



November 9, 2000

TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)

FROM: Neil Ward

SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the November 1, 2000 RFC Meeting

If there are no objections within five days, these actions will be considered approved.

Attendees: Jim Uehara (WDFW), Ronald Peters (CDAT), Dave Ward (ODFW), Keith Underwood (STOI), Mike Faler (USFWS), Kirk Truscott (CCT), Joe Maroney (KT), Ron Morinaka (BPA)

By Phone: Brian Marotz (MFWP), Dave Statler (NPT), Sue Ireland (KTOI), Lawrence Schwabe (BPT), Theresa Lamb (BPA), and Adele Merchant (COE)

Time Allocation:

CBFWA Members Coordination Contract*

Objective 1. FY 2001 Project Renewal Process	0%
Objective 2. Rolling Province Review	50%
Objective 3. FY 2000 Project Adjustments	0%
Objective 4. Watershed and Subbasin Assessment and Plan	0%
Objective 5. Coordinate Program Amendments	0%

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

ITEM 1: Discuss Possible Changes to Today's Agenda

ACTION: A discussion regarding the Anadromous Fish Committee's (AFC) recent action to form an ad hoc workgroup to develop a proposed process for reviewing mainstem and reimbursable project proposals for the Rolling Provincial Review Process was added as Item 2.

ITEM 2: Overview of the AFC Ad hoc Mainstem Issue Workgroup

Dave Statler informed the Committee that the AFC formed an ad hoc workgroup to develop a proposed process for reviewing mainstem and reimbursable project proposals for the Rolling Provincial Review Process

and that he volunteered to be a participant. The development of this workgroup was the result of a request from Brian Allee to Michele DeHart, Fish Passage Center (FPC) to identify categories in order to separate and review the mainstem and systemwide projects. The division of the Fish and Wildlife Program into geographical provincial categories left the mainstem projects without a category or sequence for review. After trying to separate the projects by management question, the FPC staff determined that the projects were more easily and more logically separated by subject area. The staff decided this task would be better addressed using an ad hoc committee from the CBFWA. Michele posed the question, "Does CBFWA wish to propose a recommendation outlining a review process for the mainstem projects?" This effort would focus on developing a process that provides a management context for the review of mainstem projects and NOT initiate the actual review of projects.

ACTION: Dave Statler, Dave Ward, and Neil Ward volunteered to track/monitor the activities of this "mainstem workgroup" that represents resident fish concerns.

ITEM 3: Review and Approve Subbasin Summaries and Project Recommendations for the Inter-mountain and Columbia Gorge Rolling Province Review

Neil Ward presented a summary of the Rolling Provincial Review process for the Inter-mountain and Columbia Gorge Provinces, and the final recommendations from the Province Budget Work Groups. The Committee reviewed and agreed with the project reviews and recommendations developed by the Inter-mountain and Columbia Gorge subbasin teams. The projects approved for funding were identified based on subbasin needs as per the Provincial Rolling Review process and consist of strategies/actions that will allow managers to address limiting factors and subsequently achieve goals and objectives identified in the subbasin summaries. However, the Committee indicated that all the projects (i.e., urgent, urgent/high priority, recommended action) should be grouped under a general category of "Fund."

ACTION: The Committee recommends to the Member Management Group (MMG) that all projects identified for funding be submitted to the Northwest Power Planning Council (NWPPC) under a general heading of "Fund", instead of listing the projects under separate categories, since all of the projects identified for funding reflect actual needs of the subbasins. If funding from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) does not accommodate the entire needs of the province, the NWPPC should return the list to the subbasin teams for prioritization utilizing the separate categories, and within the context of the budget identified for each province.

ITEM 4: BPA Overview of the Implementation Plan for the BiOp

Theresa Lamb (BPA) and Adele Merchant, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) provided a general overview of the current status of implementation and indicated that they would continue to seek RFC input. The COE and BPA indicated that they would keep Brian Marotz, Joe Maroney, and Neil Ward informed of the current developments.

ACTION: No action taken.

ITEM 5: Rolling Provincial Review Update

Neil Ward provided an update on the Rolling Provincial Review, which included revised schedules for the Mountain Columbia and Columbia Plateau provinces. In addition, Neil stressed the importance of including data in project proposals and presentations for on-going projects.

ACTION: No action taken.

ITEM 6: Artificial Production Review – Performance Standards and Indicators (PSI)

Neil Ward led the committee through a review of the PSI document, which resulted in the incorporation of language suitable for resident fish needs.

ACTION: Neil Ward will forward the RFC's comments to Bruce Suzumoto at the NWPPC.

ITEM 7: Next Meeting

ACTION: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2000, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the CBFWA office in Portland, Oregon. The focus of the meeting is to review within-year budget modifications that will address fixes to the NWPPC's FY 2001 budget decisions.