



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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#### Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

**DATE:** April 21, 2010  
**TO:** Members Advisory Group - Anadromous Fish Managers  
**FROM:** Tom Iverson and Dave Ward, CBFWA Staff  
**SUBJECT:** Final Action Notes for the April 21, 2010 MAG Anadromous Fish Managers' Workshop on Basin wide Assessments

**Members Advisory Group (MAG)  
Anadromous Fish Managers' Workshop  
Wednesday, April 21, 2010  
8:30am-12:00 p.m. PDT  
@ CBFWA Office Portland, OR  
[MAG Webpage](#)**

Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** Elizabeth Gaar and Scott Rumsey, NOAA Fisheries; Brad Houslet, CTWSRO; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Dave Statler, NPT; Tom Rien, ODFW; Brian Lipscomb, Dave Ward, and Tom Iverson, CBFWA

**Phone/WebEx:** Lance Hebdon, IDFG; Jay Hesse and Sabastian Dudek, NPT; Bill Bosch, YN; and Alex Conley, YBSRB

<b>Time Allocation:</b>	<b>Objective 1: Participation</b>	100%
	<b>Objective 2: Technical Review</b>	0%
	<b>Objective 3: Presentation</b>	0%

**GOAL:** To finalize expected outcomes and pre-work items and confirm schedules and participants for workshops, building from the Anadromous Salmonid Monitoring Strategy workshops held last fall in Skamania, to develop coordinated ongoing assessments for Anadromous Salmonids in the Columbia River Basin.

**PURPOSE:** The agencies and Tribes have directed CBFWA to focus coordination efforts on supporting and participating in ongoing assessments and to report those assessments in the Status of the Resource (SOTR). To accomplish this, it is recognized that a monitoring strategy must be in place to provide the necessary data to inform the assessments. The Anadromous Salmonid Monitoring Strategy has accomplished this for Anadromous Salmonids. In order to clarify and memorialize ongoing assessments for this monitoring strategy, the CBFWA staff, working with others in the region, has developed the attached proposal for a series of workshops at the regional and sub-regional scales. The purpose of this meeting is verification of this proposal including the table describing the workshops and expected outcomes, the timeline for the workshops, and the list of participants.

**ITEM 1: Introductions**

Brian Lipscomb presented background and context for today's meeting.

**ITEM 2: Review "Coordinated Assessments for Salmon and Steelhead"**

The group discussed the larger context of the Coordinated Assessments document. Jay noted that the workshops are do-able as described, the timeline makes sense,

but travel dollars beyond CBFWA Annual Work Plan project funding may be necessary to support tribal involvement. He stated that the assessments must be focused on a condensed suite of summarized performance metrics and that a specific list of those metrics should be provided in this document. Finally, he expressed concern that the reference to data sharing agreements did not mention data user agreements, nor did it discuss the publication rights and sharing timelines that may impact publishing data to a public access forum.

The group agreed with Jay that the focus of this effort should be on derived population metrics to support VSP. As functional frameworks and processes are developed to deliver this data on a regular basis, additional data can be added to the framework, including hatchery and habitat effectiveness data and raw data that support the derived VSP metrics. Scott, Dave, and Tom were directed to develop an explicit list of data that this effort will support. In addition to metrics, other important information to capture includes schedule of data availability and quality ratings of the data (observations, estimates, CI's, etc.).

Elizabeth pointed out that if we do VSP data well, sharing data for all four parameters, we can make a very positive start on sharing data to address habitat and hatchery effectiveness assessments. However, the document should point out that these assessments are being addressed in other fora and this effort will capitalize on whatever is developed in those continuing processes. PNAMP is facilitating habitat effectiveness metrics workshops and NOAA is facilitating hatchery effectiveness workshops that will address these data needs. The text should be modified to indicate that this effort will address initial efforts for habitat and hatchery effectiveness assessments and recognize that work is being done for these efforts in other arenas. Timelines for those other processes should be included in the document. One outcome from these workshops may be a proposal for continuing development of habitat and hatchery effectiveness assessments.

Discussion of the workshops resulted in agreement that the regional policy workshop could be replaced with a CBFWA Members conference call. This effort falls within the policy directives adopted by the CBFWA members in the 2010 work plan. Important, non-CBFWA, representatives could be invited to attend; however, most of the population metric data will be provided by the fish and wildlife managers.

#### *Review of Workshop Descriptions*

The "Pre-work for the regional policy workshop #1" can be addressed by providing the following documents to the Policy and Technical contacts: (1) draft Anadromous Monitoring Strategy summarizing Skamania workshops, (2) this proposal, (3) a table template indicating the derived data to be provided for VSP assessments, (4) workshop descriptions, timeline, participants list, and (5) the "implications document" provided by Bruce Schmidt. The questions listed in the workshop description should be included in the invitation to the first workshop.

The group agreed that the CBFWA work plan probably covers "Regional Policy Workshop #1" and a Members' conference call approving this workplan could serve the purpose of the regional workshop. The MAG subgroup determined that the answer to the second question is definitely population level derived metrics and not field data. A Members conference call will be scheduled for 10 am on April 30 to approve this workplan.

The group discussed the need for two sets of sub-regional technical workshops, held before and after meetings of regional technical workgroups. In an effort to be efficient, the group discussed possible means for conducting one set of sub-

regional workshops instead. The regional technical workgroup(s) would complete their efforts first (development of tools to support data sharing), then the sub-regional workshops would occur to conduct inventory and gaps analysis for providing population metrics. From these analyses, the sub-regional groups would develop priority data management projects to provide the data required to support the assessments.

A final policy meeting would be held to review and discuss the proposed project priorities, identify agency/tribal support for these priorities, and identify next steps towards supporting regional assessments.

Tom, Scott, and Dave will update the workshop descriptions to streamline the efforts based on today's discussions.

Dave updated the group in regards to the Anadromous Monitoring Strategy currently under development as a product from the Anadromous Fish Monitoring Workshops. He indicated that a revised draft could be available as soon as the end of next week, although response to the latest draft has not been great and it may require significant rewriting. In any event, we should see the next draft by the first part of May.

**Action:** *The group directed Tom, Dave, and Scott to revise the Coordinated Assessments document, workshop descriptions, timeline, and new data template and provide them back to the group by April 27.*

**ITEM 3: Discuss and confirm other assessment efforts underway and their relationship to this effort.**

The group ran out of time to discuss other assessment efforts underway. Scott and Phil assured the group that consideration of those efforts would be made in revising the Coordination Assessments document, but that this effort was consistent with those other efforts.

**ITEM 4: Next Steps**

**The MAG subgroup will meet again on April 28 at 8:30 am.**

*This time was changed after the meeting with approval from a majority of the attendees. The agenda will include 1) review of Coordinated Assessments document, workshop descriptions, timelines and workshop participants, 2) discuss need for regional policy meeting or if CBFWA work plan provides necessary policy approval, and 3) next steps.*

**Members' Teleconference on April 30 at 10 am to approve the anadromous assessment work plan. (MEETING DATE CHANGED)**

*Upon further consideration, the Members conference call may occur during the first week of May to allow better participation and buy in to participation in the workshops. CBFWA staff will poll the Members for the best time for that meeting once the MAG determines if policy level approval is necessary prior to moving forward. NOTICE: There is a conference call at 1 pm on Friday to coordinate planning for the assessment workshops with PNAMP, BPA and the Council. MAG representation at that meeting is encouraged.*