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DATE: September 23, 2002
TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)
FROM: Gary James, Chair 
for
SUBJECT: DRAFT Action Notes for the August 29, 2002 AFC Meeting

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

Anadromous Fish Committee Meeting

August 29, 2002

Portland, Oregon

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Gary James (CTUIR, chair), John Palensky (NMFS, vice-chair), Pete Hassemer (IDFG), Ron Boyce (ODFW), Tim Roth (USFWS), Alec Maule (USGS), Neil Ward, and Tom Iverson (CBFWA)

By Phone: David Johnson (WDFW), Chris Fisher and Jerry Marco (CCT), and Lynn Hatcher (YN)

Time Objective 1. FY 2003 Renewal Process -0%

Allocation: Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries -10%

Objective 3. FY 2002 Adjustments -90%

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

Tom Iverson reviewed the agenda. No changes were suggested by the group.

ACTION: The agenda was approved as written.

ITEM 2: Within Year Budget Modification Process - Criteria

During the June AFC meeting, the AFC recommended approving several within year requests. Those recommendations were put on hold at the July MMG meeting in order complete the new guide for within year requests. The AFC within-year request recommendations were approved at the August 8, 2002 MMG meeting, but the consent mails were objected to until the new criteria were adopted and applied. The MMG adopted the “Guide to Within-year Modification Requests for Existing Projects” on August 27, 2002. The projects that had prior MMG approval were directed to submit modified requests in the newly adopted format and for AFC to review those requests at this meeting. Upon approval of the requests the recommendations would be sent directly to the MMG and Members for an expedited consent mail process to meet the timelines of the September NWPPC meeting.

Tom Iverson reviewed the new criteria and guidelines for the AFC. The criteria only apply to ongoing projects that have completed the proper “within-year” request form. Three of the previous recommendations were considered consistent with the new guidelines and eligible for review. Each project was discussed in detail.

Project Number 199008000, *Columbia Basin PIT Tag Information System-*
The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) is requesting \$812,475 for Project Number 199008000, *PIT Tag Information System (PTAGIS)*. The growth in number of interrogation sites, number of coils, and types of interrogation data is stressing the core infrastructure of the PTAGIS project. Several funding decisions with other projects in the Fish and Wildlife Program have directly impacted these factors. The AFC agreed that this project should be a line item in the BPA Fish and Wildlife budget, it is a core and essential project for the anadromous fish suite of projects. The issue of outyear funding was discussed at length and it was determined that since this project would be undergoing it’s provincial review next month, the funding recommendation should be explicitly stated as a one time funding commitment with any outyear needs addressed during the rolling review. If the rolling review determined that this increase should not occur in the outyears, there would be time to make the adjustments to this request during the BPA contracting process.

ACTION: The AFC approved the request for \$812,475 from the unallocated placeholder as a one time funding commitment for Project Number 199008000, *Columbia Basin PIT Tag Information System*. The outyear funding for this request will be addressed during the rolling province review. The request will be forwarded to the Members and MMG for consent mail approval.

Project Number 200001300, *An evaluation of an experimental re-introduction of sockeye salmon into Skaha Lake*. The Colville Tribe is requesting \$49,700 for this risk assessment project in the Okanagan Subbasin to evaluate the impact of reintroducing sockeye salmon in three focus areas: 1) impact of exotic species, 2) disease risk, and 3) production potential of sockeye in the lakes and tributaries. For the last year of the field study, the oversight group for the project determined that sampling should be expanded from a seasonal schedule to a monthly schedule in order to obtain temporal trends in key limnological and biological parameters. This information will be required prior to the implementation of reintroduction of

sockeye to Skaha Lake.

ACTION: **The AFC approved the request for \$49,700 from the unallocated placeholder for Project Number 200001300, *An evaluation of an experimental re-introduction of sockeye salmon into Skaha Lake*. The request will be forwarded to the Members and MMG for consent mail approval.**

Project Number 199812026, *Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Program Education and Training*. The Yakama Nation is requesting \$188,407 for 2003 that supports education and training of four students for their hatchery program. The AFC reviewed the request and emphasized that this is a one time funding approval for the ongoing students to complete their '02-'03 academic year. This project should be closed out in the future and alternative funding sources should be pursued.

ACTION: **The AFC approved the request for \$188,407 from the unallocated placeholder for Project Number 199812026, *Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Program Education and Training* in order to allow the current enrolled students to complete the 2002/2003 school year. This recommendation is for \$188,407 to fund four students to complete their training and education to meet manpower needs for the YKFP hatchery program. The request will be forwarded to the Members and MMG for consent mail approval.**

ITEM 3: **Within-Year Budget Modification Request: Project #25052 – Sex Reversal in Fall Chinook Salmon**

The USGS-BRD is requesting support for funding Project 25052, *Sex reversal in Hanford Reach fall chinook salmon*. This project was submitted in the Columbia Plateau Province and given a Fundable rating by the ISRP and a High Priority – to be funded in 2003- by CBFWA. In the NWPPC decision document for the Columbia Plateau Province, the NWPPC determined this project represented a continuation of an Innovative project funded in 2001. Therefore they believe this project needs to seek FY 2003 funding through the within year process.

According to the newly developed Within-Year Modification Guidelines, this new start project is not currently eligible for consideration of funding in this process. We will hold onto this request until the guidelines for new projects are developed for the within year process.

ACTION: No action was taken.

