



February 11, 2000

TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)

FROM: Kelly Lillengreen, Chair *Neil Ward*

SUBJECT: RFC DRAFT Action Notes –February 8, 2000, Meeting

Attendees: **In person:** Dave Ward (ODFW), Bert Bowler (IDFG), Ronald Peters (CDA), Mike Faler (USFWS), Kirk Truscott (CCT), Kelly Lillengreen (CDA), Keith Underwood (STI), Stacy Horton (NWPPC-WA)
By phone: Vinny Pero (SPT), Lawrence Schwabe (BPT), Sue Ireland (KTOI), Charlie Holderman, Brian Marotz (MFWP), David Moser (SBT), Tim Peone (STI), Neil Ward and Tom Iverson (CBFWA)

Time Allocation:

CBFWA Members Coordination Contract*

Objective 1. FY 2001 Project Renewal Process	25%
Objective 2. Rolling Province Review	10%
Objective 3. FY 2000 Project Adjustments	0%
Objective 4. Watershed and Subbasin Assessment and Plan	0%
Objective 5. Coordinate Program Amendments	0%

* Not all agenda items support the objectives identified in the coordination contract.

ITEM 1: Review and Approve December Draft Action Notes and Discuss Possible Changes to Agenda

ACTION: The January Draft Action Notes were approved with no changes or additions. A discussion regarding the RFC's potential activities during the next six months was added as Agenda Item 11, with the remaining item being renumbered in sequential order.

ITEM 2: Review of the February Members Management Group (MMG) Meeting

Information: Neil Ward provided an overview of the following actions.

1. The MMG directed the Wildlife and Anadromous Fish Committees to review the criteria the RFC drafted for identifying "innovative" project proposals and to provide feedback in time to contribute to the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) amendment process.

2. The MMG directed the Subbasin Planning Work Group to
 - a. Work with the Northwest Power Planning Council (NWPPC) to define the interim process by February 16, 2000.
 - b. Establish a science team for developing the subbasin template and an analytical approach for subbasin planning.
 - c. Create a budget allocation and work plan for coordination funding by February 16, 2000.
3. The MMG directed the CBFWA staff to draft a letter for members consent mail approval to the Chair recommending Tier 1 approval for the Conservation Enforcement Proposals.

ACTION: Under Item 2b. above, Dave Ward volunteered to participate as the RFC representative on the science team.

ITEM 3: Review and Update RFC Membership Lists

Information: So that disseminated information continues to be received by the appropriate parties, the various CBFWA technical committees are reviewing their mailing lists. The RFC briefly reviewed the lists and no changes were made.

ACTION: For the benefit of those who could not attend the meeting, Neil Ward will e-mail the “Working Members” and “Action and Agendas” lists to all current recipients on Wednesday, February 9, 2000. The recipients are to review the listings and contact Neil at neil@cbfwf.org by 5:00 p.m. on Friday 11, 2000, if they have any changes or would like to be removed from the list.

ITEM 4: Report to MMG

Information: With the new CBFWA structure, technical committees will be expected to deliver a report to the MMG regarding issues and actions from the committee’s most recent meeting.

ACTION: The RFC Chair will make the presentation if they attend the meeting in person. If the chair cannot attend, Neil Ward will brief an RFC representative that is present and that individual will make the presentation. The presentation will be a brief summary of the Action Notes and Proposed Agenda for the next meeting.

ITEM 5: NWPPC Final Decisions for FY2000 Project Selections

Information: The NWPPC made its final FY2000 budget decision regarding new and innovative projects on February 1, 2000, in Portland, OR. The NWPPC identified 11 projects (i.e., 20045, 20057, 20034, 20102, 20106, 9803500, 20064, 20006, 20067, 20076, and 20054) that would be funded using the innovative funds. The 11 projects will be provided with \$200,000 (or the requested amount if less than

\$200,000) upon completion of a proof of concept proposal for FY2000. The proposals will be reviewed by the ISRP before being funded to ensure continuity with the sponsor's original concepts. No additional funding will be provided in the future for these projects until a final report is provided for the first year of work. Following submission of the report, the sponsors will be required to compete for funding through the direct program.

During the last three NWPPC Fish and Wildlife Committee meetings, it has been reiterated that the innovative funding category will continue to exist. However, the committee members and NWPPC staff have stressed the need for criteria to guide the identification and selection of innovative projects.

ACTION: An ad hoc work group consisting of Kelly Lillengreen, Mike Faler, and Kirk Truscott was formed to develop criteria for selecting innovative project proposals. The draft product will be sent to the RFC for review and subsequent submittal to the MMG. The RFC will request that the MMG forward the criteria to the other committees for review and comments with the caveat that the criteria as well as the Identification Criteria be contributed to the CBFWA amendment process.

