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Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

DATE: August 15, 2008
TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)
FROM: Mike Faler (Chair)
SUBJECT: Revised Draft Action Notes for the August 13, 2008, RFAC Meeting

Resident Fish Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 13, 2008
Spokane, WA
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Revised Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Ron Peters (CDAT), Mike Faler (USFWS), Jim Uehara (WDFW), Sheri Sears (CCT), Joe Maroney (KT), Dave Statler (NPT), Brian Lipscomb (CBFWA), and Neil Ward (CBFWA)

Time Allocation:

Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Objective 2. Technical Review	0%
Objective 3. Presentation	0%

Phone: Christine Mallette (ODFW), Scott Grunder (IDFG), and Jake Sellman (SPT)

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

Action: Agenda approved.

ITEM 2: Review the ISAB's "Non-Native Species Impacts on Native Salmonids in the Columbia River Basin" Report

During the last year, the RFAC has participated in discussions with the ISAB and has provided recommendations relative to their Draft *Non-Native Species Impacts on Native Salmonids in the Columbia River Basin* report. The NPCC recently released the final version of the ISAB's non-native report (<http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/isab/isab2008-4.htm>). Neil Ward led the RFAC in a review of the document in preparation to provide testimony during the NPCC's August meeting in Spokane, WA.

Action: The RFAC developed the following talking points, in response to the ISAB's white paper, to present to the NPCC:

General Overview of the White Paper

- The resident fish managers applaud the ISAB's effort to address the effects of non-native species in the Columbia River Basin.
- The resident fish managers have reviewed the report and have identified some technical issues that warrant additional discussions.
- Because of these issues, our policy representatives may be providing comments and requesting an opportunity to meet with the NPCC to discuss these issues.

Risk Assessment

- We agree with the need to include risk assessments for projects.
- However, we are concerned about duplication of effort, because for the most part, risk assessments are already being completed.
- We look forward to working with the NPCC to develop a methodology for these assessments.

Item 2 action continued: Brian Lipscomb (CBFWA, Executive Director) provided these talking points to the NPCC at their August 13, 2008, meeting in Spokane, WA, following the ISAB's presentation to the Council summarizing their report. In addition, Brian indicated that the CBFWA would be hosting a non-native species workshop on September 24, 2008, in Portland to begin discussions pertaining to the effects of non-native species on native salmonids and steelhead. Furthermore, Brian stressed implementing some of the ISAB's recommendations could be difficult and challenging due to user groups and their respective constituents.

ITEM 3: Election of a New Vice-Chair

On October 1, Sheri Sears will become the Chair of the RFAC thus, leaving the Vice-Chair vacant. As a result, the RFAC selected a new Vice-Chair for 2008-2009.

Action: Ron Peters (CDAT) was selected as the new Vice-Chair beginning October 1, 2008.

ITEM 4: Next Meeting

A date was not selected for the next meeting; however, the committee anticipates meeting following the release of the NPCC's Draft Fish and Wildlife Program in late-August. The comment period for the public to submit comments is anticipated to begin in late-August or early-September. The RFAC will be expected to provide comments to the MAG likely no later than mid-September.