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DATE: June 20, 2003
TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)
FROM: Pete Hassemer, Chair  for
SUBJECT: Action Notes for the June 17, 2003 AFC Meeting

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

The next AFC meeting will be scheduled for July 23, 2003. Please contact Tom Iverson if you are unable to attend.

AFC Meeting
June 17, 2003
CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

Action Notes

Attendees: Pete Hassemer (chair, IDFG), John Palensky (NMFS), Neil Ward and Tom Iverson (CBFWA)

By Phone: Doug Taki (SBT), Paul Lumley (CRITFC), and Paul Ward (YN)

Time Allocation:

Objective 1. Project Recommendations	0%
Objective 2. Regional Issues	25%
Objective 3. Annual Report	50%

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

It was recently brought to the attention of Tom Iverson that the AFC was required to develop a charter. This was added as new Agenda Item 4.

ACTION: The agenda was approved as written with one exception; new Agenda Item 4 was added to discuss an AFC charter.

ITEM 2: Anadromous Fish Contribution to the CBFWA Annual Report

Pete Hassemer and Neil Ward led the AFC in a discussion regarding the structure for reviewing the implementation and accomplishments of ongoing BPA funded anadromous fish projects. Neil suggested that the purpose of reviewing these projects was to provide the project sponsors an opportunity to illustrate the progress that is being made towards achieving the project's objectives that were reviewed and recommended for funding, by the AFC, during the Rolling Provincial Review. Information provided during these presentations would be included in the CBFWA Annual Report which will be made available, in a reader-friendly format (i.e., utilize figures, table, and photos and minimize the use of text), to the BPA, Council, and general public.

Unlike the RFC and WC which are reviewing all of their respective projects, the existing number of anadromous-fish-oriented projects will prevent the AFC from completing a comprehensive review of the anadromous fish program during the remaining months of 2003. Although the RFC and WC are reviewing projects using a province approach due in part to the nature of those projects, the AFC agreed that a logical approach for reviewing anadromous fish projects was by ESU since recovery plans will be at an ESU level. The NOAA indicated that the evaluation of off-site mitigation that focuses on habitat work is a top priority for the agency. In addition, the AFC agreed that the reviews during 2003 should focus on projects that contributed to actual increased productivity (i.e., there is an immediate biological impact via activities of the project). Participants suggested that the Upper Columbia River Steelhead and Deschutes River Summer/Fall ESUs could be the first two ESUs to review since they represent two categories (i.e., "Endangered" and "Not Warranted", respectively) and are characterized by a limited number of projects.

ACTION: Neil Ward and Pete Hassemer will develop a draft project review schedule and a draft ESU review template for consideration during the July 2003 AFC meeting.

ITEM 3: Update on Implementation Processes

Fiscal Year 2003 Adjustments - On June 11, the Council adopted budget modification adjustments for 155 projects for FY 2003. Most of these adjustments were identified by COTRs as necessary adjustments in accrual estimates. The specific adjustments are available on the Council's website in the support materials for the meeting. If additional adjustments are necessary in other projects, direct those requests to the Council ASAP.

Mainstem and Systemwide project selection - On June 11, the Council adopted recommendations to BPA for funding projects in the Mainstem and Systemwide Province. The decision left 5 ongoing projects unfunded: CRITFE conservation enforcement project, NPT conservation enforcement project, NOAA NATUREs project, the avian predation project, and the ODFW/WDFW tangle net fishery project. Also, the pikeminnow management project funding was cut in half and CBFWA's funding was reduced by \$800,000. The Council decision provided very little opportunity for public comment (the Fish 4 made their recommendation on June 10) and did not follow the fish and wildlife manager recommendations very closely (the previously identified projects that were defunded were CBFWA Core Program or Urgent projects). The CBFWA project budget reduction demonstrated that the interaction of Council staff and project

sponsors was inadequate to insure that the Council decisions were based on a true understanding of the projects. CBFWA sent two correspondences to Council Members and staff that were not acknowledged in the final recommendation.

FY04-06 Budget Process – The CBFWA Interim Process Agreement was sent to the Council in time for their information packet for the June 10 meeting. BPA also submitted a concept paper for rules and procedures for managing the Program in FY04-06. CBFWA staff, Council staff, and BPA staff will be meeting next week to discuss proposed rules and process for developing and managing the budget. The Council will be holding province level meetings in July to meet with project sponsors and develop the FY04 start of year budget.

ACTION: No action was taken on this item.

ITEM 4: AFC Charter

The CBFWA Charter calls for the development of charters for all standing committees. The RFC is in the final stages of development of their charter. Tom Iverson copied the RFC charter, searched and replaced “resident” with “anadromous” and provided a first draft to the AFC today. Since this was the first opportunity for the AFC to see the charter, it was agreed not to edit the document at today’s meeting. The AFC Charter has been provided to all AFC members. Please send comments to Pete Hassemer at phasseme@idfg.state.id.us (and copy to Tom Iverson, tom.iverson@cbfwa.org) no later than one week prior to the next AFC meeting.

ACTION: A revised draft of the AFC Charter, incorporating all comments received by AFC members, will be provided one week prior to the next AFC meeting.

ITEM 5: Next Meeting

The next AFC meeting was scheduled for July 16, 2003. This date overlaps with the Council meeting in Warm Springs. The group agreed that the meeting should be rescheduled for July 23 only if a majority of the AFC is available for the meeting. Tom Iverson will poll the AFC to determine the date of the next meeting.

Possible agenda items include:

- 1) Anadromous Fish Programmatic Review Schedule and Discussion
- 2) Lamprey Work Group Discussion

Please send in additional agenda items to Tom Iverson prior to July 11, 2003.