



October 13, 2000

TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)

FROM: Brian Marotz, Chair

SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes from the September 28, 2000, RFC Meeting

Attendees:

In person: Dave Ward (ODFW), Ron Morinaka (BPA), Tom Iverson (CBFWA), and Neil Ward (CBFWA)

Phone: Keith Underwood (STOI), Kirk Truscott (CCT), Dan Gonzales (BPT), Bert Bowler (IDFG), Jim Uehara (WDFW), Sue Ireland (KTOI), Brian Marotz (MFWP), Ronald Peters (CDA), Keith Underwood (STOI)

Time allocation:	CBFWA Members Coordination Contract	
	Objective 1. FY 2001 Project Renewal Process	33%
	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review	22%
	Objective 3. FY 2000 Project Adjustments	33%
	Objective 4. Watershed and Subbasin Plan	0%
	Objective 5. Coordinate Program Amendments	0%

ITEM 1: Discuss possible changes to today's agenda (5 minutes)

No changes were made to the agenda.

ITEM 2: Update on the Northwest Power Planning Council (NWPPC) Decision on the FY2001 Fish and Wildlife Project Budgets (45 minutes)

Disc: During the September 20, 2000, NWPPC Meeting in Spokane, WA, the NWPPC adopted their staff's budget recommendations for FY 2001. The NWPPC CBFWA's project budgets and reduced the estimated FY 2001 needs in an arbitrary manner.

Within the NWPPC memorandum from John Ogan and Doug Marker titled "Decision Document for Council Fiscal Year 2001 Recommendations to Bonneville," (BPA) the language directs BPA to perform "fine-screen" reviews of the budget requests.

Tom Iverson and Neil Ward provided an overview of the steps that the managers could take in an attempt to receive the additional funding that they indicated they would need in FY 2001. Tom and Neil suggested that the managers and their COTR at BPA review Table 2 and the criteria (i.e., the seven criteria listed in the Ogan and Marker memorandum) that the NWPPC used to negate the budget request and identify differences that may exist. With the support of the COTR, the managers should submit a letter to the NWPPC, CBFWA, and BPA identifying the discrepancies that they and their COTR identified and the fact that the COTR supports funding at the level requested by the managers.

The managers briefly discussed what they could do as a Committee to rectify the funding decision. Due to time limitations the following action was taken.

Action: Defer discussion and send recommendations and concerns to Neil Ward at neil@cbfwf.org. Neil will compile the recommendations/concerns and provide updated drafts to the Committee as new recommendations/concerns are received. The final document will be forwarded to the MMG on Tuesday, October 3, 2000, with the request that that the RFC recommendations/concerns be incorporated in a letter from CBFWA Chairman Lionel Boyer to NWPPC Chairman Larry Cassidy.

ITEM 3: Update on Rolling Provincial Review (30 minutes)

Disc: Tom Iverson and Neil Ward provided an update on the progress of the Provincial Reviews and led the Committee in a discussion regarding the concerns that Kirk Truscott raised relative to the Subbasin Project Review. Kirk expressed his concern that select criterion were not applicable for some projects. Tom indicated that in some cases a Yes or No answer may not be applicable. In such cases, reviewers should indicate NA. In addition, Neil suggested that when appropriate, reviewers should provide a short explanation for their response.

The Committee discussed the importance of ensuring that the RFC is adequately represented in each Project Review Process. Dave Ward indicated that he would be participating in the Columbia Gorge review. Kirk Truscott, Ron Peters, Keith Underwood, and Jim Uehara indicated that they would participate in the Inter-Mountain review. The RFC, as a whole, will review the Columbia Gorge and Inter-Mountain Province summaries and subbasin summaries on November 1, 2000, in Spokane, WA. It is at this time that the Committee will have the opportunity to modify to the province summaries based on technical, management, and budget reasons.

Action: No action taken.

ITEM 4: Unallocated Placeholder Fund request (45 minutes)

Disc: Brian Marotz requested a transfer of \$88,755 (one-time funding adjustment that will not affect out-year costs) from the Resident Fish Unallocated Reserve to Project Number

1993101903 titled “*Hungry Horse Mitigation Program.*” Brian indicated that the need for additional funds was the result of an unexpected pay plan adjustment for project personnel and material needs that are a result of recently completed genetic analyses.

Action: The RFC approved the request to be forwarded to the MMG for their review and approval and subsequent submittal to the Members for consent. Pending consent, the request should be submitted to the NWPPC for approval with the caveat that if money is not currently available in the placeholder, this request be granted when funds become available.

ITEM 5: Artificial Production Review (APR) and Performance Standards and Indicators (5 minutes)

Disc: Neil Ward provided an update on the status of the PSIs. Due to a lack of time, the RFC was unable to discuss the document.

Action: Neil recommended that the RFC members either participate in the APR phone conference scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2000, or e-mail their comments to Neil at neil@cbfwf.org by Friday, October 6, 2000.

ITEM 6: Next Meeting (5 minutes)

Action: The next RFC Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 1, 2000, from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Room 222 at Eastern Washington University in Spokane, WA. The RFC participants are encouraged to attend since we will be reviewing the province and subbasin summaries for the Inter-Mountain and Columbia Gorge provinces.