ITEM 4: **Within-Year Budget Modification Request: Project 200200100 - Ellisforde (Bonaparte) Spring Chinook Acclimation Site**

The Colville Tribe is requesting support for approximately \$201,752 to modify an Oroville Tonasket Irrigation District (OTID) sedimentation pond near Tonasket, WA for use as an acclimation pond for summer Chinook (for 2002 spring Chinook will be used as a surrogate). The pond is located at river mile 25 on the Okanogan River. The Okanogan basin is the only subbasin that was not provided a mitigation hatchery for the development and operation of Grand Coulee Dam. This project will be used to relieve superimposition problems near the Simalkameen hatchery and to spread natural production more evenly throughout the Okanogan basin by imprinting juveniles lower in the subbasin. The outyear budget within the proposal should be adjusted to remove \$30,000 from the planning and design phase of the project for FY 2004-2006. The outyear budgets were critically reviewed by the AFC, however, the potential benefit for the small

cost (outyear costs should be less than \$71,000 per year), stimulated the AFC to strongly support this project moving ahead. This project is currently being reviewed in the NWPPC's Columbia Cascade Province project funding decision and the outyear costs should be addressed in that forum.

ACTION: The AFC approved the request for \$201,752 for Project Number 200200100, *Ellisforde (Bonaparte) Spring Chinook Acclimation Site* to modify a sedimentation pond to be used as an acclimation site for spring Chinook in 2002. This is a one time funding approval with the outyear funding for this project to be determined during the NWPPC Columbia Cascade Province project recommendation process. The recommendation will be forwarded to MMG for their approval.

ITEM 5: Within-Year Budget Modification Request: Project #199601100 - Walla Walla Ladders and Screens

The CTUIR are requesting an additional \$1,177,585 for FY 2003 for Project Number 199601100, *Walla Walla Juvenile and Adult Passage Improvements*. This project was funded at \$450,000 plus 3.4% for the FY 2002-2004 funding cycle by the NWPPC and BPA. This level of funding would only support O&M and M&E and minimal additional capital projects. Since the purpose of this project is construction of fish passage and screening facilities, the project sponsor is requesting that planned outyear expenditures be reinstated into the project budget. Due to outyear funding concerns, the project sponsor suggested changing this request to include only FY 2003 and remove the outyear requests at this time. Those needs will remain, but aggressive cost share is being pursued. There are six large projects remaining for this project to complete. This modified request will complete the construction of the Milton Ditch project and the design of the Bergevin-Williams and Old Lowden screens. The tribe is actively pursuing additional cost share and the request will be adjusted at contracting to reflect any successful contributions.

ACTION: The AFC approved the request for \$1,177,585 for Project Number 199601100, *Walla Walla Juvenile and Adult Passage Improvements* for the completion of the Milton Ditch construction project and the design of the Bergevin-Williams and Old Lowden screen projects. This is a one time funding recommendation and additional cost share will be pursued by the project sponsor. The request will be adjusted to reflect any additional cost share during contracting. The recommendation will be forwarded to MMG for their approval.

ITEM 6: Within-Year Budget Modification Request: Project #199705100 – Yakima Side Channels

The YN and WDFW are requesting an additional \$1,885,352 for FY 2003 and \$1.9 million for FY 2004-2006 for Project Number 199705100, *Yakama Nation (YKFP) Yakima Side Channels*. This project was reviewed and approved in the Columbia Plateau Province, but funded at their FY 2002 funding level plus 3.4%. They currently have several projects on line for acquisition and need the additional funds to close on seven key acquisitions.

ACTION: A modified request (in the newly adopted format) was not available for this meeting. The request was deferred until the next AFC meeting on October 4, 2002.

ITEM 7: Within-Year Budget Modification Request: Project 200205200 – Naches River Water Treatment Intake Screen

The City of Yakima is requesting \$556,500 for Project Number 200205200. This project was funded through the Action Plan category of funding provided for FY 2001. Due to delays in contracting and preliminary assessments, the project has been delayed. The project sponsor was informed that all Action Plan funding would no longer be available after September 2002. In order to complete the project, the project sponsor is requesting the balance of funding be provided by the Fish and Wildlife Program. During the biological assessment by NOAA Fisheries, additional requirements were placed on the project sponsor. These additional requirements will cost approximately \$324,000.

The AFC was concerned that BPA was not fulfilling their commitment in the High Priority and Action Plan categories. Projects approved for funding in these categories need to be fully funded through the process that was created. The AFC is not comfortable taking action on this request at this time. The funding should be provided by BPA through the pre-arranged process. If BPA fails to fulfill their commitment, the AFC will reconsider this request at the next AFC on October 4, 2002.

ACTION: The AFC asked Tom Iverson to draft a letter restating their support for this project and insisting that funding be provided through the High Priority funding category. The letter should be forwarded to MMG as soon as possible and sent on to BPA prior to the end of the fiscal year.

ITEM 8: Mainstem and Systemwide Province Project Review Process

The CBFWA project review for the Mainstem and Systemwide Province will occur during September 23-27, 2002. The criteria and agenda can be found at <http://www.cbfwa.org/files/province/systemwide/ReviewInstructions>.

Tom Iverson encouraged active participation in this review process. The process will be open for all interested parties to attend. Reviewers should try to complete their individual reviews and scoring prior to the meeting in order to facilitate timely completion of the CBFWA review.

ACTION: Tom Iverson will provide all reviewers a copy of the review criteria and a blank template for recording comments, criteria and budget category information.

ITEM 9: Next Meeting

Due to the Mainstem and Systemwide project review, the next AFC meeting will occur on **October 4, 2002** from 9 am until 3:30 pm. Agenda items will include: Review of Mainstem and Systemwide Project Recommendations, Within year budget modifications (Yakima Side Channels, Naches River Intake). Other agenda suggestions should be sent to Tom Iverson prior to September 27, 2002.