



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

**The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and government agencies:**

- Burns Paiute Tribe
- Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
- Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Nez Perce Tribe
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall
- Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Coordinating Agencies**

- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- Upper Columbia United Tribes

**DATE:** January 10, 2007  
**TO:** Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Doug Taki, Chair  
**SUBJECT:** January 10, 2007 AFAC Teleconference Action Notes

AFAC Teleconference  
 January 10, 2007  
 Portland, Oregon, CBFWA Office

**Action Notes - Final**

**Attendees:** Dave Ward (CBFWA)  
**By Phone:** Doug Taki (SBT), Keith Kutchins (CTCR), Gary James (CTUIR), Tom Rien (ODFW), Nate Pamplin (WDFW), Phil Roger (CRITFC)

**Time Allocation:**

Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Objective 2. Technical Review	%
Objective 3. Presentation	%

**ITEM 1: Program Amendments**

**Discussion:** Dave Ward notified the Committee that the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) will likely open the Fish and Wildlife Program (Program) to amendments near the end of 2007. The amendment process will take about a year to complete. The Council's intent is to add provincial, biological objectives to the Program. The Committee received directions from the Members Advisory Group (MAG) to review and report on an outline prepared by CBFWA staff that suggests potential Committee actions regarding the amendment process.

- ACTION:**
- Dave Ward will distribute a revised draft list of Columbia River Basin anadromous salmonid populations. Prior to January 24<sup>th</sup>, Committee members will review the list and provide comments regarding populations in their geographic areas of expertise/management responsibility.
  - Dave will also distribute background material from the Council regarding the specifics of the proposed amendment process.
  - Keith Kutchins will contact Steve Smith to obtain an update on the potential role of the Hatchery Reform Project in the amendment process. The Hatchery Reform Project may include a "roll up" option worth discussing.

- Committee members will contemplate appropriate metrics and geographic scales for biological objectives, so that discussion at the January 24<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting is fruitful.

**ITEM 2: StreamNet Priorities**

**Discussion:** Dave began the discussion by informing the Committee that the MAG had assigned work to two separate groups. (1) A new *ad hoc* subcommittee was formed to determine short term (FY 2007) priorities for StreamNet; (2) the technical committees were assigned to identify long term data management needs.

The *ad hoc* subcommittee met January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007, and determined that for the most part, StreamNet should not change course during FY 2007. Changes for 2008 and beyond will be informed by recommendations from the technical committees. StreamNet will prepare for future changes in priorities, and will look for guidance from the *ad hoc* subcommittee (CBFWA Data Management Framework Subcommittee), which will in turn look for recommendations from the CBFWA technical committees.

- ACTION:**
- As per Item 1 above, Committee members will review the draft list of anadromous salmonid populations and provide comments regarding populations in their geographic areas of expertise/management responsibility.
  - Committee members will contemplate key data needs for these populations, as well as potential pilot areas for which StreamNet could begin housing these data. Committee members should also determine where this work is already taking place.
  - Dave will distribute three additional draft files that concern data capture and sharing issues. Committee members will review these files for discussion on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEM 3: In-Lieu Analysis**

**Discussion:** Dave briefly summarized the requirement of the Power Act that Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) funding not be in-lieu of funding from other responsible entities, and reminded the Committee of the BPA preliminary in-lieu analysis for all ongoing and proposed projects. BPA is planning to produce a final analysis in January. The MAG directed the technical committees to review the final BPA analysis and report back to the MAG. Eventual work by the Committee will include a draft response to BPA indicating where and why in-lieu scores are incorrect, and potential remedies to address in-lieu issues where needed.

Discussion ensued about the apparent lack of transparency in the BPA analyses. Keith asked if it was possible for CBFWA members

to be proactive in helping BPA develop criteria for its in-lieu scores. Dave responded that the MAG directed the Committee to react to BPA's analysis, rather than be proactive, but that he would discuss this with Brian Lipscomb.

- ACTION:**
- Dave will explore potential avenues for the Committee to be more proactive in helping BPA develop in-lieu criteria.
  - Dave will ensure that CBFWA members are aware of the final BPA analysis when it is available.
  - If the analysis is available prior to January 24<sup>th</sup>, Committee members will review it to the extent possible for discussion on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEM 4: 2007 Work Plan**

**Discussion:** Dave briefly discussed the importance of developing an annual work plan for the Committee, to (1) provide guidance, (2) keep the Committee on track, and (3) help Committee members plan their work load for the year. Committee members generally agreed, and a draft work plan will be developed on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

- ACTION:**
- Dave will develop and distribute a work plan outline prior to January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ITEM 5: Next Meeting**

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at CBFWA in Portland. In person attendance is requested. Lunch will be provided.