

# *Columbia River Lamprey Technical Workgroup*

## Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2003

Attendees: Jen Stone, Debbie Docherty, Tom Iverson, Doug Hatch, Abel Brumo, Bao Le, Mike Meeuwig, Jennifer Graham, Dave Ward, Mary Moser, Christopher Claire, Russell Moursund, and Doug Young (guest presenter). On the phone: Mike Gray, Gary James.

Jen Stone gave a brief introduction that focused on the size of the Workgroup (much smaller than the previous Workgroup). Those invited to participate were representatives from the states, federal entities, tribes, and the private sector that had technical expertise with lamprey. Due to the recent petition, the USFWS has provided ¼ FTE to keep this Workgroup ongoing. The Workgroup is currently housed under CBFWA's Anadromous Fish Committee.

Gary James gave a brief presentation on the history of the Workgroup. A status report was completed by Close et al in 1995. CTUIR then proposed the 94-026 project and the Council asked for the formation of the Workgroup to address the research that was proposed. The Critical Uncertainties were the key product on which the group focused. The Workgroup listed all the ongoing projects that addressed these needs. In the draft program summary, there is a table that lists these projects, as well as the research needs that are not currently being addressed. There were several meetings of the Workgroup, the last being in 2000. CTUIR supports the continuation of the effort to have Workgroup meetings.

Tom Iverson gave a brief presentation on CBFWA. In the last funding MOA, the focus of CBFWA was on project selection. CBFWA have facilitated province reviews and crafting subbasin summaries. The AFC meets monthly. The USFWS had asked CBFWA if the lamprey Workgroup could be a subcommittee to the AFC. The resident fish committee will also be kept informed. There was resounding support offered from CBFWA AFC. Dave Ward asked if the focus of the Workgroup would be broader than the Columbia River. Tom Iverson suggested it would have to be broader and encourages collaboration with the coastal group. CBFWA members can get travel and meeting reimbursement from CBFWA.

Jen Stone introduced the statement of purpose for the Workgroup and suggested the Workgroup review it paragraph-by-paragraph. Minor modifications were made and have been included in the second draft. The Workgroup decided that the purpose of the Workgroup is to provide technical review, guidance, and recommendations for lamprey conservation and restoration. Under this statement will be 1. update and prioritize critical uncertainties, 2. disseminate and synthesize information, 3. prioritize restoration and conservation needs, and 4. provide a forum for discussion (inter and intra).

Discussion focused around the Critical Needs and Uncertainties. Gary James suggested working off the list that was developed in the lamprey program summary. Dave Ward suggested that these needs be technical-focused, and not policy.

A question was raised regarding our ability to vote. Jen Stone will check with CBFWA to determine if this Workgroup has to follow their established procedures. (Follow-up, Tom Iverson stated that we should come up with our own policy that can be independent of CBFWA's—next meeting agenda item\*\*\*see footnote). Dave Ward suggests that a coastal-group representative always be involved with the Columbia group, and vice-versa. Dave ward suggests making group representation based on official CBFWA membership (4 states, 13 tribes) and the Workgroup agreed.

The Workgroup decided that they would meet annually and more frequently if needed. The Workgroup decided that we would host an annual workshop that would be open to everyone. This may become less frequent in the future. Gary James would like the workshop scheduled during spring break to allow for participation by Dave Close.

Doug Young gave a brief presentation on funding opportunities. Doug reviewed the status of the lamprey petition. USFWS has noncompetitive and competitive grants. Tribal wildlife grants are available (5 million for FY03). Only one lamprey project was submitted this last time (Warm Springs Tribe). Pacific coast salmon restoration fund is another source of funding. Doug asked the Workgroup if there would be any interest in a grant writing workshop and the Workgroup thought that could be tied into the annual workshop.

Jen Stone led a discussion involving the format of future meetings. Mary Moser commented that a product be delivered from each meeting (in this case, the statement of purpose was provided and discussed). Chris Claire commented that lead time is important, as we are all very busy. Meetings of the Workgroup will occur in the Portland area, not necessarily in the same place, and a phone line for conference calls will always be provided. The next meeting of the Workgroup will be held in conjunction with the annual workshop (March).

The future webpage was discussed. Jen Stone asked for project abstracts, pictures, and other suggestions for inclusion.

Members of the Workgroup were assigned with reviewing the lamprey program summary document. Comments due to Jen Stone prior to the annual workshop/workgroup meeting. Debbie Docherty will send a copy of this document to Workgroup members.

Meeting adjourned.

\*\*\* Any CBFWA established committee (whether standing or technical) should follow the committee procedures outlined in the CBFWA Charter; however, each committee charter may contain special conditions other than those specified in the CBFWA Charter. The CBFWA Charter states that a quorum of designated representative is desirable but not essential to conducting committee business and that committees shall operate by consensus. The AFC

charter states that a quorum is not required for AFC decisions; those present have authority to act on consensus. Therefore, if the Lamprey Technical WG is a subcommittee under the AFC, it should be consistent with those procedures as outlined.