



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: May 10, 2007
TO: Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)
FROM: Ken MacDonald, CBFWA Staff
SUBJECT: April 25 & 26, 2007 WAC Meeting Draft Action Notes

These draft action notes will be approved as final at the May 25, 2007 WAC meeting.

Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting April 25 and 26 The Dalles, Oregon

A small work group of the WAC met on April 25 to discuss the upcoming program amendment process and prepare for the general WAC meeting on April 26. Results of the April 25 meeting were used to develop the documents in Item 5 below.

The support material and reference documents for the meeting will be posted at <http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=WAC&meeting=all>

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: April 25 – Ken MacDonald (CBFWA), Loren Kronemann, Angela Sodenaa (NPT), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Michael Pope (ODFW)

April 26 - Ken MacDonald (CBFWA), Loren Kronemann, Angela Sodenaa (NPT), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Michael Pope (ODFW), Tracy Hames (YN), Nate Pamplin (WDFW)

By Phone: April 25 – Scott Soultz (KTI), David Speten (BPT)

April 26 - Scott Soultz (KTI), David Speten (BPT), Matt Berger (CCT), Patty O’Toole (NPCC)

Time	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Technical Review	%
	Objective 3. Presentation	%

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda and March 22, 2007 Meeting Action Notes

ACTION: The April 26 agenda and the March 22 action notes were approved as written.

ITEM 2: April 24, 2007 MAG Meeting Update

Discussion: Nate Pamplin briefed the group on the MAG meeting. Topics included

- CBFWA response to the BPA expense budget. CBFWA will be responding in a programmatic nature concerning the process and will restate their position in the amendment process.
- An ad hoc work group forming to discuss biological objectives. The group has only met two or three times.

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

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and fish and wildlife agencies:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Coeur d’Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

- Upcoming Science/Policy workshop. Workshop is focused on anadromous issues.
- NPCC has initiated the Innovative Project Solicitation process. Proposals are due May 18, 2007.

ACTION: None, information update only.

ITEM 3: Status of the Resource Report

Discussion: Nate Pamplin updated provided an update of the work by the wildlife SOTR design work group (Nate, Ken MacDonald and Neil Ward) as assigned at the last WAC meeting. The proposed format for the wildlife section is:

Regional Overview

- Introduction of Wildlife Program
- Figures: Map of basin with location of hydropower facilities
- Table: Hydropower facility/HU losses

Provinces

- Text of projects in the province
 - Reason Project was acquired
 - Enhancement and O&M activities
- Figures: pictures of enhancements or general wildlife area or species of interest
- Table: Project/Year started/\$\$ spent/Acreage/ HUs

ACTION: CBFWA staff will try to have an example by the June meeting although timeline may slip due to the resignation of Amy Langston. Note the design will need to be approved by the Members and probably will need to consult with NPCC and BPA as the report is also their product

ITEM 4: Program Definitions

Discussion: CBFWA staffs along with the technical committees are creating a list of definitions to be used in the upcoming amendment process. The WAC reviewed and suggested edits and additions to the draft definitions developed by the Anadromous and Resident Fish Committees.

ACTION: The suggested edits were forwarded to Dave Ward. Any additional suggestions were to be forwarded to Ken MacDonald by May 2, 2007, none were received. The definitions will be reviewed by the MAG at the May 9 MAG meeting in Boise. One definition that still needs to be developed is the definition of a “program measure”.

ITEM 5: Program Amendments

Discussion: Item 5 was the primary focus of the meeting. The WAC is exploring developing program amendments for the following.

- Biological objectives that expand the habitat unit approach into a more species and ecological approach that can be linked to the subbasin plans and state conservation strategies.
- Clearly define the need for stable O&M funding.
- Defining appropriate M&E and funding.
- Crediting, including identifying operational losses.

ACTION: The WAC reviewed the pre-work completed on April 25 and crafted draft amendment approaches. The drafts will be presented to the MAG at the May 9 MAG workshop for further discussion and direction. Ken MacDonald will forward drafts to the April 26, 2007 WAC meeting participants for review prior to forwarding to the MAG. The drafts are not currently posted but will be after they are further developed based upon the results of the MAG workshop.

ITEM 6: Schedule next WAC meetings

This item was added at the end of the meeting.

ACTION: The next WAC meeting will be a teleconference on May 25, 2007 at 1:00 PM (Pacific Time). **Call-in number: 503-229-0449 ID: 451314**

The June WAC meeting will be June 20 and 21 in Enterprise, Oregon. The meeting will include a tour of the TNC Zumwalt project and the NPT Precious Lands project.

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