



August 22, 2000

TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)

FROM: Gary James, Chair

SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for August 16, 2000, AFC Meeting in Portland.

**If there are no objections within five days, these actions will be considered approved.**

**Attendees:** Gary James (CTUIR, chair), Howard Schaller and Joe Skalicky (USFWS), Bob Foster and Joe Hymer (WDFW), Ron Boyce and Pat Frazier (ODFW), Allen Evans and Roy Beatty (CRITFC), Andrew Purkey (OWT), Geoff McMichael (PNNL), Ken Tiffan (USGS), Tom Giese and Tom Iverson (CBFWA).

**By Phone:** Patty O'Toole (CTWSRO) and Dave Statler (NPT).

**Time Allocation:**

<b>CBFWA Members Coordination Contract*</b>	
<i>Objective 1. FY 2001 Project Renewal Process</i>	55%
<i>Objective 2. Rolling Province Review</i>	5%
<i>Objective 3. FY 2000 Project Adjustments</i>	15%
<i>Objective 4. Watershed and Subbasin Assessment and Plan</i>	0%
<i>Objective 5. Coordinate Program Amendments</i>	0%

\* Not all AFC agenda items support the objectives identified in the coordination contract.

**ITEM 1: Discuss Possible Changes to Today's Agenda**

Four items were added to today's agenda.

- A memo sent from Tom Giese to the AFC on August 15 was added as Item 2 to discuss the current Anadromous Fish Placeholder funds available for allocation in the "within year budget modification" process.
- Discussion of Project 200003900 funding recommendation in the FY 2001 DAIWP was added by WDFW as Item 7.
- Discussion of a recent Fish Passage Advisory Committee (FPAC) letter reviewing the Smolt Monitoring Program for FY 2001 was added as #5 under Item 8.

- A staff proposal for the provincial project review process was added as #1 under Item 8.

**Action:** Agenda was approved to include the additions. The action items have been arranged to reflect the order of discussion at the meeting.

**ITEM 2: Current Status of the Anadromous Fish Placeholder**

Tom Giese reviewed his memo (emailed to AFC on August 15, 2000 titled "Anadromous Money Available for Reallocation"). Tom has been working closely with BPA on the FY 2001 DAIWP. According to BPA, there is \$90,911 available in the Anadromous Fish Placeholder as of August 15, 2000. This figure fluctuates significantly over time and may in the future be adequate to support the several requests before the AFC today.

There are a couple of options for dealing with the FY 2001 requests that have been made. One is to amend the FY 2001 DAIWP with any decisions made at today's meeting. Another that has been used in the past is to recommend that the requests be funded, as funding becomes available, within the Anadromous Fish Placeholder.

**Action:** The AFC decided to review all of the FY 2001 budget requests before making any funding recommendations.

**ITEM 3: NMFS Genetics Study**

The NMFS, Conservation Biology Division, has requested an additional \$75,000 for FY 2000 (Project Number 198909600). This request was discussed at the July MMG meeting and approved. When the request was submitted to NWPPC, some questions were raised as to the source of funding. In the FY 2001 DAIWP, CBFWA recommended using the entire NMFS ESA Placeholder amount to support FY 2001 projects. Therefore, funding for this project will have to come out of the Anadromous Fish Placeholder.

**Action:** The AFC approved the request to provide \$75,000 for Project Number 198909600 for FY 2000 from the Anadromous Fish Placeholder. This recommendation will be forwarded to MMG.

**ITEM 4: CRITFC Kelt Rejuvenation Study**

Roy Beatty discussed a request by CRITFC to expand the scope of Project Number 20001700 (Steelhead Kelt Reconditioning). The FPAC was asked to perform a technical review of this proposal for the AFC in July, and Ron Boyce reported that no technical concerns were raised during the FPAC

review. ODFW will provide some suggestions that CRITFC agreed to consider during their implementation of the project.

This project was initiated in FY 2000, and the success during this first year has been better than anticipated. The expansion of this project will include developing and testing new diets, a benefit/risk assessment requested by the ISRP, and the expansion of activities into the Grande Ronde River. The additional work will require \$73,990 in FY 2001 that is currently in the "on-hold" status for the FY 2001 CBFWA DAIWP recommendation to NWPPC.

