




April 23, 2001

TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)
FROM: Gary James, Chair  for
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for April 18, 2001 AFC Meeting

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

**AFC Meeting
April 18, 2001
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Gary James (CTUIR, AFC Chair), Ron Boyce (ODFW), Tom Giese, Brian Allee and Tom Iverson (CBFWA)

By Phone: Bob Foster (WDFW), John Palensky (NMFS), Doug Taki (SBT), Patty O'Toole (CTWSRO), Bert Bowler (IDFG), Fred Olney (USFWS), and Phil Roger (CRITFC)

Time	Objective 1. FY 2002 Draft Annual Implementation Work Plan	0%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	15%
	Objective 3. FY 2001 Within Year Budget Adjustments	0%

ITEM 1: Review and Modify Agenda

Several additions were suggested for today's meeting. Tom Giese requested two additions including a FY 2001 Budget Allocation discussion and a discussion on the Mainstem Operations program amendment to the Fish and Wildlife Program. Brian Allee also requested adding a discussion on the Fish Passage Advisory Committee oversight board identified in the 2000 Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program.

ACTION: Agenda Additions

The group agreed to the additional agenda items.

ITEM 2: Rolling Provincial Review Update

Tom Iverson provided an update of the rolling provincial review. The Columbia Plateau Province project solicitation closed on Friday April 13, 2001. Nearly 200 project proposals were submitted. The site visits for this province are scheduled for the weeks of May 7 and May 14 (see CBFWA website for details). The project proposal reviews will occur during the last week of June. Please mark your calendars and make time available during late June and early July for these reviews.

The CBFWA members have requested additional funding from NWPPC for participation in the rolling provincial reviews. This request has not been received well by the NWPPC. The Members Management Group (MMG) is meeting on Monday April 23 to discuss additional funding for CBFWA participation in the Rolling Provincial Review. CBFWA members should be developing strategies for participation in and completion of the province reviews in case no additional funding is provided and the remaining schedule is not changed.

ITEM 3: Fish Passage Center Oversight Board

Page 36 of the 2000 Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program states "Fish Passage Center: This program continues the operation of the Fish Passage Center. The Council will establish and appoint an oversight board for the Fish Passage Center, with representation from the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Tribes, the Council, and others, to provide policy guidance and assure regional accountability and compatibility with the regional data management system. The Fish Passage Center shall prepare an annual report to the Council and the oversight board, summarizing its activities and accomplishments."

Brian Allee has had a recent discussion with Northwest Power Planning Council (Council or NWPPC) staff regarding the Fish Passage Center (FPC) oversight board and provided the following conclusions. The Council believes that the FPC was created by the Council to serve the region and needs oversight. The resident fish perspective is not being adequately represented within FPC. The current FPC oversight committee has not met and is not providing oversight.

An agenda item on the next Fish 4 Meeting (April 24 in Spokane, WA) is to discuss the participation and representation of a new policy oversight board as presented in the 2000 Fish and Wildlife Program.

This will be an agenda item at the next MMG meeting on April 23. The specific concerns for creating this program amendment are not clear. The fish and wildlife managers believe that the existing board has not met because the FPC is doing an excellent job of performing its duties. CBFWA may suggest the current board as the appropriate representation for a new board.

ITEM 4: FY 2001 Budget Allocations

Tom Giese discussed the most recent FY 2001 budget allocations for each of the anadromous fish, resident fish, and wildlife placeholders. Currently the resident fish placeholder is essentially balanced. The anadromous fish placeholder has approximately \$1.8 million and the wildlife placeholder is short approximately \$1.6 million. BPA has consistently stated that until all funds are expended from the Fish and Wildlife Program, no new additional funds will be added. The NWPPC staff has recommended funding the new wildlife projects identified in the rolling provincial reviews (Columbia Gorge and Inter-Mountain provinces) from the anadromous fish placeholder. BPA would like CBFWA to approve moving funds between placeholders to cover the NWPPC recommendations from the rolling provincial reviews.

ITEM 5: Fiscal Year 2002 Budget Discussion

BPA presented two documents at the CBFWA Members Meeting last week. The first document showed the prioritization of the fish and wildlife program project funding for 2002-2006. The base of the funding will be the ongoing project's Operation and Maintenance budgets. Next would be Monitoring and Evaluation tasks associated with ongoing projects, then additional implementation (Capital or Planning) components of the ongoing work approved through the provincial reviews. The next priority would be projects that directly address biological opinion measures. These projects are basically those that the BiOps direct BPA to implement specifically in the documents. Finally new projects and those ESA projects that are not explicitly cited in the BiOp documents will be funded as funding allows.

The second handout from BPA outlined their expected cost for the Fish and Wildlife Program during the next rate case (2002-2006). The projected annual cost is around \$186 million, however, they have made it clear that there will be a ramping up period over the next two years and the region will most likely not see funding at a rate of \$186 million per year until 2004.

ITEM 6: Mainstem Operations Program Amendments

Tom Giese asked the group if a unified CBFWA recommendation on mainstem operations was likely. The group agreed that it was unlikely that CBFWA could assemble a unified recommendation considering the diverse interest between the upstream and downstream tribes and agencies. This will be a topic at the next MMG meeting on April 23. The due date for program amendments regarding the mainstem operations is June 15, 2001.

ITEM 7: Next Meeting

The next meeting for AFC will be on May 22 from 9 am until noon. Potential agenda items include:

- Discussion of the process for emergency needs due to the large spring chinook returns being coordinated by Rick Applegate
- Within year budget modification requests
- Columbia Plateau Province project review schedules and procedures