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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: November 4, 2008
TO: Members Advisory Group (MAG)
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the November 13, 2008 MAG Teleconference

MAG Teleconference Thursday, November 13, 2008 CBFWA Office, Portland OR (via WebEx) 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. PST w/Working Lunch

WebEx w/Integrative Teleconference has been arranged for this meeting:

Select: [MAG Nov 13th WebEx w/Integrative Teleconference](#)

Log in first: Enter your name and email address

Click "Join Now" and follow prompts to dial into the teleconference

Meeting password: mag (lower case)

Note: We have upgraded the WebEx tool to access enhanced features to allow for better organization. Please be sure to use the WebEx link listed above, or the link contained within the meeting emails, or on the MAG committee page to access this meeting. CBFWA staff will provide an overview of the changes and enhanced features at the beginning of the MAG meeting.

Support material and WebEx link posted at http://www.cbfwa.org/committee_mag.cfm

Draft Agenda

- ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**
- Recommended Action:** Approve draft agenda.
- ITEM 2: October 7-8, 2008 and October 21, 2008 MAG Draft Action Notes**
- Recommended Action:** Approve MAG October 7-8th and October 21st draft action notes as final.
- ITEM 3: WebEx Update**
- Review of an upgrade to WebEx.
- ITEM 4: CBFWA Amendment Recommendations and Comments**
- On October 27th, the Members approved the concept of the draft letter, attachment, and appendices for MAG preparation toward a final product for final approval.
- Recommended Action:** Review and recommend for Members' approval the final comments package on the draft amended Program.
- On October 27th, the Members directed CBFWA staff to request time on the Council's November 18-19th or December 9-10th agenda for Chairman Peterman

to provide a presentation direct to Council Members.

The Members also directed the MAG to develop the presentation based on the CBFWA comments for Members approval at their November 17, 2008 teleconference.

Recommended Action:

Review and approve presentation for Members consideration at the November 17th Members teleconference.

ITEM 5:

FY 09 Project decisions relative to the development of Long-term Work Plans (LTWP)/Multi-year Work Plans (MYWP)

- Smolt Monitoring/BPA start of year budget
- CBFWA Work Plan
 - SOTR
- Other Projects
 - Collaboration Forum for Regional Implementation Oversight Group (RIOG)

The Smolt Monitoring Program and the CBFWA Workplan are two of many mainstem/systemwide projects whose funding is uncertain during the next three year funding cycle. The development of LTWPs could address these deficiencies in the current BPA Start of Year Budget. The Members should initiate meetings with BPA and Council to begin development of a [Draft Mainstem Multi-year Workplan](#).

Recommended Action:

- Recommend the Members adopt the draft Mainstem Multi-year Work Plan as a basis for negotiations with BPA and the NPCC determining long term funding commitments for the mainstem projects that may or may not be part of the FCRPS Biological Opinions and not identified in the Fish Accords.
- Recommend the Members assign a team to conduct the negotiations with BPA and the NPCC.

ITEM 6:

Status of the Resource (hard copy) template review and recommendation to Members

Recommended Action:

Recommend that the Members approve the SOTR template as final for the next edition.

ITEM 7:

Response of CBFWA to Welch, et al paper on *Survival of Migrating Salmon Smolts in Large Rivers With and Without Dams*

Given the recent press on the above referenced report, a response action of CBFWA may be warranted. FPAC will provide a technical analysis to MAG addressing the following questions:

- Is this a valid comparison of survival rates of spring Chinook and steelhead in these two river systems?
- What are the strengths of this study; what are the weaknesses of this study?
- Is the conclusion that "overall migratory survival of salmon smolts in the Columbia and Frasier systems is now similar" supported by the data presented?
- Is there any evidence that if the survival rates were the same for these

two river systems, that this demonstrates that the dams are not a major limiting factor for Columbia River fish populations?

- Recommended Action:** MAG will be asked to consider providing a recommendation to the Members for their consideration to potentially respond to the press surrounding the recently published Welch DW, Rechisky EL, Melnychuk MC, Porter AD, Walters CJ, et al. (2008) Survival of Migrating Salmon Smolts in Large Rivers With and Without Dams. PLoS Biol 6(10): e265 paper.
- ITEM 8: NOAA Data Dictionary and Monitoring Guidance Follow-up**
At the October 21st meeting, the MAG assigned the AFAC to work with non-AFAC members to review the draft data dictionary and monitoring guidance documents. The group will report their findings to the MAG.
- ITEM 9: Fish Screening Oversight Committee Actions**
- FSOC charter – the FSOC is committed to becoming revitalized, and development of a charter is a step in this process.
 - Mitchell Act funding for screens – it is possible that Mitchell Act funding for fish screens may be eliminated in 2010. The FSOC has prepared a briefing memo summarizing the effects if this happens.
 - Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act (FRIMA) reauthorization – the FSOC has drafted a letter indicating CBFWA’s support of FRIMA reauthorization.
- Recommended Actions:**
- 1) Review and forward FSOC charter to Members for approval.
 - 2) Review Mitchell Act funding memo and discuss best course of action.
 - 3) Review and forward letter in support of FRIMA reauthorization to Members.
- ITEM 10: December 2008 MAG Meeting**
The December 16th MAG meeting was tentatively scheduled as a face-face in Idaho. Does the MAG want to schedule this meeting face-face in Idaho or meet via WebEx for the December meeting?
- Upcoming Meetings:**
- Members November Teleconference (via WebEx):** Tues, Nov 17th (1-4pm)
Members December Teleconference: Wed, Dec 3rd (1-4pm)
MAG December Meeting: Tues, Dec 16th (9am-12pm)
Council November Meeting, Coeur d’Alene, ID, Nov 18-20th
Council December Meeting, Portland, OR, Dec 9-11th
- Council Public Hearing Schedule:** **Northwest Power and Conservation Council links:** [2008-2009 Program Amendments](#) and [NPCC Public Hearing Schedule](#)
 Deadline for Comments: December 1, 2008