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DATE: March 7, 2002
TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)
FROM: Gary James, Chair
 for
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for February 20, 2002 AFC Meeting

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

**Anadromous Fish Committee Meeting
February 20, 2002
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Gary James (CTUIR, chair), John Palensky (NMFS, vice-chair), Pete Hassemmer (IDFG), Ron Boyce (ODFW), Jeffrey Braatne (Univ. of Idaho), Jim Graham and Fred Ziari (IRZ Consulting), Craig Cooper and Ron Costello (Westland Irrigation District), and Tom Iverson (CBFWA)

By Phone: Bill Tweit (WDFW), Patty O’Toole (CTWSRO), Dave Statler (NPT), Doug Taki (SBT), Bill Maslen and Kim Fodrea (BPA)

Time Objective 1. FY 2002 Renewal Process

Allocation: Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries 10%

Objective 3. FY 2002 Adjustments 80%

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

Several additions were suggested for today’s meeting including:

- 1) Update on the NWPPC’s Blue Mountain project selection process;
- 2) Discussion of the staff response to the Kempton/Bloch memo dated Dec. 3, 2001;
- 3) and Discussion of BPA memo regarding BPA funding on federal lands.

These items were added on to the end of the agenda. Also, the group decided to have the presentations go first on the agenda in order to allow the speakers to leave at their convenience.

ACTION: The agenda was modified as noted and adopted.

ITEM 2: Echo Meadows Artificial Recharge Presentation

Project Number 200101500, Echo Meadows Artificial Recharge, was funded in FY 2001 as an innovative project. In order to be eligible for additional funding, the project completed an annual report of the first year of findings. Fred Ziari and Jim Graham, IRZ Consulting, made a presentation to the AFC. The presentation will be posted to the CBFWA website with these action notes, once it is received.

ITEM 3: Riparian Cottonwoods Presentation

Project 25036, Impacts of Flow Regulations on Riparian Cottonwood Forests Along the Yakima River, was funded in FY 2000 as an innovative project. This project was not funded in the Columbia Plateau Province because a final report had not been completed for the innovative work. Dr. Jeff Braatne, Univ. of Idaho, presented the results from this innovative work. The presentation is attached (RiparianCottonwoodsPres.pdf).

ITEM 4: Westland Ramos Fish Habitat Project Presentation

Project 25029, Westland Ramos Fish Habitat and Restoration Pilot Project, was a CBFWA High Priority and an ISRP Fund project in the Columbia Plateau Province that did not receive a funding recommendation from NWPPC because it was a new start. The project sponsor is requesting a second chance at funding at a lower funding level. The presentation is attached (WestlandRamosPres.pdf).

ITEM 5: Summary of BPA's Quarterly Review Meeting

The second FY 2002 quarterly review occurred on February 7, 2002. Tom Iverson presented a brief summary of that meeting. The Anadromous Fish, Resident Fish and Wildlife placeholders no longer exist in the BPA accounting process for the Fish and Wildlife Program. All of the placeholders have been combined into one integrated program unallocated balance at a current balance of approximately \$61 million. It was not clear how much of that balance is actually available, most likely less than \$10 million, since all placeholders (ie. Subbasin planning, innovative, etc.) were included. The accounting for the Fish and Wildlife Program will continue as it did under the 1996-2001 MOA with two noticeable exceptions. First the placeholders have been combined. Second, the interest from the unallocated balances will not be returned to the Program. The official Start of Year Budget is now available on BPA's website at (<http://www.efw.bpa.gov/EW/FISCAL/fiscal1.html>).

ITEM 6: Within-Year Budget Modification Requests

ITEM 6a: Project 200100700, Evaluate Status of Coastal Cutthroat Trout in the Columbia River Basin above Bonneville Dam, has requested full funding for their project in FY 2002 (\$240,926) and 2003 (\$253,038). This project was funded in the Gorge Province for one year with additional funding to be determined by the findings from the first year. The project sponsor has submitted his first year findings. The AFC discussed this project briefly, although WDFW indicated that they were not prepared for a formal review today. Due to the nature of the sampling procedures, the AFC requested that the RFC also review the request.