**Action:** See *Final Action* listed below Item 6.

**ITEM 5: ODFW/WDFW Spawning Study Request**

The WDFW and ODFW have requested a change in scope and budget for their project titled "Evaluate Spawning of Salmon Below the Four Lowermost Mainstem Dams (Project Number 199900301). The request is two-fold: 1) A request for \$249,256 to fully fund the FY 2001 proposal; and, 2) A request for an additional \$165,441 to supply information requested in the Supplemental Biological Opinion for the operation of the Federal Hydropower System.

This project provides valuable information used for in-season flow management and long term evaluation of habitat modifications created by the hydrosystem. The project supports the activities of several agencies (ODFW, WDFW, USFWS, USGS, PNNL). The expansion of the project would include the purchase of a boat, additional stranding surveys, development of hydraulic models, placing pizometers, hyphoreic work by PNNL, performing coded wire tag studies with juvenile salmonids, and other tasks for a total of \$249,256.

The within-year request is for work to support the NMFS Supplemental Biological Opinion. The bulk of the work would be to collect genetic information for Tule Fall Chinook and chum salmon above Bonneville Dam. The budget for this additional work is \$165,441.

**Action:** See *Final Action* listed below Item 6.

**ITEM 6: Oregon Water Trust**

The Oregon Water Trust (OWT) is requesting that their project, "Water Right Acquisition Program" (Project Number 199908800), be fully funded in FY 2001. Upon review of this project, the AFC suggested that a review of the prioritization process used for water right selection was needed and funding was placed in the "Hold for FY 01 Funds" category.

Andrew Purkey provided some background on this project and addressed the prioritization process. The OWT has submitted a proposal in the Gorge Province for the work on the Fifteenmile for FY 2001, and therefore has reduced their request to \$140,000. The proposed work for this request will be implemented in the Deschutes, John Day, Umatilla, Walla Walla and Grande Ronde subbasins.

**Action:** See *Final Action* listed below.

**Final Action:** The AFC supports these three requests (Project Numbers 200001700, 199900301, and 199908800) as high priority items that should be funded as money becomes available in the Anadromous Fish Placeholder at the next BPA Quarterly Review. The AFC anticipates funds will be adequate, but if not, the AFC will prioritize these projects at that time.

**ITEM 7: Walla Walla Monitoring and Evaluation Project (200003900)**

Bob Foster questioned the CBFWA recommendation for Project Number 200003900 for full funding in the FY 2001 DAIWP. In the NEOSEW SRT, the recommendation for this project was to hold \$82,038 for a technical review. Gary James explained that the July MMG meeting package included a memo from Tom Giese requesting MMG discussion of changes to the final recommendations from the committees. At that time, full funding of this project was requested since the tasks were identified in the FY 2000 proposal. It was discussed at the MMG and approved as part of the DAIWP.

**ITEM 8: FYI Issues**

1) ***Rolling Province Review Update***

A memo was sent to the CBFWA managers on August 8, 2000 proposing the *process* for the Columbia Gorge and Inter-mountain province project reviews. Tom Iverson briefly described the review process and indicated that the Subbasin Teams would be used in a very similar fashion as the Sub-regional Teams were used during the FY 2000 project review. The AFC will have an opportunity to review and approve the recommendations of the Subbasin Teams prior to CBFWA consent mail approval. Please review this proposal when you receive it. It will be discussed in detail at the August 28 Emergency MMG meeting.

2) ***Selective Harvest discussion***

Due to time constraints, this discussion was delayed until the next AFC meeting.

3) ***Conservation Enforcement projects***

Tom Iverson is currently reviewing the Conservation Enforcement projects for the CTUIR and the SBT that were submitted in the Ongoing

Project Renewal process. It was agreed that these projects should seek funding through the within-year budget modification process. Tom is trying to determine if the original criteria have been met. An update will be provided at the next AFC meeting.

4) *Assessment Advisory Committee Charter*

Due to time constraints, this discussion was delayed until the next AFC meeting.

5) *FPAC review of Smolt Monitoring Program*

The FPAC provided a review of the Smolt Monitoring Program for FY 2001. A letter was sent to the Chair of AFC discussing the review. If you would like a copy of this letter, please contact Tom Iverson (503) 229-0191.

**ITEM 9: Next Meeting**

**The next meeting is scheduled for September 20 in Portland. Potential agenda items include:**

- 1) Election of a new chair
- 2) Selective Harvest Technologies
- 3) Rolling Provincial Review Update
- 4) Update on FY 2001 DAIWP
- 5) FY 2000 Within Year Budget Modifications