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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: April 8, 2010  
TO: Ad hoc White Sturgeon Workgroup  
FROM: Neil Ward  
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the April 7, 2010 White Sturgeon Workgroup

## Ad hoc White Sturgeon Workgroup Meeting Wednesday, April 7, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Pacific) @ CBFWA Office Portland, Oregon

**Attendees:** Neil Ward (CBFWA)

**Phone/WebEx:** Christine Mallette (ODFW), Blaine Parker (CRITFC), and Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel (STOI)

<b>Time Allocation:</b>	<b>Objective 1: Participation</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>Objective 2: Technical Review</b>	<b>0%</b>
	<b>Objective 3: Presentation</b>	<b>0%</b>

**ITEM 1:** Review and Approve Agenda

The agenda was approved.

**ITEM 2:** Columbia Basin White Sturgeon Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, and Implementation Strategy: Background

The NPCC is in the process of finalizing their draft *Columbia River Basin Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, and Reporting (MERR) Plan*. The MERR Plan consists of the following sections: 1) Strategic Plan (provides policy guidance), 2) Implementation Framework (guides development of Implementation Strategies), and 3) Implementation Strategies (specific guidance for what and how RME and reporting will be conducted).

Implementation Strategies are to be collaboratively developed with the region's experts and managers, and are to be appended to the MERR Plan. The strategies should assure adequate coordination at the subbasin and basin-wide level to facilitate aggregation of data for assessing and reporting Program progress.

In developing its annual work plan, the CBFWA's Members anticipated this opportunity. Subsequently, the Members directed the Resident Fish Advisory Committee to facilitate the development of implementation strategies for monitoring white sturgeon management unites throughout the Columbia River Basin. Neil Ward provided an overview of the CBFWA's Members directive as well as the opportunities that exist through the NPCC's draft MERR Plan.

**ITEM 3:           Developing a Columbia Basin White Sturgeon Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, and Implementation Strategy: Goals, Objectives, Tasks and Products**

During the March 1, 2010 Ad hoc White Sturgeon Workgroup Meeting, a sub-committee was formed to develop a draft process and template to aid sub-regional workgroups in the development of white sturgeon implementation strategies. Participants reviewed a partially completed [template for Zone 6](#). The updated template reflects additions based on Implementation Strategy requirements described in the NPCC's MERR Plan.

**Action:**           *Neil Ward will prepare blank templates for each of the management units and distribute them to the respective managers/researchers for completion. Participants recommended that the templates should be completed by May 7. In addition, participants directed Neil to work with the sub-workgroups to provide any facilitation services that may be required to ensure that the templates are completed by the proposed date.*

**ITEM 4:           Next Meeting**

**Action:**           *Meeting participants directed Neil Ward to poll the workgroup to identify the next meeting date. Participants expressed a desire to meet during early-May*