ACTION: The AFC deferred review of this request until the March AFC meeting to allow WDFW time to discuss the issue internally. Also the AFC requested that the RFC provide a review of the request.

ITEM 6b: Project No. 199107200, Redfish Lake Sockeye Salmon Captive Broodstock Program, and Project No. 199700100, Captive Rearing Project for Salmon River

Chinook Salmon, has requested using carry forward funds available in these two projects to fund construction of a single family residence at the Eagle Fish Hatchery. Pete Hassemer, IDFG, presented the request. This proposal would potentially have no net impact on the budget. IDFG needs to hire a hatchery manager at their Eagle Fish Hatchery which is supported by the two ESA driven projects identified above. In order to attract qualified applicants, they would like to use carryover funds to build housing for this position. Expansion of the program to include the chinook project has stretched the capacity at the facility and additional staff is necessary. This proposal would only provide the housing. The additional staff would be funded through IDFG and the existing contracts.

ACTION: **The AFC recommends to MMG that CBFWA support funding up to \$190,000 for construction of a residence as outlined in the IDFG request for the Eagle Fish Hatchery using carry forward funds from Project 199107200, Redfish Lake Sockeye Salmon Captive Broodstock Program, and Project 199700100, Captive Rearing Project for Salmon River Chinook Salmon.**

ITEM 6c: **Project 200101500**, Echo Meadow Project – Winter Artificial Recharge to Cool Rivers, has requested funding of \$374,514 to complete their innovative project. This three-year project was funded in the Innovative Category in 2001 by the NWPPC for one year. The project sponsor has submitted his annual report for the first year of baseline data collection and is requesting funding for the completion of the study. Two years of tests remain to calibrate their flow model and evaluate this method as a viable means of reducing water temperature in streams. The study design needs further clarification and review. With the assumption that the NWPPC may fund this request, AFC is pursuing an informational meeting with the project sponsor and ODFW, OWRD, CTUIR, and others to develop better clarity of the potential application and details of the study. It appears that the NWPPC initiated a three-year project under the innovative category while only providing one year of funding. Additional funding to complete the project should be provided through the Innovative placeholder.

ACTION: **The AFC recommends to MMG that CBFWA support consideration of funding for Project 200101500, Echo Meadow Project – Winter Artificial Recharge to Cool Rivers, under the 2002 Innovative category to complete the project pending the outcome of a subcommittee meeting to provide further clarity of the study design.**

ITEM 6d: **Project 200105300**, Re-Introduction of Lower Columbia River Chum Salmon into Duncan Creek, has requested modifying their scope of work to begin the monitoring and evaluation portion of the project. This project was originally funded in the High Priority category for chum salmon salvage operations. Due to the adequate flows into Hamilton and Hardy creeks in 2001, approximately \$20,000 will be available in carry over from this project to fund this request. Due to reduced salvage operations in 2001, the project has an opportunity to begin essential monitoring and evaluation to insure that the spawning channels are operating at optimum levels.

ACTION: **The AFC recommends to MMG that CBFWA support a modification in the scope of work for Project 200105300, Re-Introduction of Lower Columbia River Chum Salmon into Duncan Creek, to incorporate additional monitoring and evaluation tasks for discerning the effectiveness of the spawning channels.**

ITEM 6e: **Project 25036**, Impacts of Flow Regulations on Riparian Cottonwood Forests Along the Yakima River, has requested full funding for their project in FY 2002

(\$225,495), 2003 (\$134,421), and 2004 (\$70,150). This project was funded in the Innovative Category in 2000 for one year. This project was not funded in the Columbia Plateau Province because a final report had not been completed for the innovative work. That report has now been completed and all Innovative criteria have been met.

ACTION: **The AFC recommends to MMG that CBFWA support reconsideration of funding for Project 25036, Impacts of Flow Regulations on Riparian Cottonwood Forests Along the Yakima River, in the Columbia Plateau Province by the NWPPC.**

ITEM 6f: **Project 25029**, Westland Ramos Fish Habitat and Restoration Pilot Project, is requesting \$203,000 for completion of the final design component of the project. This project was a fund-fund project in the Columbia Plateau Province that was not funded because it was a new start. They are requesting a second chance at funding at a lower funding level. The project sponsors have restructured their proposal to fund the project design component. This will serve as a catalyst and mechanism for accessing alternative funding sources to complete the construction, monitoring and evaluation components originally proposed in this project. Funding this request will not inherently obligate additional funding in future years. If additional funding is sought from BPA, the request would be reviewed during the next round of Columbia Plateau Province project review.

