



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and fish and wildlife agencies:

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Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

#### Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

**DATE:** April 28, 2010  
**TO:** Members Advisory Group - Anadromous Fish Managers  
**FROM:** Tom Iverson and Dave Ward, CBFWA Staff  
**SUBJECT:** Final Action Notes for the April 28, 2010 MAG Anadromous Fish Managers' Workshop on Basin wide Assessments

**Members Advisory Group (MAG)  
ad hoc Anadromous Fish Managers' Teleconference  
Wednesday, April 28, 2010  
8:30am-10:00 a.m. PDT  
@ CBFWA Office Portland, OR  
[MAG Webpage](#)**

Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** Scott Rumsey, NOAA Fisheries; Dave Ward, Tom Iverson, CBFWA  
**Phone/WebEx:** Elizabeth Gaar, NOAA Fisheries; Brad Houslet, CTWS; Dave Statler, NPT; Tom Rien, Cedric Cooney, ODFW; Lance Hebdon, Alan Byrne, IDFG; Doug Taki, SBT

**Time Allocation:**

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

**ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**  
Scott asked attendees to introduce themselves. The group approved the agenda as written.

**ITEM 2: Approve April 21, 2010 Draft Action Notes as Final**  
The group agreed that the notes captured the discussion from last week's meeting. Since this ad-hoc work group is not chartered, the normal CBFWA meeting procedures may not apply; however, the group decided to follow the same rules as for the MAG and approved the action notes with no objectives. It was later agreed that any significant decisions made from this ad-hoc workgroup should pass before the MAG before becoming final.

**ITEM 3: Review Coordinated Assessments Document**  
Tom reviewed the modifications made to the Coordinated Assessments document based on the April 21 actions notes. A key issue is the relationship of this effort with habitat and hatchery effectiveness assessments. If we complete VSP assessments, most of the information necessary to address effectiveness assessments will be captured. However, we still need to be clear how this effort will tie in to PNAMP and NOAA efforts to address additional data sharing requirements. Alan expressed a desire to develop common definitions to help clarify what specific data will be required to address these various terms. A better defined data matrix may help the conversation about how VSP parameters relate to habitat and hatchery effectiveness parameters.

Tom also invited the MAG to attend a meeting on Friday to discuss with BPA, NPCC staff, PNAMP, and others the current CBFWA proposal for conducting the

anadromous assessment workshops and help fit this effort into an overall data management context. There is some concern by the Federal Action Agencies that our efforts are neglecting habitat and hatchery effectiveness assessments.

If we are successful with sharing VSP data at the population scale, we will produce 80% of what is necessary for habitat and hatchery effectiveness evaluations. We may just be talking past each other until we have a more specific list of data that we will be sharing to complete the VSP assessments.

The fish and wildlife agencies and Tribes collect most of the data necessary to support VSP assessments, and the biological data necessary for habitat and hatchery effectiveness assessments. It is within the agencies and Tribes authority to set the paradigm for how they want to share their data. The narrative needs to better express how this effort is compatible with and supports other data management processes.

It will be important to develop a detailed data matrix to be explicit about what information we are going to exchange. A data dictionary will help define the data identified in Figure 1 of the document.

Dave suggested that providing a list of projects in the document pre-supposes which specific projects may or may not be modified based on the outcome of the workshops. It seems that the workshops should drive which projects will be affected and therefore premature in listing the projects in the document.

At this point, the group decided to move on to the workshop descriptions. Additional comments to the main document should be provided to Tom by 10 am on Thursday April 29.

Tom will send out meeting information for the meeting on Friday at NOAA with BPA, NPCC staff, and PNAMP staff ASAP. Brad, Lance, Dave (maybe), an ODFW representative, and Scott will participate in Friday's call.

**ITEM 4: Review Workshop Descriptions and Participants**

Tom provided a broad overview of the schedule and workshops pointing out that most of the work involved in the process will occur within the agencies and Tribes outlining their efforts to share their data. The first policy workshop is now a MAG or Members meeting to confirm that the CBFWA members are committed to providing VSP data that they have to the rest of the region. The month of May is currently set aside for the PNAMP Data Management Leadership Team to complete some of the data sharing tools that the agencies can employ. The agencies and Tribes will be spending the month of May with internal coordination. In June, the sub-regional workshops will focus on describing where we are now in providing the VSP parameters and the second day discussing where the gaps are and what improvements can be made to complete assessments across the basin. The month of July would be spent developing data management/sharing proposals for the NPCC's categorical review, with a meeting towards the end of the month to evaluate the regional priorities of those efforts.

**ITEM 5: Review Timeline**

See Item 4.

Need to add Establish data exchange template/formats as a task under the Regional technical workgroups.

**ITEM 6: Does the CBFWA work plan provide the necessary policy approval or**

**is a Members meeting required?**

It sounds like most everyone is comfortable with the Coordinated Assessments documents. Dave wanted to ensure that we maintain the link with the Status of the Resources Report. Elizabeth Gaar reported that Rob Walton, CBFWA chair, has indicated that MAG should take this effort as far as they can. It appears that the Members have provided the guidance necessary to support this work. Brad Houslet pointed out that if this action is consistent with the Policy Directives, then further action by the Members should not be required. Tom Rien cautioned that this is a substantial commitment of the agencies' and Tribes' time; so Members approval may not be required, but with adequate time for thorough review the full MAG is probably best suited to approve this effort. Lance Hebdon indicated that his Member does not need further engagement in this topic, he will be briefed internally.

Elizabeth Gaar concluded that the MAG members need to engage their Members and return to a full MAG meeting for final approval. Elizabeth requested CBFWA staff poll the MAG for a meeting during the first two weeks of May to discuss and approve this work plan.

**ITEM 7:****Next Steps**

- 1) Comments will be provided to Tom by 10 am on Thursday April 29 on the work plan, workshop descriptions, and timeline.
- 2) A few MAG members will attend the meeting on Friday to discuss the work plan with BPA, NPCC staff, PNAMP staff, and others and establish the appropriate context for this effort in relation to other efforts ongoing in the Basin.
- 3) Based on the comments provided by MAG and the meeting on Friday, Tom will distribute a final work plan, workshop description, and timeline for full MAG review.
- 4) CBFWA staff will poll the MAG and schedule a meeting during the first two weeks of May to approve the Coordinated Assessments for Salmon and Steelhead work plan.