$35,000).

**ACTION:** The AFC supports the request for \$77,700 by the CTWSRO to implement the three objectives identified above for Project Number 9802400 and will forward the recommendation to the Members Management Group (MMG).

*Subsequent to the meeting this action is part of a Consent Mail package being distributed March 24.*

**Item 2b:** The Umatilla Tribe is requesting additional funds for Project Number 9800701, Construction of Acclimation and Adult Capture Facilities for Grande Ronde Endemic Spring Chinook Supplementation Program. Land was acquired for the upper Grande Ronde acclimation trap and for Catharine Creek acclimation facilities. While three acclimation facilities are essentially complete and operational, the adult trap facilities are not. The original project objective for adult capture was to design and build temporary/portable weirs that could sample fish across the hydrograph. The original weirs are not operating as intended and due to evolving Endangered Species Act (ESA) mandates the operating criteria have been modified. Currently, the Confederate Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) are short of funds to complete construction of the Catharine Creek and Upper Grande Ronde adult weirs. They are requesting an additional \$357,675 to complete these two adult traps.

**ACTION:** The AFC supports the request for \$357,675 by the CTUIR to construct the two adult weirs on Catharine Creek and Upper Grande Ronde. The AFC raised concerns about the Chewawa-style floating weirs and requested that the design team perform a site visit where those weirs are being operated. The AFC supports this project for installation of a weir that operates throughout the hydrograph. The AFC will forward this recommendation to MMG.

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**Item 2c:** The Umatilla Tribe is requesting additional funds for Project Number 8343500, Umatilla Hatchery Satellite Facility Operations & Maintenance (O&M), to take advantage of surplus hatchery spring chinook for experimental outplanting in the Walla Walla River. Under this project there is an adult holding and spawning facility operated on the South Fork Walla Walla River. The current statement of work allows for holding and spawning spring chinook for the Umatilla program. This program utilizes only two of the five available holding ponds at the site. Three ponds were built for future use for the Walla Walla fish restoration program. The current statement of work does not include O&M for the Walla Walla program. CTUIR is requesting \$8,800 to hold 1,500 surplus Carson stock spring chinook at the South Fork facility from approximately April to July and outplant the adults in upper Walla Walla River tributaries in August. The long term sustained production currently being developed in the Walla Walla Hatchery Master Plan is entirely different than the current request, which is to outplant surplus adults to capitalize on a near term opportunity. The CTUIR, in cooperation with the Oregon Department Fish & Wildlife (ODFW), will provide monitoring and evaluation to incorporate into the long term program currently under planning.

**ACTION:** The AFC supports the request for \$8,800 by the CTUIR for O&M necessary to collect and hold 1,500 surplus spring chinook at the South Fork Walla Walla facility and to outplant them into Walla Walla tributaries in August. The support is contingent on cooperation with ODFW northeast regional staff on further refinement of a monitoring and evaluation program. This is a one year agreement until subbasin planning can address the management needs in the Walla Walla. The AFC supports this activity as an experimental effort and will forward the recommendation to MMG.

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**Item 2d:** The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is requesting additional funds to conduct one additional year of field work and processing of stable isotope samples for Project Number 9904100, Utilization of Nutrients from Spawning Salmon. This project was initiated in 1999 to see if juvenile chinook and steelhead were utilizing nutrients derived from salmon carcasses. During the 1999 field season, unforeseen ESA permitting restrictions on resident fish and low spring/summer chinook salmon spawner densities in the Snake River Basin hampered their efforts to complete the field portion of this study in one season. NMFS is requesting \$105,000 to conduct one additional year of fieldwork and processing of stable isotope samples.

**ACTION:** The AFC supports the request for \$105,000 by the NMFS to complete one additional year of field sampling. It is agreed that this is a one time request for a final sampling season, and if delays occur for FY 2000, adequate funds will be maintained by the project sponsors to perform sampling in FY 2001 without an additional request from BPA. This recommendation will be forwarded to MMG.

