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DATE: December 21, 2001
TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)
FROM: Gary James, Chair 
for
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for December 19, 2001 AFC Meeting

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

**Anadromous Fish Committee Meeting
December 19, 2001
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
CBFWA Office
Portland, Oregon**

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: John Palensky (NMFS, vice-chair), Ron Boyce and Pat Frazier (ODFW), Phil Roger (CRITFC), Michele DeHart (FPC), and Tom Iverson (CBFWA)

By Phone: Gary James (CTUIR, chair), Pete Hassemer (IDFG), Bill Tweit and Geraldine Vander Haegan (WDFW), Dave Statler (NPT), and Howard Schaller (USFWS)

Time	Objective 1. FY 2002 Renewal Process	90%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	5%
	Objective 3. FY 2001 Adjustments	0%

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

The agenda was approved as drafted.

ITEM 2: Update on Regional Issues

Tom Iverson provided an update on the Rolling Review Process, NWPPC decision to establish another Fish Passage Center Oversight Board and the highlights from the discussion by the ad-hoc subcommittee developing CBFWA's FY 03-05 statement of work.

ITEM 3: WDFW and ODFW Request for FY 2002 Funding for Project Number 200100700

WDFW and ODFW are requesting continued funding for Project Number 200100700, Evaluate live capture selective harvesting using tangle nets for commercial fisheries on the Columbia River. This project was funded for FY 2001 through the High Priority category under project number 23036. The project will be submitted through the Mainstem and Systemwide Province, however, funding for that category begins in FY 2003. Therefore, this project currently has no funding for FY 2002. The project sponsors are requesting \$641,671.

In 2001, the project evaluated tangle nets and a floating trap. A permit fishery was employed to test various parameters of the tangle nets (soak time, mesh size, release methods) as related to immediate, short term and long term survival. The proposal for 2002 is to focus on the tangle nets for selective harvest, as the trap nets did not prove viable. The project will repeat the long term survival assessment, perform a net construction evaluation and begin technology transfer to the commercial fisheries. The increase in budget from 2001 is due to increased participation by commercial fisherman (moving from pilot scale to full implementation) and increased gear construction evaluation. It is important to note that results from the 2001 study have already been incorporated into fishery regulations for 2002 and results from further investigations are expected to be implemented in as timely a manner.

Funding for this project should be available in the Mainstem and Systemwide placeholder for 2002. Under the \$186M budget planning target set by NWPPC, approximately \$9 million dollars have been allocated to the Mainstem Systemwide Province for new starts. Since the rolling review decision process will not be complete for 2002, those dollars should be available to fund this project as a one time opportunity in 2002 to allow the project to proceed through the rolling review process. That process will determine the long-term viability of this project.

ACTION: The AFC approved the request by WDFW and ODFW for Project Number 200100700, *Evaluate live capture selective harvesting using tangle nets for commercial fisheries on the Columbia River* for a total of \$641,671 for FY 2002. Future funding for this project will be determined during the Mainstem and Systemwide rolling province review.

ITEM 4: Fish Passage Center request for additional FY 2002 funding

The Fish Passage Center is requesting an additional \$810,000 worth of tags for FY 2002 for Project Number 199602000, *Comparative Smolt Survival Study*. This request is considered a “within year budget modification.” Michele DeHart presented the request by the numerous participants in the CSS study. In 2002, there will be sufficient numbers of wild Snake River

spring chinook to include wild smolts in the CSS study design. The ISRP and others have called for inclusion of wild smolts to increase the robustness of the CSS investigation. The proposed addition of wild mark groups is opportunistic based on the expected out migration in the next three years. In addition, the concurrent but separate wild marking being conducted in the John Day River over the next three years will allow an upstream versus downstream comparison of wild spring chinook groups. Over 85% of the request is to cover the cost of additional tags.

There was discussion about the urgency of processing this request. The AFC determined that the request should be immediately forwarded to MMG consent mail approval and then Members consent mail, in order to deliver a recommendation to NWPPC prior to their January 15, 2002 meeting.

ACTION: The AFC approved the request by FPC for Project Number 199602000, *Comparative Smolt Survival Study* for a total of \$1,643,367 for FY 2002. Due to the urgency in need to get tags ordered, the AFC approved sending this request directly to MMG consent mail for approval.

ITEM 5: Review FY 2002 Start of Year Budget Modification Requests

In October, the NWPPC adopted a FY 2002 start of year budget for ongoing projects. During the solicitation for public comment, several projects requested modifications to their FY 2002 budgets. The NWPPC has requested that CBFWA review and approve these requests. Four projects were reviewed by AFC:

- Project Number 200005500 (Number 199202409 on website), *Enhanced Conservation Enforcement for Fish & Wildlife, Watersheds of the Nez Perce*, is requesting full funding for FY 2002. The NWPPC approved level funding of this project in FY 2001 for \$426,916. The actual contract amount with BPA was \$465,510 for FY 2001. For FY 2002, the NWPPC has recommended a start of year budget of \$441,430 ($1.034 * \$426,916$) and the project sponsor is requesting a start of year budget of \$481,337 ($1.034 * \$465,510$). During the AFC discussion, it was unclear why the project was funded at a different level than approved by NWPPC in 2001.

ACTION: The AFC recommended funding the project at the CBFWA 2001 approved amount plus 3.4% for a total of \$481,337. Future funding will be determined through the Mainstem and Systemwide rolling review process.

- Project Number 200005600, *Protect Anadromous Salmonids In The Mainstem Corridor*, is requesting full funding for FY 2002. The NWPPC approved level funding of this project in FY 2001 for \$400,000. The actual contract amount with BPA was \$419,808 for FY

2001. For FY 2002, the NWPPC has recommended a start of year budget of \$413,598 (1.034 * \$400,000) and the project sponsor is requesting a start of year budget of \$434,082 (1.034 * \$419,808). During the AFC discussion, it was unclear why the project was funded at a different level than approved by NWPPC in 2001.

ACTION: The AFC recommended funding the project at the CBFWA 2001 approved amount plus 3.4% for a total of \$434,082. Future funding will be determined through the Mainstem and Systemwide rolling review process.

- Project Number 199800800, *Regional Forum Facilitation Services*, is requesting full funding for FY 02. The NWPPC approved a start of year budget of \$73,414 for FY 2002. This funding would only carry the project through April '02. The project sponsor is requesting a start of year budget of \$154,500 for FY 2002 that would carry the project through the rolling province review process. A new contract will need to be established in October of 2002, following successful completion of the Mainstem and Systemwide rolling review process.

ACTION: The AFC recommended funding the project for \$154,500 for FY 2002. Future funding will be determined through the Mainstem and Systemwide rolling review process.

- Project Number 199604200, *Restore and Enhance Anadromous Fish Population and Habitat in Salmon Creek*, is requesting O&M funding for FY 2002 to carry the project through the Columbia Cascade Provincial Review. The project was funded for \$2 M in FY 2001 with the understanding that additional funding would be approved during the provincial review process. The funding for the Columbia Cascade Province does not begin until FY 2003. Therefore, the project sponsor is requesting a total of \$663,905 for O&M in FY 2002 until the project can be reviewed in the provincial review process.

ACTION: The AFC recommended funding the project for \$663,905 for FY 2002. Future funding will be determined through the Columbia Cascade rolling review process.

ITEM 6: Next Meeting

Due to a conflict with the NWPPC meeting in Vancouver, WA, the next AFC meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2002 from 1-4 p.m. at CBFWA in Portland, Or.