ITEM 6: Review Proposed Process, Forms, and Instruction for the Proposed Interim Project Renewal process for FY2001

Information: During the January 31, 2000, NWPPC Fish and Wildlife Committee Meeting in Portland, OR, Doug Marker presented a proposal for an interim process to establish FY2001 budgets for ongoing projects. Tom Iverson, who has participated in the development of these products, provided an update on the current status of these products.

On March 1, 2000, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will distribute Interim Renewal forms to project sponsors to set budgets for already approved projects. The proposed budget form asks for cost estimates in two ways: by task and by materials, labor, indirect charges, etc. as well as a summary estimates of out-year project costs by phases. Deadlines for form submittal, review, and NWPPC decisions are May 1, 2000, July 15, 2000, and September 15, 2000, respectively.

ACTION: During the March RFC Meeting, Neil Ward will provide an RFC budget update.

ITEM 7: Subbasin Planning

Information: Neil Ward provided an overview of the current status of subbasin planning. Neil indicated that the draft products the RFC reviewed during the January RFC Meeting have not been altered since the last RFC meeting. Neil indicated the actions, regarding subbasin planning, from the January RFC meeting were not delivered to the SPWG. The RFC was informed that the National Marine Fisheries Service has been meeting with CBFWA staff and that they requested the

formation of a science team to evaluate and further develop descriptive language for the subbasin planning template. In addition, the SPWG will begin to work with the NWPPC staff and members to develop the process and products collaboratively.

ACTIONS: The RFC briefly reviewed the NWPPC's "Province Based Project Selection, Review, and Recommendation Process" and decided to provide comments to Neil Ward by Friday, February 11, 2000.

ACTIONS: Dave Ward will deliver the January RFC Action Notes to the SPWG on Wednesday, February 9, 2000 and also ask the following questions.

1. Will there be a list of performance standards and indicators?
2. What are the measures that will be used for trade-off (risk benefits) for species or areas (e.g., reservoir drafting)?
3. How will subbasin planning and the three-year rolling review process be united?
4. What are the expectations and timelines?
5. How will a simple subbasin scope help the ISRP during their review?
6. What forms will be used?

ITEM 8: Review the Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan (HGMP) revisions and discuss remaining process

Discussion: On January 19, 2000, RFC members reviewed and edited the HGMP. Neil Ward provided an update and led a discussion regarding the submission of the document to the MMG for review and subsequent submission to the Production Review Committee (PRC) for review and use as an alternative to the existing HGMP template. Because some RFC managers have yet to review the document, the RFC decided that further review was required. In addition, there was discussion regarding the status of the Artificial Production Review's Performance Standards and Indicators (PSI). The Independent Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB) is currently reviewing the PSI and is expected to be finished by February 15, 2000. Following the ISAB's review of the PSI, it is expected that the ad hoc work group responsible for developing the PSI will reconvene to address the ISAB's comments. Neil Ward indicated that the RFC will have an opportunity to participate in this process.

ACTION: The following timeline was established for reviewing and submitting the RFC version of the HGMP.

February 18, 2000 – Comments due to Neil Ward by 12:00 p.m.

February 18, 2000 – Neil Ward will capture all comments and email the revised version by 5:00 p.m.

February 22, 2000 - Final comments due to Neil Ward at 5:00 p.m.

February 24, 2000 - Potential conference call to discuss revisions.
 March 1, 2000 - Forward to MMG for review and approval
 for submission to the PRC.

ACTION: A caveat will be attached to the current HGMP-Resident Fish Version stating that material for Sections 1.9, 1.10, 1.10.1, and 1.10.2 was under review by the ISAB during the time at which the RFC incorporated resident fish language into the HGMP. Thus, until the RFC, PRC and ad hoc committee have an opportunity to collaboratively review and address the ISAB's comments, the HGMP-Resident Fish Version should be considered a working draft.

ITEM 9: Discuss the "A Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation Plan (RMEP) for Restoring Fish and Wildlife Resources in the Columbia River Basin" Document

Information: Neil Ward informed the RFC that during the February MMG Meeting, Phil Roger discussed the RMEP and indicated he would appreciate input from the technical committees.

ACTION: Dave Ward, Keith Underwood, and Brian Marotz (appointed by Kelly Lillengreen) will assist in reviewing the RMEP. Neil Ward will coordinate the effort (i.e., setting dates, times, and places for the meetings).

ITEM 10: Technical Review of the NWPPC Staff Draft "Strawman" Proposal on Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program

ACTION: The RFC briefly reviewed the document and decided it would be more appropriate for each participant to review the material individually and submit their comments directly to the NWPPC staff.

ITEM 11: RFC Activities during the Next Six Months

Discussion: Kelly Lillengreen led a discussion regarding the RFC needs and their priorities during the next six months. The RFC confirmed that balancing the RFC FY2001 budget and subbasin planning would be the committee's top priorities.

ITEM 12: Review Action Notes and Set Date, Time, and Place for the Next Meeting

ACTION: The next RFC meeting will be a conference call on Tuesday, March 14, 2000.