



DATE: June 6, 2005
 TO: Anadromous Fish Committee
 FROM: Dave Statler, Chair
 SUBJECT: June 1, 2005 AFC meeting action notes

**Anadromous Fish Committee Meeting
 June 1, 2005
 CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon**

Action Notes

Attendees: Howard Schaller (USFWS) and Tom Iverson (CBFWA)
By Phone: Dave Statler (chair, NPT), Dick Stone (WDFW), Pete Hassemer (IDFG), and Gary James (CTUIR)

Time	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Technical Review	%
	Objective 3. Presentation	%

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

No changes were suggested.

ITEM 2: All-H Project

Discussion: Tom I. provided an update from the last AFC meeting. The CBFWA staff has created a “2005 Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment” web page that captures information regarding the pending Northwest Power & Planning Council (Council) program amendment, including All-H Analyzer information currently available (Council’s project proposal, AHA spreadsheets, ISRP review, Puget Sound TRT review, links to TRT products, etc.). The website will be continually updated as new information becomes available. Currently, draft documents are available from the Upper Columbia Recovery Group that used AHA to develop objectives for their anadromous stocks. A narrative is available that describes their effort and how AHA was used to support their efforts. The AFC asked staff to identify the best demonstration model of AHA on the website and post any documentation available as called for by the ISRP. If the documentation is not available, then post the expected date the information will be available.

CBFWA staff has initiated a meeting in the Walla Walla subbasin for June 8, 2005. The meeting announcement and draft agenda were sent to the AFC. Other workshops will be scheduled in the Imnaha, Idaho subbasins (probably Salmon subbasin), and possibly in the Deschutes subbasin. The intent of the workshops is to expose subbasin co-managers to the AHA model with local data and explore the use of the model for developing objectives. Howard requested that USFWS be included in the pre-planning for future meetings. The AFC asked staff to be explicit during the subbasin workshops that CBFWA has not endorsed the AHA model, nor do our members clearly understand the purpose or intent of the Council's anticipated call for province level objectives. The purpose of the meetings are informational and non-committal; they are not being held to set biological objectives but to understand the AHA model, the Council's amendment process, and how they fit together with subbasin plans.

Finally, CBFWA staff is contemplating scheduling a meeting for July or August in the form of a regional workshop to clarify standards and criteria for meeting the Council's anticipated call for province level objectives. The AFC asked staff to begin organizing a regional workshop for developing a clear definition of goals and objectives at various scales for the Fish and Wildlife Program.

ACTION: The AFC needs to develop explicit direction in how CBFWA can contribute to the analysis of the AHA model as envisioned by the ISRP review (validation).

The AFC also needs to be explicit in describing the purpose of the local workshops is to expose the AHA model to diverse data, and expose the subbasin level interests to the model. This is not an attempt to optimize this particular model, only to gather information for the purpose of evaluating the model's usefulness.

The AFC needs to keep and maintain the workshops as a CBFWA effort to determine how best to respond to the Council's anticipated call for program amendments, and not as an official endorsement of the AHA model.

ITEM 3: ISAB Harvest Report and Council Presentation

Discussion: The ISAB report on harvest will be released during the next two weeks. The Council anticipates a panel discussion on harvest at their July meeting in Portland. Council staff is preparing discussion panels on various harvest issues; not necessarily to respond to the report but to have a full discussion of harvest issues in the Columbia River Basin. The panels may discuss the following issues: 1) Harvest overview (ocean, mainstem sport and commercial, tributary, tribal and subsistence, and applicable laws and treaties governing harvest), 2) ISAB presentation on the harvest report, 3) IEAB presentation on valuation of fisheries, and 4) panel reaction to reports (harvest managers, fishermen, tribes, utility/customer groups).

Pete H. will act as lead for the AFC in communicating with Council staff and coordinating the panels. The input from the managers will depend on the results of the reports and the time allotted for this discussion by the Council members on the July agenda.

ITEM 4: FY 2006 Start of Year Planning Budget

Discussion: The Council received 338 responses (out of 369 projects) from project sponsors regarding their FY 2006 proposed budget levels. Nearly 100 projects identified cost of living allowances as putting a strain on their projects. Approximately 100 projects mentioned that increased cost for fuel and materials was negatively impacting their projects. Almost 240 project sponsors confirmed that their projects were consistent with subbasin plans. The total requested budget by project sponsors (requesting adjustments for COLA and increased costs) was approximately \$160 million for expense and \$50 million for capital projects. It is still unclear how the Council will balance the budget using this information.

The Council staff has reviewed all of the project sponsor responses. They will discuss their analysis of the responses at the June fish and wildlife committee meeting in Portland. Based on feedback from Council members, staff will present a proposed FY 2006 budget to the fish and wildlife committee in July, and if approved, to the full Council in August. Opportunity for project sponsors to influence the final decision making would be most effective during the month of June.

ITEM 5: Salmon Migration Updates for NPCC

Discussion: Pete H. will provide a wrap up of the spring Chinook run at the June Council meeting. WDFW will take the lead on summer Chinook and begin presenting information in June and follow the migration through August. In August, the summer Chinook reports will wrap up and presentations will begin on fall Chinook and steelhead, carrying through October. It has not been determined who will take the lead for fall Chinook and steelhead.

ITEM 6: Next meeting

The next meeting will be schedule for July 19, 2005 from 10 am until 3 pm. The meeting is intended to tie in with the CSMEP workshop being held on July 20-21 at Bonneville Hot Springs. The meeting will begin discussions on how best to respond to the Council's anticipated program amendments calling for biological objectives at the province and basin scale.

Draft Agenda

- 1) Why call for biological objectives? To develop a measure for determining program success?
- 2) How do we define biological objectives to achieve this?
- 3) Can the AHA model answer these questions? What needs to be done to the model or otherwise to address this need?
- 4) Can the AHA model results be validated?
- 5) Can we build a plan that integrates all H's for salmon and steelhead?