



May 21, 2003

TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)  
FROM: Neil Ward  
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the May 14-15, 2003, RFC Meeting

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

Resident Fish Committee Meeting  
May 14-15, 2003  
Idaho

**Attendees:** May 14: Dave Ward (ODFW), John Arterburn (CCT), Dave Statler (NPT), Guy Dodson, (SPT), Jake Sellman (SPT), Jim Uehara (WDFW), Hunter Osborne (SBT), Richard LeCaire (CCT), Mattie Allen (SPT), Scott Everett (NPT), Joe Maroney (KT), Jason Connor (KT), Tod Sween (NPT), Eric Stark (IDFG), Tony Lamansky (IDFG), and Neil Ward (CBFWA)

May 15: Dave Ward (ODFW), John Arterburn (CCT), Dave Statler (NPT), Guy Dodson, (SPT), Jake Sellman (SPT), Jim Uehara (WDFW), Richard LeCaire (CCT), Mattie Allen (SPT), Joe Maroney (KT), Jason Connor (KT), Tod Sween (NPT), Eric Stark (IDFG), Tony Lamansky (IDFG), and Neil Ward (CBFWA)

**By Phone:** May 14: Robert Walker (NWPPCC)

May 15: Kevin Meyer (IDFG)

<b>Time</b>	Objective 1. Project Recommendations	0%
<b>Allocation:</b>	Objective 2. Regional Issues	0%
	Objective 3. Annual Report	95%

**ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda**

One new item (i.e., Members travel and employees eligible for reimbursement) was added to the agenda.

**ITEM 2: Biological Risk Assessment Team (BRAT) Update**

Neil Ward indicated the May 13, 2003, BRAT meeting for Project 199700900 was cancelled and rescheduled for 1:00 p.m. on May 28, 2003, at the CBFWA office in Portland, OR. In addition, Neil indicated that any participants that did not receive the support material should contact him at (503)229-0191 or [neil@cbfwa.org](mailto:neil@cbfwa.org).

**ITEM 3: Discuss the Draft RFC Charter**

Dave Ward and Neil Ward led the committee in a review of the Draft RFC Charter. Due to time limitations, a page by page review did not occur. Instead, participants were invited to participate in the “working lunch” scheduled for May 15, 2003 or to *provide comments to Neil no later than June 6, 2003*. The expectations are that the revised Draft Charter will be distributed to the RFC for consent and forwarded to the Members Management Group (MMG) for review during the June 2003 MMG meeting. The document must receive approval from the MMG and Members prior to becoming an Administrative Amendment to the CBFWA Charter.

**ITEM 4: 2004 Western Division AFS - Management of Resident Fish in the Columbia River Session**

The 2004 Western Division AFS is scheduled for February 29th - March 3, 2004 in Salt Lake City. The theme of the meeting is "Native Fish Management: Policies, Politics, and Practicalities." Dave Ward described his plan for arranging a session titled “*Management of Resident Fish in the Columbia River Basin.*” Dave indicated that it his desire that the speakers for the proposed session would include CBFWA Members and staff, and possibly NWPCC, BPA, and ISRP personnel. The focus of the session would be projects associated with the NWPCC’s Fish and Wildlife Program and funded by the BPA. Many RFC participants expressed interest and subsequently suggested the session should be a used to promote the efforts of CBFWA members.

**ITEM 5: Members Travel and Employees Eligible for Reimbursement**

Neil Ward indicated that most Members have a contract with CBFWA for travel, but their entity has to sign an exhibit to the contract that allows CBFWA to reimburse the traveler directly. If Members do not sign this, CBFWA cannot make arrangements for the traveler, thus they have to go through their entity then the organization gets reimbursed by CBFWA. In addition, CBFWA requires approval from the Members designated Travel Representative for employees to be reimbursed directly before we can make any arrangements for the traveler. Neil will be contacting RFC participants regarding their status relative to their entities contract.

**ITEM 6: Project Reviews**

Through the Rolling Provincial Review, the RFC reviewed and recommended projects for funding based on the scientific soundness of the proposal and the benefits that would be realized by implementing the work. The RFC believed that the next logical step was to provide overview during the implementation of these projects. As a result, the RFC initiated a project performance review in which project sponsors presented their accomplishments as they related to the objectives that the RFC approved for funding. The following projects were reviewed:

**Project 199201000:** Habitat Restoration/Enhancement Fort Hall Reservation (SBT)

**Project 199815600:** Implement Fishery Stocking Program Consistent With Native Fish Conservation (SPT)

**Project 199501500:** Lake Billy Shaw Operations and Maintenance and Evaluation (O&M, M&E) (SPT)

**Project 199701100:** Enhance and Protect Habitat and Riparian Areas on the DVIR (SPT)

**Project 200007900:** Assess Resident Fish Stocks Of The Owyhee/Bruneau Basin, D.V.I.R. (SPT)

**Project 199800200:** Snake River Native Salmonid Assessment (IDFG)

**Project 198709900:** Dworshak Dam Impacts Assessment and Fisheries Investigation (IDFG)

**Project 199700900:** Evaluate Potential Means of Rebuilding Sturgeon Populations in the Snake River Between Lower Granite and Hells Canyon Dams (NPT)

**Project 198740700:** Dworshak Integrated Rule Curves/M&E (NPT)

**Project 199501300:** Resident Fish Substitution Program (NPT)

Results from these studies will appear in the RFC's 2003 Annual Report, which will be available in December 2003.

**ITEM 7: Next Meeting Date, Location, and Draft Agenda**

**July 29-31, 2003**

**Whitefish, MT**

**(site visits have been scheduled for July 31)**

**Tuesday, July 29, 2003 (12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)**

**ITEM 1: Discuss the RFC Charter**

12:30-12:45

**ITEM 2: Rules of Order**

12:45-12:55

**ITEM 3: AFS Session**

12:55-1:05

**ITEM 4: Fisheries Article**

1:05-1:15

**ITEM 5: Election of a New Vice Chair**

1:15-1:30

**ITEM 6: Project Presentations/Reviews**

1:30-2:30 **Project 199101901:** *Hungry Horse Fisheries Mitigation Plan*

2:30-3:30 **Project 199101903:** *Hungry Horse Mitigation*

3:30-4:00 **Project 199101904:** *Stocking of Offsite Waters for Hungry Horse Mitigation - Creston National Fish Hatchery*

4:00-5:00 **Project 199500400:** *Mitigation For the Construction and Operation Of Libby Dam – Libby Mitigation Implementation*

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**Wednesday, July 30, 2003 (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)**

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**ITEM 1: Project Presentations/Reviews Continued**

8:00-9:00 **Project 200203900:** *Smith Creek Restoration*

9:00-10:00 **Project 198806400:** *Kootenai River White Sturgeon Studies and Conservation Aquaculture*

10:00-11:00 **Project 198806500:** *Kootenai River Fisheries Recovery Investigations*

11:00-12:00 **Project 199404900:** *Kootenai River Aquatic Improvements Study*

1:00-2:00 **Project 200200200:** *Assess Feasibility of Enhancing White Sturgeon Spawning Substrate Habitat, Kootenai River, Idaho*

2:00-3:00 **Project 200200800:** *Kootenai River Floodplain Reconnection Feasibility*

3:00-4:00 **Project 200000400:** *Monitor and Protect Bull Trout for Koocanusa Reservoir*

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**Thursday, July 31, 2003 (8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)**

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**Site visits (schedule will be available at a later date)**