



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: November 5, 2008  
TO: Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee  
FROM: Lynn Hatcher, Chair, and Dave Ward, CBFWA Staff  
SUBJECT: November 4, 2008 AFAC Meeting Draft Action Notes

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 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 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
  - Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

AFAC Meeting  
November 4, 2008  
9:00 AM

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Portland, Oregon, CBFWA Office

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### Draft Action Notes

**Attendees:** Dave Ward (CBFWA), Ken MacDonald (CBFWA)  
**By Phone:** Lynn Hatcher (NOAA), Teresa Scott (WDFW), Alan Byrne (IDFG), Tom Rien, (ODFW), Doug Taki (SBT), Dave Statler (NPT), Ron Rhew (USFWS), Bruce Crawford (NOAA)

<b>Time Allocation:</b>	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
	Objective 2. Technical Review	0%
	Objective 3. Presentation	0%

**ITEM 1: Approve Action Notes from October 10, 2008 AFAC meeting.**

**Discussion:** The AFAC approved the Action Notes as final.

**ITEM 2 (Item 4 on Agenda): AFAC Review of NOAA Fisheries' Data Dictionary and Monitoring Guidelines**

**Discussion:** On October 21, 2008, the MAG assigned the AFAC to work with non-AFAC members to review the draft Data Dictionary and Monitoring Guidance documents and report their findings back to the MAG in November.

Bruce Crawford led the AFAC through a presentation on the Data Dictionary and Monitoring Guidance documents, highlighting the need for region-wide data integration and sharing, and a streamlined regional monitoring strategy.

Teresa Scott noted that agencies should ensure they are being consistent when discussing or commenting on monitoring in various forums. Dave Statler asked about the relationship between the Monitoring Guidance and CSMEP. Bruce offered that CSMEP developed some excellent products

for some areas, and has been drawn upon, but that the NOAA products will help guide consistency and prioritization throughout the region. In response to a question from Teresa, Bruce noted that NOAA will be flexible, and will not mandate any method or protocol. Bruce also pointed out that the products have been developed for listed anadromous salmonids only, but they should be applicable for non-listed salmonids as well.

Bruce requested that comments on the products be submitted by November 30. He asked that effort reviewing the Monitoring Guidance document concentrate on VSP parameters.

After Bruce finished his presentation, AFAC members discussed the NOAA products and potential reviews thereof. Common points made included (1) CSMEP products should not be disregarded; they are very consistent with the NOAA direction; (2) monitoring expenditures should not be limited to listed salmonids.

The AFAC agreed that general progress reports on reviews could be provided by some members by early morning on November 13 (next MAG meeting). More detailed comments will not be feasible until sometime after November 13. The point of the review is not to provide official CBFWA comments to NOAA, but rather to work with NOAA to improve the products as much as possible.

**ACTION:**

- As many AFAC members as possible will provide a general progress report on reviews to Dave Ward by November 13. Dave will provide an update to MAG on November 13.
- An AFAC call will be scheduled for November 25, primarily to discuss the potential for more detailed comments. A report will be provided to the Members at their December 3 meeting.

**ITEM 3  
(Item 2 on  
Agenda):**

**Assignment from Members Regarding Analysis of Relationships  
Between Subbasin Objectives and Basin-wide Goals**

**Discussion:**

Dave Ward provided a brief summary of the status of this assignment, of which a draft product is complete. Dave has begun discussions with AFAC members to implement a final review of the objectives and their origins with the fish and wildlife managers. This review should be complete within weeks. Once approved within CBFWA, Dave will work with others (primarily recovery boards) to ensure they understand and support the information.

**ACTION:**

- Dave Ward will work with each AFAC member to ensure they complete a final review of the objectives by December 3.
- Upon approval by CBFWA Members, Dave will present the information to key groups outside CBFWA (e.g., recovery boards).

**ITEM 4 Update on Assignments to Lamprey Technical Workgroup**  
**(Item 3 on Agenda)::**

**Discussion:** Dave Ward gave a brief overview of three assignments to the Lamprey Technical Workgroup (LTWG):

(1) Comments on translocation sections of the lamprey restoration plan – The LTWG provided informal comments at the AFAC meeting of October 10. In general, the LTWG advised extreme caution before proceeding with translocation efforts. The LTWG comments will remain internal because at least two members of the AFAC (and LTWG) do not agree with all comments provided.

(2) Request by the Fish Screening Oversight Committee (FSOC) to have the LTWG develop responses to questions about lamprey at irrigation screens and diversions – The FSOC prepared a number of questions for the LTWG regarding lamprey at irrigation facilities. The FSOC has requested that the LTWG prepare a summary of what is known and unknown regarding the questions.

(3) Request to review proposals submitted for USACE funding – The LTWG has been requested to provide technical review of six proposals submitted through the USACE's Anadromous Fish Evaluation Program.

- ACTION:**
- The AFAC approved forwarding the questions from the FSOC to the LTWG.
  - The AFAC approved technical review of the USACE proposals by the LTWG. It was noted that the LTWG should not correspond directly with the USACE; rather, the reviews should be provided back to the AFAC for vetting through the CBFWA process. It was also noted that even if this results in the final product being delayed until after the USACE deadline, the reviews will provide important information to AFAC Members, and to future funding processes.

**ITEM 5: Next AFAC Teleconference**

**Discussion:** The next teleconference is scheduled for November 25, 2008 at 10:00 AM Pacific Time. Agenda items will include the reviews of NOAA's Data Dictionary and Monitoring Guidance documents, as well as the LTWG reviews of proposals submitted to the USACE.