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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:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

Upper Columbia United Tribes

DATE: November 9, 2011
TO: Members Advisory Group (MAG)
FROM: Jann Eckman, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the November 4, 2011 MAG Teleconference

Members Advisory Group (MAG) Teleconference

Friday, November 4, 2011

10:30am – 12:05pm (pacific)

@ CBFWA Office

Portland, OR

[MAG Webpage](#)

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Dave Statler, NPT; Mike Faler, USFWS; Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, Trina Gerlack, Patricia Burgess, CBFWA

Phone/WebEx: Doug Taki, SBT; Lance Hebdon, IDFG; Laura Gephart, Phil Roger, CRITFC; Gary James, CTUIR; Brad Houslet, CTWS; Doug Taki, SBT; Edmond Murrell, SPT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Heather Ray, USRTF

Time Allocation:

Objective 1: Participation	100%
Objective 2: Technical Review	0%
Objective 3: Presentation	0%

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

Action: The MAG approved the draft [agenda](#) as presented. No objections.

Note: Chairman Taki was experiencing difficulties with his phone connection, as a result, Jann Eckman, co-chaired the teleconference.

ITEM 2: Draft Action Notes from the October 5, 2011 MAG Meeting

Action: The MAG approved the [October 5, 2011](#) action notes as final. No objections.

ITEM 3: Regional Coordination Review Updates

Member Reports Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) and Upper Snake River Tribes (USRT) Updates:

Heather Ray, USRT, had nothing new to report with regard to a regional coordination discussion; however, Heather reported that the URSTs are preparing their work plan and all four Tribes plan to continue support for CBFWA and USRT. The work plan is still under review and still has to go through the Commission approval process.

Laura Gephart, CRITFC, stated that according to John Platt, who was taking the lead at CRITFC on this issue, no communication has been received regarding setting up a regional coordination workshop.

Staff Update:

Tom Iverson began the staff update referencing the table on page 2 of the posted document [Expanded Regional Coordination Functions with Budget](#) developed after the October MAG meeting. Staff is in the process of developing seven proposals under the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Foundation (CBFWF) for FY13-15, as

directed by the MAG in the October meeting.

Tom reported that in his discussions with various Members, strong interest has been expressed toward allocating funds toward some of the other functions. Tom reported that he reviewed the strategy recently with Lynn Palensky, Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC), and Bryan Mercier, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), who are in charge of the Project Reviews, and they concurred that it was a reasonable approach. Discussion on the proposal and funding process continues below under Item #4.

ITEM 4: Review FY 2013-15 Proposal for Facilitating Regional Coordination

Tom Iverson reviewed the [memo](#) from CBFWA staff to the MAG describing the draft FY 2013-2015 CBFWA Work Plan and Budget Proposal. Tom explained that the structure of the NPCC's Category Review process would not allow staff to enter seven new proposals; as a result CBFWA staff is entering one proposal with seven objectives. Tom stated that staff has been very explicit stating within the proposal that the CBFWA Charter would govern objective #7 but not the other 6 objectives. Tom stressed that the Members will need to approve the \$35K for the CBFWA function but they will not need to commit to funding the other functions.

Tom explained that one of the objectives describes facilitation of the CBFWA forum and the other six describes the other forums that the CBFWA has historically facilitated. The CBFWA Members' funding allocation may only support the CBFWA function, at \$35K per Member, but any fish and wildlife entities may allocate funds to the other six functions.

Tom emphasized that the proposal represents a fundamental change in the relationship between the CBFWF and the CBFWA, and the submission of the proposal is ahead of the actual structural change of the Charter. Until the charter is changed, the CBFWF is still governed as part of CBFWA.

Referencing the budget on page 3 of the [memo](#), the MAG discussed the proposal and the funding process to cover the objectives; however, they recognized that the proposal could be submitted without articulating how it will be funded and that it wasn't feasible to delay submission while trying to gain consensus approval on the budget. Tom advised that Members should contact him, or he will contact the Members, to identify the appropriate allocations, and at some point the Members may want to submit a letter in support of the proposal identifying the allocations.

BPA staff has unofficially indicated that BPA does not intend to provide additional regional coordination funds beyond the \$132K allocations to each of the fish and wildlife agencies and tribes. Tom stated that he anticipates once all the proposals for regional coordination are submitted, and after the preliminary ISRP review is conducted, that the NPCC and BPA will probably facilitate workshops, in January or February 2012, to discuss the allocation of each of the Members' funds. At that time, all the agencies and tribes will have an opportunity to identify the functions they want to support.

Dave Statler, Nez Perce Tribe, (NPT), announced that the NPT intends to submit a coordination proposal independent of CBFWA and as a result the NPT portion of the regional coordination funds will go directly to the NPT.

Gary James, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), asked Jann Eckman to confirm the CBFWF indirect cost percentages so Members can take that information into consideration when looking at their budgets while deciding whether to administer money through their individual agencies and tribes, or through the CBFWF. Referencing the table on page 3 of the [memo](#), Jann confirmed that the indirect rate through the CBFWA contract (i.e., the column titled "Entity Participation through CBFWA Contract") is 12.8%, and the indirect rate for

funds assigned to the CBFWA is 29.3% (i.e., the column titled “Assigned to CBFWA”).

It was agreed that a Members’ teleconference would be scheduled by the middle of November for the Members to review and approve the proposal and the \$35K funding for objective #7. (See below “upcoming meetings.”)

Action:

The MAG approved advancing the FY 2013-15 proposal to the Members for their consideration and approval, and to approve the estimate of the cost for objective #7, via teleconference to be scheduled no later than the middle of November (for submittal to the NPCC by the deadline*). No objections.

*Note: On November 9th, the [NPCC extended the deadline](#) from November 22 to November 30, 2011.

ITEM 5:

Next MAG Meeting

The MAG discussed the need to meet the first week of December. Edmond Murrell, Shoshone-Paiute Tribe (SPT), suggested that the MAG consider scheduling the meeting to coincide with the Columbia River Treaty (CRT) meeting to be held December 5th given that many of the Tribal members will already be in Portland.

Upcoming Meetings:

[CBFWA Members](#): Fri, Nov 18, 2011, 10am-12pm (pacific), Portland, OR

[CBFWA MAG](#): Tues, Dec 6, 2011, 1:30-4:00pm (pacific), Portland, OR

[Northwest Power and Conservation Council](#) Meeting(s): Dec 6-7, 2011, Webinar and Council meeting; Jan 10-11, 2012, Portland, OR.