



April 26, 2000

TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)

FROM: Gary James, Chair *Tom* for Gary James

SUBJECT: Draft AFC Action Notes from 4/26/00 Meeting

Those Attending: Phil Roger (CRITFC), Ron Boyce (ODFW), John Palensky (NMFS), Michele DeHart (FPC), Ed Larson (NPT), Doug Taki (SBT), and Tom Giese and Mary Marvin (CBFWA)

By Phone: Gary James (CTUIR), Bob Foster (WDFW), Patty O'Toole (CTWSRO), Fred Olney (USFWS)

Objective 2 - 75%
Objective 5 - 10%

ITEM 1. Discuss Possible Changes to Today's Agenda

Discussion: No changes were made.

ITEM 2. Additional Analytical Capability for the FPC

Discussion: Michele DeHart presented her case for an additional staff person at FPC to handle data analysis requests, which come from many sources, including ODFW and the tribes. Phil Roger and John Palensky had reservations about approving the addition of the position, primarily because the tribes have exited from the regional process, and because the AFC is not the body which would approve the proposal. Gary James stated that it was appropriate for the request to be made, but approval by the Council (BPA?) would need to come after examination of the FPC budget. Michele urged CRITFC to discuss the issue of regional process with the tribes.

ITEM 3. Report From the Collaborative Analytical Work Group

Discussion: Ron Boyce reported that at the Fish 4 meeting yesterday, the Council had no questions, and simply stated their appreciation at being kept apprised of the schedule. Also discussed were data management

needs and funding decisions on StreamNet for next year. The EDT needs to be evaluated by states and tribes. The template and the proposal offered by David Johnson regarding wildlife and the ecosystem will be further discussed at the next CPA meeting, at the next MMG on 5/3, at the Members Meeting on 5/10, and finally presented to the Council at their meeting on May 16 and 17.

There is much confusion between EDT and CAP. It was felt the two needed to be identified separately and keep separate. There is no formal request from the Council at present. Fred Olney has stated that the subbasins also need to review the EDT, preferably this summer and fall.

Actions:

1. Separate CAP and EDT.
2. Include "ground truthing" by managers in the EDT

ITEM 4.

Update from the Ad-hoc Work Group on the Amendment Process

Discussion:

Tom Giese presented this information. The issues discussed at the Members Meeting have been resolved.

1. A friendlier outline will be designed
2. Substitution (the Shoshone-Bannocks had concerns with wording)
3. Budget allocation (no special language should be used in the amendment recommendations)
4. Current (August) subbasin summaries should be submitted

Incorporation of comments has not yet been done, but Tom is working on that. Tom reported that it is important to explicitly state the numeric objectives for the subbasins. Objectives are incomplete at present. Broad statements of intent and numeric objectives are needed at the province level. Escapement objectives can be stated, even if there are no numbers currently available.

The next version of the Process will go out on 5/1. Possible changes will be discussed at the MMG on 5/3, and at the 5/10 Members Meeting. The final legal document will be sent out on 5/12.

Discussion occurred regarding the Council's interim process. It was thought to be clarified somewhat, although nothing has been formally written by the Council. The AFC feels it important to recommend to the Council on 5/1 and on 5/3 how the transition should be accomplished. Tom suggested that summarization be eliminated and subbasin planning be addressed immediately. Each subbasin is responsible for submitting their own projects by mid-

May. Tom stated that since there was no format available, any format would be acceptable. Discussion of the Council's Phase II needs to occur soon. The AFC recommends that the Mainstem be considered a subbasin, but the Council has not yet agreed with this recommendation. Tom stated that Early Actions likely won't occur until after September, and it was generally agreed that at this point everyone is "scrambling" to compile the necessary information.

Ron Boyce requested that CBFWA staff e-mail a copy of the Council's 4/11 letter to the AFC members prior to the meeting on 5/3.

ITEM 5. Discuss RM&E Report

Discussion: Phil has no re-draft yet. He met with Gustavo Bisbal two weeks ago. There was no substantial disagreement, although there was some misunderstanding by Gustavo over terminology and poor language in the report. Phil will do one last re-write. There were no responses to the bolded issues in the last draft. Phil recommends that some elements be categorized as Early Action projects. This will be discussed at the next CAP meeting. Tom Giese will send out a strawman on Monday, 5/1. The final report should be completed by June 1.

ITEM 6. Ongoing Project Renewal Process

Discussion: Tom Iverson has put a packet of information together. It was suggested that "capital" be changed to "major construction." A new project form is needed which would include more space for more information. The new/innovative projects should be submitted through the current process.

There was concern that potential problems might arise due to possibly inflated 2001 budgets. NMFS assumes that BPA will put more money into the Biological Opinions. Special projects being implemented must be identified by BPA, and they must meet performance standards. Responsibility for adjustments to the budget will fall to the Council and BPA, based on the additional projects being included. The Biological Opinions that would include the early implementation language will be final sometime in June or July. Projects will be developed from subbasin plans. Therefore, Early Action and subbasin plans need to be done as soon as possible.

After 5/12, there is a 30-day public comment period.

The SRT chairs need to make contacts and set up meetings. Tom Iverson has already scheduled his visits to the subbasins to monitor continuity. Those dates are:

May 18-Lower Columbia SRT meeting at CBFWA
May 22-23-Northeast Oregon Southeast Washington SRT meeting in
La Grande
May 24-Central Oregon SRT meeting in The Dalles
May 25-26-Washington SRT meeting in Toppenish
May 31-June 1-Idaho SRT meeting in Boise
June 6-7-Mainstem and Systemwide SRT meeting in Portland
June 7-8-Capital Construction Projects Team meeting in Portland
June 13-14-Watershed Meeting in La Grande

Bob Foster agreed to make contacts for the Lower Columbia and Washington subbasins. Gary James will set up NEO and will contact Patty O'Toole regarding Central. Bert will set up Idaho. There was some confusion over who would be on Mainstem/Systemwide and Capital Construction, although Marv Yoshinaka, Phil Roger, and John Palensky were mentioned.

ITEM 7. Next Meeting

This item was not addressed.