



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: May 8, 2007
TO: Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee
FROM: Doug Taki, Chair
SUBJECT: April 23, 2007 AFAC Teleconference Final Action Notes Version 2

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:

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Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

These April 23, 2007 AFAC Meeting Action Notes were slightly modified and then approved as final at the May 8, 2007 AFAC Meeting.

AFAC Meeting
April 23, 2007
Portland, Oregon, CBFWA Office

Action Notes – Version 2 - Final

Attendees: Doug Taki (SBT), Nate Pamplin (WDFW), Dave Ward (CBFWA)
By Phone: Tom Rien (ODFW), Brad Houslet (CTWSRO), Paul Kline (IDFG), Gary Sims (NOAA)
Time Allocation:

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

ITEM 1: Approve March 8, 2007 AFAC Action Notes

Discussion: The action notes were approved with no changes.

ITEM 2: Definition and Clarification of Terms

Discussion: The AFAC reviewed minor changes made by the Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC) to the definitions of terms including Biological Objectives, Strategies, Limiting Factors, and Threats. The AFAC disagreed with a few of the RFAC revisions. In addition, Gary Sims noted that he should pass the definitions on to others within NOAA for their review and comment. Gary expressed his desire to avoid multiple definitions for terms being used throughout the region.

ACTION:

- Dave will distribute the revised definitions, highlighting the few differences between the AFAC and RFAC. Further comments will be sent to Dave by May 1, so that the list can be presented at the Amendment Strategy Workshop on May 9.

ITEM 3: Verification of Populations and Objectives

Discussion: The AFAC discussed progress being made on populating the internet-accessed database distributed on March 19. Progress has differed among members. The AFAC discussed the importance of making substantial

progress prior to the next AFAC meeting on May 8.

The AFAC briefly discussed the current abundance objectives developed for subbasin plans, and recognized the lack of a relationship between those objectives and an overall programmatic objective. The sum of the subbasin objectives appears very low.

The AFAC also discussed work that Dave Ward has been doing to try to estimate the proportion of anadromous fish losses in each subbasin that are caused by the FCRPS. The AFAC agreed that this should be pursued. One potential option discussed was using the EDT model to estimate historic potential for each subbasin with (1) habitat intact and no mainstem dams in place, and (2) habitat intact but with mainstem dams in place.

- ACTION:**
- AFAC members will continue to work on verifying and editing population names and biological objectives.
 - Dave will continue to investigate methods for assigning losses to the FCRPS.

ITEM 4: Expression of Limiting Factors

Discussion: The AFAC discussed progress being made on populating the internet-accessed database distributed on March 19. Progress has differed among members. The AFAC discussed the importance of making substantial progress prior to the next AFAC meeting on May 8. The relative importance of out of subbasin factors was discussed, and members were encouraged to include these factors when populating the database.

- ACTION:**
- AFAC members will continue to work on populating the limiting factors section of the database. Much of this information is available in subbasin plans and draft recovery plans.

ITEM 5: Review and Build on Strategies

Discussion: The AFAC briefly discussed this next phase of work, which is dependent upon successful completion of the work discussed as part of items 3 and 4.

The use of the All H Analyzer Model (AHA) was discussed as one potential tool for evaluating the ability of potential strategies to reach objectives.

ITEM 6: Update from Lamprey Technical Workgroup

Discussion: Dave provided a brief update from the meeting of the workgroup, which took place on March 28, 2007. The workgroup discussed BPA decisions on lamprey projects, the amendment process, a USFWS lamprey conservation initiative, a potential lamprey summit to be held in late 2007, and updates on lamprey work being done by workgroup members.

A subgroup of the workgroup will help develop a program amendment for lamprey.

Some concern has been expressed by workgroup members regarding direction of the workgroup (strictly technical vs. technical/policy).

- ACTION:**
- Dave will work with the subgroup to help develop a program amendment for lamprey. The subgroup will start work sometime shortly after the May 9 workshop.

- Dave will work with Tim Cummings, USFWS (workgroup Chair) to resolve issues regarding the direction of the workgroup.

ITEM 7: Next Meeting

The next AFAC meeting will be May 8, 2007 at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel in Boise, Idaho. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. The major purposes of the meeting will be to (1) discuss progress on populating the database, (2) fill in database gaps as possible, (3) reconcile differences among members in database entries, and (4) prepare for the amendment strategy workshop to be held the next day. Further details regarding the May 8 meeting will be forthcoming.

AFAC Members are encouraged to attend both the AFAC meeting and the workshop in person. A block of rooms has been set aside at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel. Please contact Terri at CBFWA or the hotel directly to reserve your room.