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DATE: January 11, 2011
TO: Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee (AFAC)
FROM: Tom Rien, Chair, and Dave Ward CBFWA staff
SUBJECT: January 5, 2011 AFAC Teleconference Draft Action Notes

AFAC Teleconference

January 5, 2011

9:00 AM

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Portland, Oregon, CBFWA Office

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Dave Ward (CBFWA), Tom Iverson, CBFWA, Patty O'Toole, NPCC, Laura Robinson, NPCC

By Phone: Doug Taki (SBT), Dave Statler (NPT), Lynn Hatcher (NOAA), Tom Rien (ODFW), Alan Byrne (IDFG), Chris Brun (CTWSRO), Ron Rhew (USFWS), Phil Roger (CRITFC)

Time	Objectives 1. Committee Participation	100%
Allocation:	Objectives 2. Technical Review	0%
	Objectives 3. Presentation	0%

ITEM 1: Introductions

ITEM 2: Approve Agenda

Discussion: The draft agenda was approved with the addition of one new item pertaining to the Council's High Level Indicator Report to be discussed by Tom Iverson.

ITEM 3: Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Draft Multi-Year Action Plans.

Discussion: Patty O'Toole and Laura Robinson of the Council staff briefed the AFAC on the draft action plans, and what they are looking for in terms of feedback. Patty provided background on the development of the plans (called for in the 2009 Program amendments), and Laura stepped through an example plan from the Council's website.

<http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/lf/>

Patty explained that some technical-level feedback prior to January 31, 2011 would be greatly appreciated.

The AFAC discussed the plans with Patty in some detail.

Questions/comments included:

- What is the relationship between these plans and subbasin plans? (Most subbasin plans lacked an implementation plan – these plans can serve as that)
- Can any new information or recommendations be included? (This is an opportunity to include new ideas and get them “on the table”)
- Can plans address comprehensive needs rather than just easiest opportunities (This might be better as part of a subbasin plan update – in which subbasin plans should become easier to use)
- Implementation schedules for recovery plans are being developed throughout the Basin. These need to be coordinated. (Agree – Council staff is trying to include pertinent implementation schedules)

The discussion wrapped up with a summary of preferred comment types (comments can be entered on-line while viewing the draft plans) and dates. The AFAC was encouraged to have the plans reviewed so at least check that the lists of (1) limiting factors being addressed by projects, (2) projects apparently not addressing important limiting factors, and (3) limiting factors not yet being addressed are accurate.

ITEM 4: Coordinated Assessments Update

Discussion: Tom Iverson provided an update on the Coordinated Assessments Work Plan. The work plan has been developed to help identify and address gaps in data sharing capabilities to support the Anadromous Salmonid Monitoring Strategy. Progress so far has included deciding which VSP parameters to start sharing data for, holding a workshop to get diverse input into this process, and development of a draft data exchange template.

A link to the products associated with this process is:

<http://www.pnamp.org/CoordAssessments>

ITEM 5: High Level Indicator Diagram For Anadromous Salmonids

Discussion: Tom Iverson informed the AFAC that in discussions with Council staff regarding high level indicators, the potential for a Napoleon diagram to show the fates of outmigrating juvenile and upstream migrating adult salmonids in the Columbia Basin. Input from the AFAC was solicited regarding the usefulness and appropriateness of such a representation, and the feasibility of producing one with reasonable accuracy.

The topic generated a lot of discussion. In general the AFAC agreed that the idea was not bad; however, many concerns were raised, including:

- Using just one diagram would not be of use. At minimum, a diagram for each ESU would be required
- Region-wide agreement on mortality estimates would be unlikely, and therefore any product will be controversial
- A benefits analyses component would likely be necessary
- This would be of more value to the SOTR than to the HLI report

The general consensus was that something reasonable could be produced for each ESU, but the effort would be significant and results controversial. This activity would be best left to the specific co-managers for each ESU, with CBFWA and the AFAC serving as a forum for managers to present, review, and discuss draft products.

ITEM 6: Lamprey Technical Work Group Update and Products

Discussion: Dave Ward provided an overview of items being worked on by the LTWG. Most immediately pertinent to the AFAC is a recently completed draft of a review of lamprey translocation efforts titled “Translocating Adult Pacific Lamprey Within the Columbia River Basin: State of the Science”. Dave reported that the draft is ready for AFAC review. Upon receiving appropriate approval within CBFWA, the document may be submitted for publication, and will at the least be a valuable tool for lamprey managers in the Columbia Basin.

Dave Statler noted that a new reference on lamprey genetics and population structure just became available and should be discussed and referenced in the draft. Dave Statler agreed to distribute the reference to AFAC immediately, and Dave Ward would revise the review by Friday, January 7. The draft is posted on the AFAC page of the CBFWA website:

http://www.cbfwa.org/committee_afac.cfm

AFAC members agreed to provide Dave Ward any further comments on the draft by January 31, 2011. Upon approval by the AFAC, the draft will go to the MAG for approval.

ITEM 7: Next Meeting Teleconference

No teleconference has yet been scheduled.