



DATE: December 2, 2002
TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)
FROM: Gary James, chair 
SUBJECT: DRAFT Action Notes for the November 20, 2002 AFC Meeting

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

**AFC Meeting
November 20, 2002
CBFWA Office
Portland, Oregon**

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: John Palensky (NMFS, vice-chair), David Johnson (WDFW), Ron Boyce (ODFW), and Tom Iverson (CBFWA)

By Phone: Gary James (CTUIR, chair), Pete Hassemer (IDFG), Dave Statler (NPT), and Carter Stein (PSMFC)

Time Allocation:

Objective 1. FY 2003 Renewal Process	--%
Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	70%
Objective 3. FY 2002 Adjustments	20%

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

The AFC reviewed the agenda. One additional agenda item was added: Request from BPA COTR to review Project Number 200101500, *Echo Meadows Project – Winter Artificial Recharge to Rivers* (information regarding this request was sent to AFC on November 20, 2002). The AFC also would like to add to the agenda in December a rotation of chair and vice-chair.

ACTION: The agenda was approved as written with the addition of the request for additional review of the Echo Meadows Project.

ITEM 2: Within-Year Budget Modification Requests:

1) There is currently an objection to forwarding existing within-year modification recommendations to NWPPC. 2) The existence of an unallocated placeholder is in question and the potential available amount is unknown. 3) The current strategy for allocating the end of FY02 placeholder expends all available known dollars. 4) The process for within-year requests for new projects has not been adopted by CBFWA. For these reasons, it was recommended that AFC not review within-year requests at this time.

The AFC concurred with the recommendation to defer further review of within-year budget modification requests until resolution of issues at MMG. There was discussion regarding time sensitive requests that may have to proceed through the process without CBFWA review. Those projects will be dealt with on an exception basis as necessary.

ACTION: No action was taken on this item.

ITEM 3: Project Review Request: Project Number 30010, Canada-US Shelf Salmon Survival Study, and Project Number 30007, An Acoustic Tracking Array for Studying Ocean Survival and Movements of Columbia River Salmon

Project Numbers 30007 (now 35064), *An Acoustic Tracking Array for Studying Ocean Survival and Movements of Columbia River Salmon*, and 30010 (now 35065), *Canada-USA Shelf Salmon Survival Study*, were reviewed by CBFWA in the Estuary Province. The two projects received a "Do Not Fund" recommendation but the CBFWA comments suggested that the project sponsors re-submit their proposal in the Mainstem and Systemwide Province. The project sponsors did not re-submit their proposals, but the ISRP did provide a re-review of the proposals in their final Mainstem and Systemwide review (see <http://www.cbfwa.org/files/province/Reviews/ISRP/SystemwideISRP2002-14Final.pdf>). They are now available on the Mainstem/Systemwide Project Proposal index, and in proposal finder under their new numbers (35064 and 35065), as well as being available in the Estuary Province under their previous project numbers.

The AFC agreed that a review of the projects would be appropriate. The time line for a NWPPC decision on funding these projects allows sufficient time to generate a review and CBFWA recommendation.

ACTION: The AFC agreed to provide an ad-hoc review of these two projects. A workgroup was identified that includes David Johnson, John Palensky, Howard Schaller, and Ron Boyce. Tom Iverson will coordinate a review of these projects to be presented to AFC at their December meeting.

ITEM 4: Discussion to establish CBFWA requirements for the metadata desired by the ISRP for the PTAGIS project funding

The ISRP recommendation for Project Number 19900800, *Columbia Basin PIT Tag Information System*, placed funding constraints on the project that are out of the project sponsors control (see <http://www.cbfwa.org/files/province/Reviews/ISRP/SystemwideISRP2002-14Final.pdf> page 64). The ISRP commented that “the project should not be funded until the sponsor and the Columbia Basin PIT Tag Steering Committee develop and implement required procedures for storage and retrieval of full metadata on PIT tagged fish before records are stored on PTAGIS.” Carter Stein requested that AFC discuss possible methods for resolving the concern expressed by the ISRP.

To incorporate changes as requested by the ISRP would be extremely expensive. Meta-data is currently available, one step removed from the PTAGIS database, through the tag coordinator identified in the PTAGIS database. The additional information is not a PTAGIS responsibility. For the PTAGIS project to incorporate a change on this scale would require an action by the PTAGIS oversight committee. The APRE process could work on this issue and possibly provide the funding to facilitate accumulation of the additional information. It is not clear what management need would be addressed with this action.

To facilitate funding for the PTAGIS project, the AFC needs to provide a response to the ISRP for the NWPPC staff.

ACTION: The AFC directed Pete Hassemmer and Tom Iverson to provide a draft response for discussion at the next AFC meeting in December.

ITEM 5: FY 2003 Start of Year Budget and Capital Plan Process

Tom Iverson provided a brief overview of the current start of year process underway. BPA is currently switching the Fish and Wildlife Program from an obligations based accounting process to an accruals based accounting process. In early December, an accruals based start of year budget should be released for public review. At that time, opportunity will be provided to respond to BPA proposed start of year budget.

In concert with a start of year budget, a capital spending plan is also being developed. The initial Capital Plan will be released with the start of year budget in early December.

ACTION: No Action was taken on this item.

ITEM 6: Request from BPA COTR to Review Project Number 200101500, *Echo Meadows Project – Winter Artificial Recharge to Rivers*

The Bonneville Power Administration contracting officer’s technical representative (COTR) for Project Number 200101500, *Echo Meadows Project – Winter Artificial Recharge to Rivers*, Peter Lofy, is requesting additional review of the project sponsor’s response to the ISRP. Tom I.

provided a history of the project

The AFC discussed the appropriateness to review this project with no formal request, and in light of the current status of the within-year request process. CBFWA has reviewed this project through the established process and provided a funding recommendation. The AFC decided to decline to formally respond to the COTR from CBFWA; however, the group did guide Tom Iverson to respond to the COTR with a list of potential independent reviewers for this project.

ACTION: No action was taken on this item.

ITEM 7: Next Meeting

The next AFC meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2002 from 1 pm to 4 pm in Portland, Oregon. The initial agenda items will include: 1) Discuss project reviews for Project Numbers 30007 and 30010, 2) Review and discuss letter to NWPPC regarding PTAGIS project funding, 3) FY 2003 Start of Year Budget Discussion, and 4) Nominations for AFC chair and vice-chair.

Please send additional agenda item suggestions to Tom Iverson prior to December 11, 2002.