



April 24, 2000

TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)

FROM: Brian Marotz, Chair

SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes from April 7, 2000, RFC Meeting in Portland, OR

Please notify Neil Ward at [neil@cbfwf.org](mailto:neil@cbfwf.org) of any conflicts or concerns by Friday, April 29, 2000 or these action notes will be considered approved.

**Attendees:** **In person:** Dave Ward (ODFW), Brian Marotz (MFWP), Joe Maroney (KT), Ronald Peters (CDA), Keith Underwood (STOI), Ron Morinaka (BPA), Michael Newsom (USB), Tom Iverson and Neil Ward (CBFWA).

**By telephone:** Mike Faler (USFWS), Charlie Holderman and Sue Ireland (KTOI), Stacy Horton (NWPPC), Vinny Pero (SPT), Dave Moser (SBT), Nancy Hoefs (NPT).

**Time allocation: CBFWA Members Coordination Contract**

Objective 1. FY 2001 Project Renewal Process	41%
Objective 2. Rolling Province Review	0%
Objective 3. FY 2000 Project Adjustments	0%
Objective 4. Watershed and Subbasin Plan	14%
Objective 5. Coordinate Program Amendments	14%

**ITEM 1: Discuss Possible Changes to Today's Agenda (10 minutes)**

**ACTION:** Three agenda items were added.

1. Develop Procedures to Balance the RFC FY01 Budget (Item 8)
2. Discuss New CBFWA Charter (Item 9)
3. Discuss RM&E Plan (Item 10)

Agenda Item 3 (i.e., Project Highlight) was removed from the agenda. The original agenda items were renumbered to accommodate the modifications.

**ITEM 2: Development of Performance Indicators (40 minutes)**

Although Brian Marotz requested that each Committee member bring a list of the “tools” (e.g., redd counts, electrofishing) they use to monitor populations and habitat, no lists were brought to the meeting. However, Dave Ward indicated that despite not bringing a list of tools, he could provide the group with the information through an oral presentation. Dave’s offer initiated a group discussion which was led by Brian Marotz, that focused on techniques and tools used by the members to assess populations and habitat.

**ACTION:** Email “tool” lists to Neil Ward by Friday April 21, 2000. These lists should be added directly to subbasin plans and assessments. \*\*Due to the distribution date for the notes, the deadline will be extended to May 1, 2000.\*\*

**ITEM 3: Fish and Wildlife Program Amendments (40 minutes)**

Brian Marotz led the group in a discussion regarding the amendment process. Dave Ward reiterated that the NWPPC Strawman lacked resident fish language, specifically biological performance objectives. In addition, Brian Marotz continued his VARQ flood control discussion from the March 2000 RFC Meeting. Brian suggested that the VARQ concept be included as an amendment.

**ACTION:** Brian Marotz will draft amendment language for the following topics:

1. VARQ flood control
2. Concept of how to delineate management areas

**ITEM 4: VARQ Flood Control (15 minutes)**

Michael Newsom provided an update on VARQ and indicated that it may be included in the Biological Opinion in May.

**ACTION:** No action taken.

**ITEM 5: Non-native Species Removal (30 minutes)**

Brian Marotz led the committee in a discussion regarding the different approaches for controlling and eradicating non-native species. The majority of the discussion focused on the use of chemicals for the eradication of brook trout in a small section of stream managed by the Kalispel Tribe and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife that would be used as a pilot project.

**ACTION:** Joe Maroney will provide an update, in future months, regarding the use of sodium cyanide and/or antimycin for eradication purposes.

**ITEM 6: Update on VID Conferencing (10 minutes)**

Brian Marotz led a brief discussion regarding the potential use of video conferencing for RFC meetings. Eric Schrepel was not available to elaborate on the intricacies of the system and the discussion was terminated.

**ACTION:** Brian Marotz would meet with Eric immediately after the meeting to discuss video conferencing. However, Eric was not available, so we will invite Eric to present his findings at a future meeting.

**ITEM 7: Recap of the April 6 Members Management Group (MMG) Meeting**

The Committee briefly reviewed the April 6, 2000, MMG activities.

**ACTION:** No action was taken.

**ITEM 8: Procedures to Balance RFC Budget – Phase I (2 hours)**

Brian Marotz led the group in a discussion regarding the development of procedures for balancing the FY2001 RFC budget.

**ACTION:** Projects will be placed into one of four categories:

1. No change to budget
2. Increase in budget
3. Decrease in budget
4. New

**ACTION:** At the May RFC Meeting, non-budgetary discussion would be limited to evaluating the scope of work of projects based on:

1. Consistency with FY2000 proposal
2. Logical progression from FY2000 that falls in original intent
3. Modified to respond to CBFWA and ISRP comments

**ACTION:** A project is considered an “ongoing project” if reviewed by CBFWA and ISRP and identified by NWPPC to receive funding. Jim Uehara called after the meeting and indicated that he would like to discuss this definition relative to a Washington bull trout project.

**ACTION:** Brian Marotz will present, to the MMG, the RFC’s approach to balancing the budget.

**ACTION:** If a balanced budget cannot be initially attained, the RFC will ask each sponsor if they could reduce their proposed budget. If no sponsors can reduce their budget, then there will be an “across the board” reduction of no more than 1%.

**ITEM 9: Review of the New CBFWA Charter** *(5 minutes)*

Ron Peters indicated that he volunteered, during the MMG Meeting, to review the new CBFWA Charter. Ron indicated that the resident fish managers should review the document.

**ACTION:** Neil Ward will provide copies of the charter to the RFC.

**ACTION:** RFC members should review the charter and provide comments to Neil Ward or Ron Peters.

**ITEM 10: RM&E Plan** *(10 minutes)*

The Committee briefly discussed the content and utility of the RM&E Plan. Those that had reviewed the early versions of the document indicated that the Plan needed significant improvements before it could be categorized as a useful tool.

**ACTION:** Neil Ward will contact Phil Roger to find out what his completion deadline is for the document as well as request a copy of the most recent version. Neil will forward the most recent version of the Plan to the RFC for review.

**ITEM 11: Set Date, Time, and Location for the Next Meeting** *(10 minutes)*

**ACTION:** The next RFC Meeting will be Thursday and Friday, May 18-19, 2000, in Boise, ID. The meeting times are for Thursday, 9 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and for Friday, 8 a.m.–12.00 p.m., respectively.