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**ITEM 3: Report from the Collaborative Analytical Process Work Group (CAP) (15 min)**

Bert Bowler and Ron Boyce provided an update from the CAP. The group has been working with NMFS-Science Center personnel and has agreed on a concept similar to the original CAP proposal with many of the details clearly spelled out and NMFS concerns addressed. The work group is currently working on a proposal that will be reviewed by NMFS and CBFWA as an analytical support mechanism for the future Direct Program. It was brought to the attention of the group that Tom Karier and Chip McConnaha (NWPPC) should be included in the review and discussion of the proposal.

**ACTION:** No action was taken.

**ITEM 4: Update on the Development of the Provincial Review Process (40 min)**

Tom Iverson provided an update on the development of the provincial review process. An oversight team was established to develop the architecture of the rolling province review process, which consisted of Bob Lohn, John Ogan and Erik Merrill (NWPPC), Doug Marker and John Baugher (BPA), Brian Allee, Tom Iverson, Frank Young and Neil Ward (CBFWA). This group has been working for the past three weeks adding the details to the general process approved by the Northwest Power

Planning Council (NWPPC) and CBFWA members. The first two province reviews will begin officially during the second week of April, when an informal information-gathering meeting will occur. The first subbasin summaries will be due in mid-June (Gorge and Inter-Mountain Provinces). A letter is being sent out today by the NWPPC to announce the meetings. A handout was provided via e-mail to all members of the AFC that outlines the details of the rolling province review process.

The AFC in general had concerns that CBFWA members had not reviewed the material. They expressed the desire to have the Subbasin Planning Work Group (SPWG) reconvene to review the current material for rolling province reviews and provide input in a timely fashion to help direct the provincial review process. The best date for the SPWG to meet with AFC attendance is determined to be March 31, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Tom Iverson also suggested that most of the next AFC meeting agenda be set aside to discuss the FY 2001 ongoing project renewal process. The budget proposals are due May 1 with balanced budget recommendations to NWPPC by July 15. Each committee (resident fish, anadromous fish and wildlife) will be responsible for balancing their portion of the budget, so the AFC needs to determine the process they will use. Tom Iverson will provide some options at the next AFC.

**ACTION:** Tom Iverson will schedule a Subbasin Planning Work Group meeting within the next two weeks to discuss the proposed rolling province review process.

*No conference rooms are available for March 31. CBFWA staff is preparing an executive summary of the Province review process that will be distributed next week. A meeting or conference call will be arranged for discussion of the provincial review process in early April.*

**ITEM 5: Update from the Ad-Hoc Amendment Advisory Committee (30 min)**

Tom Giese briefly discussed the current status of the amendment process. Much concern was raised about CBFWA staff organizing meetings where individual agencies were expressing opinions and concerns. To help clear some confusion, CBFWA members discussed the general organization of the amendment submittal.

**ACTION:** The individual AFC members will review the amendment materials that Tom Giese sent out on March 3, 2000 and comments are due to Tom by March 30.

**ITEM 6: Discuss Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (RME) Report (15 min)**

A new draft of the RME report was released. Phil Roger briefly discussed the report and invited all comments be sent directly to him. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribe provided some comments and Gustavo Bisbal (NWPPC) has indicated that he would like to provide some comments. The intent of this report is to provide guidance for the development of RME activities during subbasin planning within the new program.

**ACTION:** The individual AFC members will review the draft RME plan and provide feedback to Phil by March 30.

**ITEM 7: Request for Brian Brown (NMFS) to present the results from spill negotiations with BPA to the anadromous fish managers (15 min)**

Brian Brown (NMFS) has requested an opportunity to make a presentation regarding the recent spill negotiations with BPA for the Biological Opinion. Due to the timeliness of this issue, the presentation may have to occur at Fish Passage Advisory Committee (FPAC) with invitations to the AFC. A logical date for this would be March 28, although coordination with Brian Brown and FPAC needs to occur.

**ACTION:** John Palensky will coordinate with Brian Brown and FPAC to arrange an opportunity for the presentation.

**ITEM 8: Next Meeting (5 min)**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26 at CBFWA in Portland. Potential agenda items include:

1. FY 2001 Ongoing Project Renewal Process
  - a. Proposed Subregional Team budgets
  - b. Proposed Subregional Team meeting schedule
2. Tom Karier presentation on data management issues.