



# 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.

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  - Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
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  - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
  - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Coordinating Agencies**
- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
  - Upper Columbia United Tribes

**DATE:** August 24, 2007

**TO:** Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Doug Taki, AFAC Chair, and Dave Ward, CBFWA Staff

**SUBJECT:** August 22-23, 2007 AFAC Action Notes - Final

**AFAC Meeting**  
August 22, 2007  
CTUIR Office, Pendleton, Oregon

## Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** Doug Taki (SBT), Paul Kline (IDFG), Tom Rien (ODFW), Teresa Scott (WDFW), Gary James (CTUIR), Gary Sims (NOAA Fisheries), Dave Statler (NPT), Dave Ward (CBFWA), Tom Iverson (CBFWA), Brian Lipscomb (CBFWA), Greg Blair (Mobrand Jones & Stokes)

**By Phone:** No phone line available.

### **Time**

<b>Allocation:</b>	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
	Objective 2. Fish & Wildlife Regional Issues	%
	Objective 3. Annual Report	%
	Objective 4. RM&E	%
	Objective 5. Other Business	%

### **ITEM 1: Approve Action Notes From July 13, 2007**

**ACTION:** • Action notes were reviewed and approved.

### **ITEM 2: Election of New AFAC Vice-Chair**

**ACTION:** • Paul Kline was elected Vice-Chair, effective October 1, 2007. Brad Houslet becomes Chair at that time.

### **ITEM 3: Lamprey TWG Update**

**Discussion:** Dave Ward provided a summary of the Lamprey TWG meeting and workshop of August 7. During the morning meeting, the TWG discussed Program amendments, upcoming lamprey events, a USFWS proposal for a lamprey conservation initiative, the assignment from the MAG to develop lamprey passage objectives and related performance standards and measures, and the future direction of the group. A subgroup will meet in September to provide a preliminary product addressing the MAG assignment. This product will summarize the effort and time needed to complete the

assignment.

Dave Statler provided a summary of the discussion regarding future direction of the TWG. Some members of the TWG are concerned that the TWG may be losing its technical focus. Dave Ward ensured the TWG members that by definition, the TWG is technical in nature. The AFAC agreed, but wants it made clear that as a CBFWA subcommittee, the Lamprey TWG will at times receive assignments that may include providing management or policy recommendations based on technical expertise.

**ACTION:**

- Dave Ward will inform the Lamprey TWG of the AFAC discussion.

**ITEM 4: Progress on AFAC Database**

**Discussion:** Item 4 was tabled to allow full discussion of Item 6.

**ITEM 5: Draft Amendment Template**

**Discussion:** Item 5 was tabled to allow full discussion of Item 6.

**ITEM 6: Use of the All-H Analyzer for Program Amendments**

**Discussion:** Direction from the MAG at the July 24-25 amendment strategy workshop included beginning the process to define BPA's obligation. Discussion centered on defining the BPA obligation relative to the magnitude of BPA and non-BPA threats/limiting factors. The AHA may be a tool to use in this analysis. The AHA tool can also be used to compare responses among strategies to recover/restore populations.

Paul Kline started the overview of AHA by repeating a presentation on the Hatchery Science Review Group recently given to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council. Greg Blair from Mobrاند-Jones & Stokes then led the AFAC through a presentation of the AHA tool, including the population "roll up" tool. Chinook populations in the lower Columbia River were used in the example. Various AFAC members asked questions throughout the presentation.

The AFAC discussed the potential merits of using AHA for two distinct tasks: (1) comparing responses among strategies, and (2) evaluating BPA responsibilities. For (1) the AFAC agreed that the tool may be appropriate to compare general responses among "H's", not within an "H". The AFAC agreed that further exploration of the use of AHA for (2) is warranted. One point not yet resolved was what "within subbasin" conditions to use when comparing population status with and without mainstem dams. Another point necessary to resolve would be survival rates without mainstem dams.

**ACTION:**

- The AFAC directed Dave Ward and Tom Iverson to draft a

short summary of the potential uses of AHA as discussed for review by the MAG. The summary will include time and cost requirements to use AHA for helping prepare Program amendments. The AFAC is looking for approval by the MAG for CBFWA to pursue the use of AHA.

### **AFAC Site Visits**

August 23, 2007

Gary James led the AFAC on a morning tour of various CTUIR projects and sites in the Umatilla and Walla Walla subbasins. Highlights included:

- (1) Tribal native plant nursery
- (2) Little Walla Walla River diversion in Milton-Freewater
- (3) CTUIR Chinook salmon holding and spawning facility on the South Fork of the Walla Walla River
- (4) Spawning Chinook salmon in the upper South Fork of the Walla Walla River

Gary also pointed out various habitat restoration projects along the route, and Brian Mahoney of the CTUIR staff summarized Chinook counts and results from Chinook redd surveys to date in the Walla Walla subbasin.