



June 6, 2000

TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)

FROM: Brian Marotz, Chair 

SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes from May 18-19 2000, RFC Meeting in Boise, ID  
**If there are no objections within five days, these actions will be considered approved.**

**Participants:**

**In person:** Sue Ireland and Charlie Holderman (KTOI), Vinny Pero and Guy Dodson (SPT), David Moser (SBT), Dan Gonzalez, Mark Tiley, and Lawrence Schwabe (BPT), Keith Underwood (STOI), Joe Maroney (KT), Bill Towey (J-U-B Engineers), Brian Marotz (MFWP), Jim Uehara (WDFW), Ron Peters (CDAT), Bert Bowler (IDFG), Dave Statler (NPT), Ron Peters (CDAT), Dave Ward (ODFW), Rayola Jacobsen (NWPPC)\*, and Trina Gerlack, & Neil Ward (CBFWA)  
 \* present on Friday, May 19, 2000

**By telephone:** Mike Faler (USFWS), Kirk Truscott (CCT) and Brian Allee, & Jann Eckman,(CBFWA)

**Time allocation:**

<b>CBFWA Members Coordination Contract</b>	
Objective 1. FY 2001 Project Renewal Process	99%
Objective 2. Rolling Province Review	0%
Objective 3. FY 2000 Project Adjustments	0%
Objective 4. Watershed and Subbasin Plan	0%
Objective 5. Coordinate Program Amendments	0%

**ITEM 1: Discuss Possible Changes to the Agenda**

**ACTION:** Project scope and budget review process was added as ITEM 2 and the existing items were renumbered in sequential order.

**ITEM 2: Project Scope and Review Procedures**

**Discussion:** During previous RFC meetings, a process was developed to review a project's scope and budget. However, numerous committee members expressed concern regarding the established procedures. As a result, Brian

Marotz led the committee in an evaluation of the established procedures. Furthermore, the committee discussed whether the FY01 RFC budget should be balanced to the FY00 amount of \$16.5 million plus the additional \$2 million in the RFC placeholder. Due to a lack of full accounting by BPA and appropriate cross-committee meetings, the FY01 RFC budget is unknown.

**ACTION:** The RFC will review, and compare each “on-going” project’s FY01 proposed scope and budget to evaluate consistency with the FY00 proposal and whether the amount of money earmarked is appropriate.

**ACTION:** The RFC will not balance its FY01 budget to the amount of \$16.5 million that was allocated to resident fish projects during FY00. Instead, the RFC will develop a budget that represents the managers monetary needs that have been reviewed and approved through the scope and budget evaluation process.

**ITEM 3: Shoshone-Paiute Tribes’ (SPT) Request for Emergency Funds**

**Discussion:** Guy Dodson and Vinny Pero asked the RFC to approve an emergency funds request of \$61,4000 to replace screens that are of the wrong type and improperly installed at Mountain View and Sheep Creek reservoirs. They suggested the need was an emergency because the Nevada Department of Wildlife was preparing to stock rainbow trout infected with whirling disease into Wildhorse Reservoir, a reservoir which routinely “spills over” into the East Fork Owyhee River. The RFC indicated that the screens would not prevent the spread of whirling disease. However, Bert Bowler asked Guy and Vinny that if whirling disease was not a problem is it desirable for these fish to enter the reservoirs? Vinny indicated that neither these fish nor any of the other non-indigenous fish that may escape from Wildhorse Reservoir are desired in Mountain View or Sheep Creek reservoirs.

Brian Allee indicated that the NWPPC is preparing to act in an emergency manner but is waiting for a recommendation from CBFWA. The RFC identified the need for the SPT to follow emergency protocol established by the RFC that entails answering a list of emergency funding criteria questions.

**ACTION:** The SPT would present their answers (focusing on the use of the screens to prevent the immigration of non-indigenous fish in Mountain View and Sheep Creek reservoirs) to the emergency funding criteria questions on Friday, May 19, 2000.

**ACTION:** Brian Allee would gather additional whirling disease information and attempt to contact Nevada Department of Wildlife prior to the Friday, May 19, 2000, RFC Meeting.

**ACTION:** Brian Allee would call in at 10:00 a.m. Pacific time on Friday, May 19, 2000, to participate in the SPT request for emergency funds discussion.

**ITEM 4: Project Scope and Budget Review**

**Discussion:** Using the procedure developed during recent RFC meetings, the RFC reviewed the proposed scopes and budgets of 44 on-going resident fish project proposals submitted to BPA on May 1, 2000.

**ACTION:** See attached spreadsheet.

Column header descriptions:

Column 4 – represents amount approved by the NWPPC

Column 5 – represents out-year projection identified by the sponsor in the proposal submitted for FY00 funding

Column 6 - represents amount sponsor requested for FY01 on May 1, 2000

Column 7 - represents difference between amount received in FY00 and May 1, 2000, request

Column 9 - represents percent change between amount received in FY00 and May 1, 2000, request

Column 10 - represents difference between out-year projection in FY00 proposal and May 1, 2000, request

Column 11 - represents percent change between out-year projection in FY00 proposal and May 1, 2000, request

Column 12 - represents amount RFC approved for FY01

**DAY TWO – Friday, May 19, 2000**

**ITEM 1: Discuss Agenda**

**ACTION:** Item 4, Emergency Action Criteria Submitted as Amendments, was added to the agenda.

**ITEM 2: Project Scope and Budget Review**

**Discussion:** Continuation of ITEM 4 from Thursday, May 18, 2000

**ACTION:** See attached spreadsheet.

**ITEM 3: Shoshone-Paiute Tribes' (SPT) Request for Emergency Funds**

**Discussion:** Brian Allee reported that he talked to Paul Reno and Keith Johnson regarding whirling disease and the potential for the spread of the disease

throughout the East Fork Owyhee River. They suggested there is no risk of the spread of the disease due to recent tests which indicated the hatchery fish are negative for whirling disease and the lack of natural reproduction in Wildhorse Reservoir. However, Brian did indicate that no fish have been collected from the East Fork Owyhee River and in turn suggested CBFWA staff would work with the SPT to identify potential funding for such work. Mike Faler and Sue Ireland suggested that that USFWS personnel from the Service's Dworshak facility could analyze the fish as long as someone collected the specimens. Despite the productive whirling disease discussion, Brian Marotz reiterated that the request for emergency funds for screens was no longer to prevent the spread of whirling disease but instead was to prevent encroachment of non-indigenous fish species into Mountain View and Sheep Creek reservoirs.

Upon review of the SPT answers to the RFC emergency criteria questions, members indicated that before they could approve they request whirling disease language must be removed from the document and that the content be strengthened. Vinny Pero indicate he understood this request and would make the requested modifications.

**ACTION:** Vinny Pero will provide an improved emergency funding proposal to Neil Ward on Monday, May 22, 2000. Neil will distribute the proposal to the RFC for review and approval by 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 22, 2000. The RFC comments are due to Neil at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2000. The reviewed proposal will be sent to the MMG on Friday, May 26, 2000, for consent review by Wednesday, May 31, 2000. However, if there are any objections, there will be an emergency conference to rectify the situation.

**ITEM 4: Emergency Criteria Submitted as Amendments**

**Discussion:** Due to a lack of time, the RFC was unable to discuss this topic in great detail.

**ACTION:** Neil Ward will provide, to the RFC, a list of the criteria submitted as amendments.