



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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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:

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Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

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Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

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National Marine Fisheries Service

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Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

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## Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: November 28, 2007  
TO: Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)  
FROM: Ken MacDonald, CBFWA  
SUBJECT: November 19-20, 2007 WAC Meeting Action Notes

WAC Meeting and Amendment Workshop  
November 19-20, 2007  
Portland, Oregon

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

## Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** Ken MacDonald (CBFWA), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Nate Pamplin (WDFW), Angela Sondanaa (NPT), Michael Pope (WDFW)

**By Phone:** Scott Soultis (KTOI), Gregg Servheen (IDFG), Tracy Hames (YN), Norm Merz (KTOI)

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

### **ITEM 1: Review and Approve November Agenda**

**Discussion:** Scott Soultis asked that a discussion of the proposed letter to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council regarding CHAP be added to the agenda.

### **ACTION: Review and Approve November Agenda**

Agenda was approved with the CHAP discussion added as Item 4.

### **ITEM 2: Review and Approve October 24, 2007 Action Notes**

**ACTION:** The October 24, 2007 WAC Meeting action notes were approved as written.

### **ITEM 3: IEAB Reports**

**Discussion:** There was considerable discussion regarding two reports IEAB presented to the Council, Task #116 regarding wildlife O&M and Task #117 "Alternatives to Acquisition and Easement". After some deliberation it was decided that the WAC would not respond with a presentation at the December Council meeting but would respond with a letter from CBFWA addressing both reports. The letter should:

- Emphasize the positive working relationship between the IEAB and WAC during the Task #116 report preparation
- Reiterate the point that PISCES is not appropriate as a cost benchmarking tool

- Note that F&W program project costs were consistent with costs of other wildlife programs
- Task #117 would be briefly addressed focusing on the fact that any wildlife program funding needed to be consistent with the Program to mitigate the States and tribes for wildlife losses due to the hydro system, and provide long term, assured benefits to wildlife. We should also look at the executive summary, first paragraph of IEAB report on Task 104 prepared in 2006. The letter should also express concern that the managers were not consulted in the report preparation.

There was also disappointment expressed by several WAC members that Task #116 noted potential drawbacks of long-term agreements but did not study in depth the current agreements such as Dworshak and Montana to determine the potential benefits.

**ACTION:** Michael Pope will draft a letter for Ken MacDonald to circulate for review. If possible, we would like the letter to be ready for the December 5, 2007 Members meeting.

**ITEM 4: CHAP Letter**

**Discussion:** The WAC had prepared a letter to the Council expressing support for projects that explored ecologically based assessments for wildlife projects as alternatives to HEP. Scott Soult led a discussion expressing his concern that the letter as written may confuse issues with the Council. If the WAC had concerns that specific projects exploring the use of CHAP such as the Willamette project and Paul Ashley's project then the WAC should draft a letter of support to the BOG specific to those projects. The need for ecologically based assessments should be addressed in the amendment process as planned.

**ACTION:** The group agreed with Scott's points. Scott will provide Michael Pope with his ideas for a project specific letter.

**ITEM 5: Amendment Workshop**

**Discussion:** The remainder of the day and Tuesday was devoted to drafting wildlife amendment language.

**ACTION:** The draft amendment language will be given to Ken MacDonald and Nate Pamplin for editing and to draft the introductory language.