ACTION: **The AFC recommends to MMG that CBFWA support reconsideration of funding for Project 25029, Westland Ramos Fish Habitat and Restoration Pilot Project, in the Columbia Plateau Province by the NWPPC due to a restructuring of the proposal to reduce the budget request and better develop the potential for cost share on the project.**

ITEM 7: **Discuss CBFWA FY 2003-2005 Statement of Work**

Due to time constraints, Tom Iverson provided a very brief update on the CBFWA FY 2003 – 2005 statement of work. Staff has been working on the statement of work and budget to submit in the Mainstem and Systemwide Provincial Review. The SOW is scheduled to be sent out to the Members on March 6 for review and discussion at the March 14 MMG meeting and March 20 Members meeting. The SOW is broken into two parts. The first part consists of ongoing tasks related to Program implementation (within year process, capital plan development, Mainstem/Systemwide Province rolling review, regional coordination- meetings, web site, etc.). The second part of the SOW is related to new tasks dealing with monitoring and evaluation (developing consistent definitions for goals and objectives, protocols for data collection, and developing an annual report on the state of the resource).

ITEM 8: Update on Mainstem and Systemwide Province Review and Innovative Project Solicitation

Tom Iverson provided a brief update on the Mainstem and Systemwide Province rolling review and Innovative schedule. The Innovative category has been decoupled from the Mainstem and Systemwide Province. The solicitation for Innovative projects is scheduled for release on February 20, 2002 and proposals due on April 3, 2002. Innovative projects should be limited to 18 months in duration and \$200,000 in budget.

The Mainstem and Systemwide Province is being delayed an additional month in order to allow CBFWA an opportunity to develop a recommendation for BPA to help them guide their solicitation process. The current schedule will solicit proposals from April 24 through May 31, 2002. At the last MMG meeting, the members agreed to move forward and try to develop a “gaps” white paper to help identify needs for the Mainstem and Systemwide Province. Tom Iverson was assigned to develop a concept paper for the next MMG meeting. Once the concept paper is adopted by the MMG, it will be moved back to the committees for their input. The final draft of the white paper will be due to the MMG for their April meeting for approval.

ITEM 9: Update on the NWPPC’s Blue Mountain Project Selection Process

The Blue Mountain Province NWPPC project selection process is underway and being facilitated by Karl Weist, NWPPC Oregon staff. The group has come to agreement on most of the projects, although the process has identified a problem in the NWPPC’s allocation of funds among the provinces. The capital placeholder has been blended into all of the provinces, which does not easily allow one-time large construction projects to be funded in the smaller provinces (like Northeast Oregon Hatchery in this province). The NWPPC group has come to agreement on most of the projects for this province. The difficulty rests in how to fund NEOH.

ITEM 10: Discussion of the Staff Response to the Kempton/Bloch Memo Dated Dec. 3, 2001

Due to time constraints this issue was not addressed. A draft staff response was developed and sent to the members on February 20, 2002 in an email titled “Additions to Draft MMG Action Notes, 2/15/02” from Mary Marvin.

ITEM 11: Discussion of BPA Memo Regarding BPA Funding on Federal Lands

Due to time constraints, this issue was not addressed.

ITEM 12: Next Meeting

The next AFC meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2002 in Portland, Oregon. There may be a conflict with the next CBFWA Members Meeting. The Members Meeting is in Spokane on March 19. After discussion, the AFC agreed that the March 20 meeting would be in Spokane, Washington in coordination with the Members Meeting.

ACTION: ~~The next AFC meeting for March 20, 2002 will occur from 9 am to 2 pm at the WestCoast Grand in Spokane, Wa.~~

Due to cancellation of the Members Meeting in Spokane, the next AFC meeting will occur at CBFWA offices in Portland on March 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.