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

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Coeur d'Alene Tribe

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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National Marine Fisheries Service

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Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: April 4, 2008
TO: Members Advisory Group (MAG)
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the March 13, 2008 MAG Hydro Operations Meeting

Members Advisory Group (MAG) Meeting Hydro Operations Discussion Thursday, March 13, 2008 @ CBFWA Office

Support Material is posted on the MAG webpage: http://www.cbfwa.org/committee_mag.cfm

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Brian Marotz, MFWP; Elizabeth Gaar, NOAA Fisheries; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Bill Tweit, Nate Pamplin, WDFW; Brian Lipscomb, Tom Iverson, Ken MacDonald, Dave Ward, Pat Burgess, CBFWA

By Phone: Michele DeHart, FPC; Sue Ireland, KTOI; Dave Statler, NPT; Ritchie Graves, NOAA; Fisheries; Tom Rien, ODFW

Time Allocation:

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

The MAG accepted the agenda as presented.

ITEM 2: Update on Fish Passage Center (FPC) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) and CBFWA

Brian Lipscomb provided an update advising that Joe Mentor made revisions to the draft MOA focusing on performance management for the FPC Manager. Joe removed any references to policy information or references to the Fish Passage Center Oversight Board (FPCOB). Brian added that future discussions may need to be held regarding the issue of the FPC operating costs. In the past, an MOA was put in place for fish passage inspection with PSMFC. CBFWF administers the contract but the employee works under PSMFC and PSMFC pays a portion of the salary. There has been discussion regarding the indirect cost (IDC) rate and who is responsible. For this year it was agreed that the previous year savings would cover the cost.

Update on Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) March Meeting

Brian Lipscomb provided the following updates from the March NPCC meeting:

- The NPCC has reorganized their meetings to create an opportunity for an informal full Council open work session to discuss issues and formulate strategy. The open

session does not allow for comment from non-NPCC staff and members but is open for observation.

- Time will be allotted at the April NPCC meeting in Whitefish, MT, to accommodate individual amendment discussions.
- The Council assigned Tom Karier, NPCC, the task of working on the RM&E and data management for the Council to consider for FY09. Tom Karier and Tony Grover, NPCC, will continue to work on strategies and they anticipate working with the agencies and Tribes. They indicated that they will look at CSMEP as a part of their recommendations. They believe that there are elements of CSMEP that need to proceed forward but they don't necessarily agree that CSMEP is the right project.
- The NPCC requested that the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) provide their expectations relative to the NPCC's M&E matrix. Brian Lipscomb stated that he communicated to the NPCC that he did not feel that was an appropriate question for the ISRP but instead is a question that should be directed to the agencies and Tribes.
- The process for project solicitation was deferred until the April NPCC meeting. Tom Iverson, CBFWA, will provide an update at the March 18th MAG meeting on the elements of what has been developed as directed from the September CBFWA Members meeting. Brian stated that the structural layout is good in that it matches the organization of CBFWA's amendment recommendations; however, the concern is with the 18 month timeline. The positive side of the timeline is that it provides on-the-ground reviews with the ISRP, NPCC, and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), but the negative is that the process won't be complete in time to inform the rate case. In all likelihood it will result in a rate case that would establish a budget cap and distribution similar to last year.

ITEM 3:

Hydro Operations Discussion

Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA, summarized that the resulting expectation for today's meeting was to develop mainstem amendment recommendations detailing operations utilizing the federal BiOp level policy perspective and the non-BiOp perspective.

Chairman Marotz, MFWP, suggested that MAG members set aside concerns and focus on biology and physical environment. Chairman Marotz asked the group to express their expectations and goals and be prepared to discuss strategies to achieve the goals, and determine agreement and discuss alternatives where we have conflicts of interest.

In summary, the group expressed general agreement that there are political and socio-economic issues that have to be considered but that it may be possible to come to consensus with strategies to mitigate or offset the problems; however, the difficulty would be with regard to the types of specific measures relative to strategic intent.

The MAG provided feedback with regard to limiting factors and threats, captured by Brian Lipscomb:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2008_0313/Limiting_Factors_Threats.pdf.

The group articulated strategies and general measures to address the threats and limiting factors. Brian Lipscomb outlined the group's thoughts in a Strategies/Measures table:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2008_0313/Strategies_&_Measures.pdf.

MAG members committed to providing Dave Ward with specific instructions on

limiting factors and threats for hydro, to include references, by COB Friday, March 14th.

The recommendation will be reviewed by the MAG on March 18th and then the resulting product from the March 18th MAG meeting will be recommended to the Members on March 19th.

FYI & Upcoming Meetings:

CBFWA MAG Meeting, Tuesday, March 18, 2008 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.: This MAG meeting will be a face-to-face meeting at the CBFWA office in Portland. Topic: MAG review of amendment recommendations.

CBFWA Members Meeting, Wednesday, March 19, 2008 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.: This will be a face-to-face meeting at the CBFWA office in Portland. Topic: Member review of the final amendment recommendations.

CBFWA Members Teleconference, Wednesday, April 2, 2008, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Amendment Recommendations due to NPCC: April 4, 2008

The next NPCC Meeting is scheduled for April 15-16, 2008 in Whitefish, MT.

Meeting Adjourned.

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