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TO: Fish and Wildlife Managers and Members

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SUBJECT: May 4-5, 1999 Members Meeting Action Notes

CBFWA MEMBERS MEETING

May 4 & 5, 1999
Coeur d'Alene Resort
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

DRAFT ACTION NOTES

Item 1: How Should CBFWA Approach Reallocating Unspent Funds under the MOA?

ACTION: While the CBFWA Members support the MOA on the BPA F&W Budget, they do not believe that the funding levels under the current MOA are adequate to recover the fish and wildlife in the Columbia Basin. They believe that these levels should be a starting point and not a cap. CBFWA request their federal Members to work collaboratively with the state and tribal Members to resolve their concerns and fully implement the MOA.

To this end, the CBFWA Members hereby establish a Work Group to:

- Compile a list of concerns relative to unfulfilled obligations under the current MOA;
- Work with the parties to the MOA to develop an accurate, real-time accounting of expenditures and funds remaining under it; and,
- Work collaboratively with the parties to the MOA and the NPPC to develop a plan to utilize all the remaining funds under the MOA to meet increasing and unmet fish and wildlife recovery needs.

The Work Group should report back to the CBFWA Members at their meeting in August 1999 regarding the resolution of these issues by the

Parties to the MOA. CBFWA staff will help to facilitate meetings and provide support. Work Group members are:

Howard Funke, Attny ST and CdAT
 Fred Olney, USFWS
 Rob Lothrop, CRITFC
 Keith Kutchins, SBT

Mary Verner, ST
 Bert Bowler, IDFG
 Bob Foster, WDFW
 John Palensky, NMFS

Item 2: How Does the Region Gain Certainty for Fish and Wildlife funding Post 2001?

ACTION: Members directed CBFWA staff (and interested Members) to draft a concept paper commenting on the rate case and the ability to fund future fish and wildlife actions. Members requested Judi Johansen, BPA administrator, be invited to the August Members Meeting and make that meeting a formal public hearing so that the CBFWA comments can be part of the public record. Tom Clune, CBFWA and Ed Sheets, consultant will draft a letter to be sent to the MSG for input prior to forwarding to the Members for consent mail approval.

Item 3: Elements of a Federal, State and Tribal Collaboration Process?

Informational item – no action taken. Panel members encouraged the CBFWA to participate through the Multi-species Framework process, the Steering Committee and the Scientific Advisory Group and attend an upcoming two-day workshop.

Item 4: Artificial Production Review and Its Relationship to US v OR – Presentation by Larry Cassidy, NPPC

Informational item only – no action taken. Report to Congress finished in mid-summer 1999.

Item 5: NPPC Amendments- Presentation by Todd Maddox, NPPC

Informational item only – no action taken. Todd indicated that the NPPC would be starting the amendment process later in the year – no date set at this time.

Item 6: Highlights of Science Studies

Informational item only – no action taken. Presentation notes available on request.

Item 7: Highlights of Economic Studies

Informational item only – no action taken. Presentation notes available on request.

Item 8: How Should We Proceed with a Regional Collaborative Process?

- ACTION:
1. The Members recommended CBFWA staff assimilate and synthesize the goals and objectives of each subbasin in the DAIWP, and submit this information to the NPPC to assist the Columbia River Basin Forum in their decision-making, as they proceed to develop a comprehensive fish and wildlife restoration plan. The due date is prior to the end of May 1999.
 2. The Members recommended the CBFWA members of the Scientific Advisory Group evaluate from an integrated caucus point of view the scientific analysis of the Framework alternatives and make a recommendation. CBFWA staff will work with Framework staff to coordinate a meeting of Scientific Advisory Group as soon as practicable.

Item 9: What is the Role of CBFWA Beyond the 99 Decision?

- ACTION: Members referred this topic to the Caucuses. Caucuses are to have a preliminary discussion of their deliberations to the MSG at their June 2, 1999 meeting. Members recommended this item be on the agenda at the August 1999 Members Meeting.

Item 10: Next Members Meeting – Helena, Montana in August

- ACTION:
1. Members approved the next Members Meeting to be held August 11 and 12, 1999 in Helena, Montana.
 2. Members directed the CBFWA staff to work with the NPPC and BPA to invite Judi Johansen, BPA Administrator to attend the August Members Meeting and to pursue a formal public hearing as part of the BPA rate case.