



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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## Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: September 28, 2007  
TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)  
FROM: Jim Uehara (Chair)  
SUBJECT: DRAFT Agenda for the October 11, 2007, RFAC Meeting

**Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC) Meeting  
Thursday, October 11, 2007  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (PST)  
@ CBFWA Office, Portland, OR**

**Teleconference Line: (503) 229-0449 ID: 594947**

**ITEM 1: Review Agenda**

**10:00-10:10**

**ITEM 2: Approve July 31, 2007, RFAC Meeting Action Notes**

**10:10-10:15**

**ITEM 3: Election of a New Vice Chair**

**10:15-10:30**

On October 1, 2007, Mike Faler will become the Chair of the RFAC thus, leaving the Vice Chair vacant. As a result, the RFAC will seek candidates and subsequently elect a new Vice Chair.

**ITEM 4: Independent Scientific Advisory Board's (ISAB) "Non-native Species Impacts on Native Salmonids and Guidelines for Use of Non-native Fishes in Resident Fish Substitution Projects Review"**

**10:30-11:30**

In June 2007, the NPCC endorsed the ISAB's proposal to conduct a review with the following tasks and objectives:

- Review and describe biological impacts and risks to native salmonid populations from non-intentionally and intentionally introduced species
- Review and describe the current status of management actions taken towards reducing or eliminating such impacts (e.g., brook trout and lake trout eradication efforts)
- Recommend strategies for protecting against or eliminating invasive species
- Recommend scientific guidelines for using resident fish substitutions

The ISAB intends to initiate this review as soon as possible in order to submit the report no later than Fall 2007, to inform the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's program amendment process. Neil Ward will provide the RFAC with an update and discuss a CBFWA coordinated meeting with the ISAB to discuss the native and non-native resident fish substitution program, the state of ecosystems to support native and non-native fish populations, the role of resident fish habitat work, and efforts to manage predation by non-natives and inter-breeding with non-natives throughout the entire Columbia River Basin. The RFAC needs to decide whether it will participate in the ISAB's October meeting.

**ITEM 5: Amendment Strategy Workshop-Update**

**11:30-12:00**

Jim Uehara and Neil Ward will provide an update regarding the amendment workshop that was convened in Polson, MT, September 17, 2007. Topics discussed included: 1) resident fish loss assessments, 2) amendment measure and strategy templates, and 3) formula development for equating resident fish to lost anadromous fish.

**ITEM 6: Resident Fish Loss Assessment and Fish Crediting****1:00 – 2:15**

During the July RFAC meeting, Brian Marotz described the process that the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (MFWP) used to develop resident fish loss statements as well their fish crediting procedure that allows the agency to utilize capital funding to protect resident fish habitat. The RFAC decided to use the MFWP's procedures as a foundation from which the committee would develop a loss assessment process that would be submitted for consideration during the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's amendment process. The RFAC will continue to discuss and further develop the procedure during this meeting. To ensure adequate time for Members Advisory Group (MAG) and Members' review, a final draft amendment is due to the MAG no later than Friday, November 30, 2007.

**ITEM 7: Amendment Measure and Strategy Exercise****2:15-2:55**

Neil Ward will lead the RFAC in an exercise in which the meeting participants will complete the draft measure and strategy template for each focal species in the subbasins for which the managers have management responsibilities.

**ITEM 8: Next Meeting****2:55-3:00**