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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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Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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National Marine Fisheries Service

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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: March 12, 2009
TO: Members Advisory Group (MAG)
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the March 17, 2009 MAG Teleconference

**Members Advisory Group
Tuesday, March 17, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PDT
@ CBFWA Office Portland, OR**

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Draft Agenda

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

Recommended Action: Approve draft agenda.

ITEM 2: January 15, 2009 MAG Draft Action Notes

Recommended Action: Approve MAG February 17, 2009 draft action notes as final.

ITEM 3: Clarify regional coordination to be achieved through CBFWA relative to implementation of the BIOP and amended Fish and Wildlife Program. Communicate this in terms of a clarified workplan for CBFWA Coordination Project Funding.

Background: On January 28, 2009, the Members communicated their proposal for funding for the FY09 CBFWA workplan. Since then several meetings with BPA and Council have occurred. To date, BPA and the Council are not willing to commit to fund CBFWA staff and Member participation to develop essential RM&E frameworks for either the Council Program or the BiOp. Failure to achieve funding for the RM&E portion of the workplan will significantly reduce our funding level, causing a substantial budgetary impact to the CBFWA organization with far reaching fiscal and policy ramifications. CBFWA Members discussed the fiscal and policy ramifications of this decision on March 4th and took the following action:

- The Members directed the RM&E ad-hoc committee to work with NOAA staff using the outcomes of the Action Agency's RM&E workgroups to develop a proposal to produce products to address relevant BIOP RPA priority RM&E needs. A proposal will be provided to the MAG on March 17th and the Members on April 1st. The intent would be to gain the

support of regional executives of the federal and state agencies and Tribes for participation in regional M&E coordination.

Recommended Action: The MAG will be asked to review and forward for Member recommendation: 1) the RM&E Proposal to address BIOP RPA RM&E; and, 2) the remainder of CBFWA's workplan relative to the amended Fish and Wildlife Program.

ITEM 4: Develop CBFWA spending for April and May of 2009

Background:

- In addition to the above action, the Members directed Brian Lipscomb to work with the MAG to develop a spending plan for April and May 2009, consistent with the \$1.869M proposed spending level and develop a strategy for a Budget Oversight Group (BOG) proposal.
- As an alternative to RM&E Coordination, BPA proposed the Members considered subcontracting with several of the Accord tribes to develop projects for ISRP review to implement their accords. Additionally, BPA has identified work that they intend to do relative to BIOP RM&E and Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG) implementation that CBFWA staff could be detailed to BPA to complete. Lastly, through the year end evaluation of the FY08 budget for both Members and staff, Kathie Titzler has identified approximately \$70K of potential unspent funds.

Recommended Action: The MAG will be asked to review a CBFWA spending plan that considers the above and make any needed recommendations to the Members for action.

ITEM 5: Status of the Resource (SOTR) Feedback and Adjustments

The Council provided comments on the draft SOTR (see [Letter from B. Booth to B. Lipscomb RE: Council Comments on Draft SOTR](#)). In the February MAG meeting, Brian Lipscomb advised that most, if not all, of the Council's comments could be accommodated.

- CBFWA staff integrated the Council's comments into the draft and will review it with the MAG.

ITEM 6: Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) Proposed Changes to PTAGIS Database Update

The PIT Tag Steering Committee (PTSC) annual meeting was held on February 24, 2009. Steve Pastor, USFWS, was elected chair for the upcoming year. At that meeting Randy Fisher explained PSMFC's contract with Tech Heads (software consulting firm) and their efforts to evaluate the current PTAGIS software and exploration of opportunities for improvement. Tech Heads gave an oral briefing and answered questions from the committee. Tech Heads was hired to assess the status of the PTAGIS database when management was changed within the PTAGIS project. They are preparing an RFP for a third party audit and recommendations for changes or improvements to the PTAGIS software.

- Steve Pastor will attend the MAG meeting to provide a complete update and address any questions or concerns of the MAG.

ITEM 7: MAG 2009 Meeting Schedule and Logistics

Upcoming Meetings:

Members April Meeting, Wed, April 1, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

MAG April Meeting, Tues, April 21, 2009, 9am-12pm (via WebEx)

Council April Meeting, April 14-16, 2009, Skamania, WA