



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: June 12, 2008
TO: Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee
FROM: Brad Houslet, AFAC Chair, and Dave Ward, CBFWA Staff
SUBJECT: June 5, 2008 AFAC Meeting Final Action Notes

AFAC Meeting
June 5, 2008
9:00 AM to Noon (PDT)

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Dave Statler (NPT), Phil Roger (CRITFC), Dave Ward (CBFWA), Tom Iverson (CBFWA)

By Phone: Brad Houslet (CTWSR), Tom Rien (ODFW), Gary James, (CTUIR), Lynn Hatcher (NOAA)

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

ITEM 1: Approve Action Notes From December 10, 2007 AFAC Meeting

Discussion: 12/10/2007 AFAC Meeting action notes were approved as final.

ITEM 2: Assignment from MAG linking Subbasin Objectives to Basinwide Goals

Discussion: On their May 7 teleconference, the Members directed the AFAC to “develop linkages between the population (subbasin) level objectives and the programmatic level objectives contained within the Program. The AFAC would report to MAG on May 20th and then on to the Members for consideration on June 4th to comment to the NPCC.”

The AFAC has determined that in this case, the term “linkage” may not be appropriate. Instead of “develop linkages”; the AFAC prefers language such as “determine relationships”.

The AFAC reviewed the draft spreadsheet developed by Dave Ward and AFAC members that serves as a “first cut” for estimating the relationships between subbasin objectives and basinwide goals (e.g., 5 million returning adult salmonids). The AFAC was encouraged by progress made to date; although everyone recognized that existing information needs to be verified, and missing information needs to be included.

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 Fish, Wildlife & 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

Actions:

The AFAC agreed on two actions involving continued work on developing the relationships:

1. Recommend to the Members that in the CBFWA comment letter to the Council regarding amendment submissions (due to Council June 12) language be included to the effect that “We have also initiated a comprehensive effort to complete Table 2.1 of our April 4 recommendations. The intent of Table 2.1 is to provide an association between the individual subbasin anadromous fish objectives (natural spawners, hatchery broodstock, harvest, etc.) and the basinwide anadromous fish goals (e.g., halt declining trends in populations, restore widest possible set of healthy populations, increase runs to 5 million fish passing Bonneville Dam, support harvest, etc.). In our efforts to document these associations, we have discovered several important issues that deserve additional dialogue and investigation. The anadromous fish managers will continue their work to express the subbasin and population scale objectives in a manner that supports a long term monitoring and reporting program. We invite the Council to participate in this discussion and will be providing additional information during the public comment period following the release of the draft Program amendment”.
2. Continue to work on developing the relationships between subbasin objectives and basinwide goals. AFAC members committed to working with Dave Ward on reviewing and revising information in the draft spreadsheet and providing a product to MAG in September. This will require detailed review and input by AFAC members and other agency personnel familiar with objectives and guidelines for adult fish returns, harvest, broodstock needs, etc. The AFAC will begin this process at the next meeting by conducting a “brainstorming” session on the best way to proceed.

ITEM 3: Next Steps in the Amendment Process

Discussion: The item was covered under Item 2.

ITEM 4: Lamprey Updates

Gary James and Dave Statler provided updates from the Lamprey Summit II, held May 15 in Portland. Subsequent discussion addressed the lamprey restoration plan presented by the CRITFC Member Tribes at the summit. The plan is very consistent with the Pacific lamprey portion of the proposed amendments submitted by the Fish and Wildlife Managers through CBFWA. The plan will soon be posted on the CRITFC website and comments will be accepted.

The AFAC directed Dave Ward to attend meetings of a newly formed Lamprey Steering Committee organized by the USFWS. The first meeting is scheduled for June 12.

ITEM 5: Next AFAC Teleconference

The next AFAC teleconference is scheduled for June 18, 2008, at 9:00 AM PDT.