



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: March 9, 2007
TO: Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee
FROM: Doug Taki, Chair
SUBJECT: March 8, 2007 AFAC Teleconference Final Action Notes

Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and government agencies:

Burns Paiute Tribe
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
National Marine Fisheries Service
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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
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Coordinating Agencies
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
Upper Columbia United Tribes

AFAC Meeting

March 8, 2007

Portland, Oregon, CBFWA Office

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Tom Rien (ODFW), Nate Pamplin (WDFW), Dave Statler (NPT), Dave Ward (CBFWA)

By Phone: Doug Taki (SBT), Brad Houslet (CTWSRO), Keith Kutchins (CTCR), Gary James (CTUIR), Paul Kline (IDFG), Phil Roger (CRITFC)

Time Allocation: Objective 1. Committee Participation 100%

ITEM 1: Program Amendments

Discussion: Dave Ward began the discussion by reiterating the assignment given to the technical committees by the Members at their February 7 meeting:

1) Define and clarify terms (i.e., focal species, objectives, how to express limiting factors, etc.), 2) confirm population level biological objectives, 3) ensure that priorities affecting fish and wildlife are captured in this process, 4) validate current limiting factors including out-of-basin affects, and 5) review and build on strategies and actions necessary to reduce the limiting factors.

The AFAC Members discussed the details and parameters of this assignment. It was agreed in general that short-term products would include agreed-upon definitions of terms (objective, strategy, action, limiting factor, and causative factor or threat), mid-term (by the May Members Advisory Group (MAG) meeting) products would include confirming focal species, current objectives, and limiting factors, and long-term (June-August) products would include developing (building on existing) strategies and actions.

Both subbasin-related and broader documents and information may

be used as needed to confirm and build on existing information.

The AFAC Members discussed the list of anadromous salmonid populations previously distributed. It was agreed that columns for biological objectives and limiting factors would be added, and that the spreadsheet would be converted to a database. AFAC members will then review the database to confirm population designations, as well as objectives and limiting factors for each. Lamprey will be added to the database. In some cases, the subbasin plan (and therefore the Status of the Resources Project) gave a subbasin-level objective, even though a number of populations exist in the subbasin. AFAC members will resolve these situations on a case-by-case basis.

- ACTION:**
- Dave Ward will distribute a draft list of definitions by Monday, March 12. AFAC Members will review and return comments to Dave by March 19. After the AFAC has agreed-upon definitions, Doug Taki and Dave will meet with Resident Fish Advisory Committee leadership to reach common agreement on definitions.
 - Amy Langston of CBFWA and David Graves of CRITFC will develop an internet-accessed database of anadromous populations, objectives, and limiting factors. AFAC Members will access the database to confirm, clarify, revise, etc., all information. The database will be available by March 19.

ITEM 2: BPA Funding Decision and In-Lieu Analysis

Discussion: The AFAC discussed some general implications of the BPA decision. Dave noted that he had assembled a draft spreadsheet that included information on (1) funding recommendation to the Council, (2) Council funding recommendations, and (3) BPA funding decisions. The AFAC agreed that Dave should closely examine the spreadsheet and highlight programmatic or policy areas of concern regarding anadromous fish projects.

- ACTION:**
- Dave will develop an informal list of concerns prior to the MAG meeting of March 20. The informal list will be distributed to AFAC Members prior to the MAG meeting.

ITEM 3: AFAC 2007 Work Plan

Discussion: Dave briefly summarized the work plan, which is currently posted on the webpage for the January 24, 2007 AFAC meeting.

- ACTION:**
- Dave will “clean up” the work plan, leaving it in a general form so that it includes only a list of major items to address, and have it posted to the webpage for the March 8, 2007 meeting.

ITEM 4: Lamprey Technical Workgroup (LTWG)

Discussion: The AFAC discussed the need for the LTWG to become active again.

Current items of interest include the BPA decision on lamprey projects, a potential lamprey summit to be held in fall 2007, current lamprey studies, and review of progress towards visions and strategies outlined in the LTWG's Critical Uncertainties document of April 2005.

- ACTION:**
- Dave will ensure that the LTWG meets before the end of March, and will inform the group that the AFAC expects the group to address the BPA comment regarding the need for developing a research plan that will identify the effects of the Hydro System and identify potential mitigation measures. This will also lay the groundwork for development of a lamprey conservation plan, which is one component of the LTWG's five-year vision.

ITEM 5: Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for the afternoon of the day immediately preceding the April MAG meeting. The MAG meeting is currently scheduled for April 17, but will likely be moved to either April 10 or April 24. The afternoons of both April 9 and April 23 are being held as possible meeting times until the date of the MAG meeting is confirmed.

AFAC Members are encouraged to attend in person if possible.