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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

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**DATE:** March 1, 2011  
**TO:** Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)  
**FROM:** Scott Soultz, Chair  
**SUBJECT:** February 3, 2011 WAC Meeting Final Action Notes

Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting  
February 3, 2011  
CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

The support material for the meeting is posted at:  
[http://www.cbfwa.org/committee\\_wac.cfm](http://www.cbfwa.org/committee_wac.cfm)

## Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** Kyle Heinrick (Vice-Chair, BPT); Carl Scheeler (CTUIR); Tracy Hames (YN); Tom O'Neill (NHI); Peter Paquet (NPCC); Paul Manson and Jim Rapp (Parametrix); David Byrnes and Mary Bodine (BPA); and Tom Iverson and Paul Ashley (CBFWA)

**By Phone:** Scott Soultz (Chair) and Norm Merz (KTOI); Carol Perugini (SPT); Angela Sondena (NPT); Aren Eddingsaas (SBT); Greg Servheen (IDFG); Doug Calvin (CTWSRO); Chase Davis (UCUT); Nancy Leonard (NPCC); and Phillip Key and Rosy Mazaika (BPA)

**ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**

**Discussion:** No modifications were proposed for the agenda.

**ACTIONS:** The agenda was approved as written.

**ITEM 2: Review and Approve as Final November Draft Action Notes**

**ACTION:** The WAC approved the November 15, 2010 Action Notes as final with no modifications.

**ITEM 3: Wildlife Area Management Plan Template**

**Discussion:** David provided background for this topic. BPA is constructing a handbook for land acquisition projects/contracts. This template will be a part of that handbook. BPA's interest is in identifying activities occurring, and planned to occur, on mitigation lands. Land management plans could telegraph needs of sponsors for BPA which would support better and more comprehensive planning. David reiterated that this effort is collaborative and will not be successful if it does not meet the co-managers needs, as well as BPA's.

The WAC reviewed a draft initial land management plan outline version 2.0 dated January 31, 2011. This version was drafted by BPA following

the discussion with the WAC on December 2. David confirmed that there may be items within the management plan template that are appropriate to include, but will not be funded by BPA (currently identified by asterisks in template). In other words, the plan should support the needs of the land managers, but will not necessarily identify everything BPA is required to fund.

Everyone agreed that the template is getting too detailed and currently appears focused on Conservation Easements (CE). The WAC suggested identifying specific sources of information to support sections of the template, which would help with standardization. It would also be useful to provide a minimum template, with suggestions for add-ons as they are appropriate. In Section B, there should be a one to one relationship between bullets under “Management goals” and bullets under “Management actions.” The WAC suggested including much of the reporting requirements within the PISCES framework, to avoid duplication and support consistent templates.

David introduced Mary Bodine, BPA. Mary is an intern helping BPA staff track down and post all available land management plans for current BPA mitigation properties. Mary handed out a table that listed all of the known management plans so far (see Preliminary list of BPA Wildlife Management Plans available in PISCES, posted for today’s WAC meeting). If you are aware of missing work plans, please contact Mary at [mcbodine@bpa.gov](mailto:mcbodine@bpa.gov) or phone number is 503-230-5827. The goal of her effort is to get all available management plans posted in PISCES with their associated projects.

Based on today’s conversation, BPA staff will produce the next iteration in a couple of weeks. Tracy and Scott volunteered to work with BPA staff on the next draft.

**ACTION:** No action was taken on this item. Scott and Tracy will work with BPA on developing the next draft of the template.

**ITEM 4: Review Wildlife Crediting Forum Summary Table**

**Discussion:** Paul Manson reviewed the status of the Wildlife Crediting Forum effort to capture all the relevant information from BPA land acquisitions. Paul and Peter decided to break the data base into four sub-regions to better identify and address issues that need resolution. There are still lingering issues with the primary data coming out of PISCES. A small group will meet to review the PISCES data: Paul M., Paul A., Peter P., Joe D., and Dori W.

Paul handed out and reviewed the 4 sub-regional analyses. The WAC did not review them all in detail but encouraged everyone that still has questions or corrections to send them to Paul (and copy Peter).

Peter gave a status report on the Wildlife Crediting Forum. He expects the four sub-groups to work through the data tables and reports over the next month or two. There will likely be one more big group meeting sometime around March to give a final approval, once the sub-groups have either

resolved their issues or agreed on how to characterize their disagreements in the sub-regional reports.

**ACTION:** A small group will work through all the PISCES data one more time and capture the remaining issues. WAC members will send comments to Peter and Paul M. for their input in to the sub-regional reports.

**ITEM 5: Wildlife High Level Indicators Framework**

**Discussion:** Tom O. presented a draft report demonstrating what data can be presented on a map at various scales, ranging from 1:15,000 to 1:100,000 and how as the scale changes what data is lost. The point of the presentation was that the scale that we choose to present high level indicators at will determine what level of data can be presented and what inferences can be applied from the data that is presented.

The scale will change depending on the focal habitat that is being discussed. While the 1:15,000 to 1:100,000 may be appropriate to show riparian habitat changes in the Willamette River Basin, a larger scale 1:5000,000 could be considered for other habitat changes such as Shrub-Steppe habitat.

**ACTION:** Tom, Tom, and Scott will continue development of a draft HLI report. Tom O. will develop maps representing different scales for Shrub-Steppe habitat.

**ITEM 6: Next WAC Meeting**

The next WAC meeting will at the CBFWA offices in Portland, Oregon on March 16, 2011. A Wildlife Crediting Forum meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 17 in Portland. Agenda items will include further discussion of the HLI Framework and Lands Management Plan template.

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