



December 10, 2002

TO: CBFWA Members

FROM: Rod Sando *Jimm Edman for*

SUBJECT: Draft October 8&9, 2002 Members Meeting Action Notes

If there are no objections within five days, these actions will be considered final.

**CBFWA MEMBERS MEETING
October 8 & 9, 2002**

Draft Action Notes

Time	Objective 1. FY 2003 Renewal Process	59%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	22%
	Objective 3. FY 2002 Adjustments	19%

ITEM 1: Mainstem Amendments

Discussion: Rob Lothrop stated that by statute the mainstem amendment process has a one year clock and should have been completed by 6/15/02. CRITFC sees some issues in the proposed mainstem amendment, i.e., reduction of spill, flow objectives (spring and summer), passage, etc. NWPPC will look at these issues at their October meeting in Spokane; the fish and wildlife managers will probably have 90 days to respond and then it will go into rulemaking. The Fish Passage Center is also an issue. CBFWA should consider some key collective points to put forward on the mainstem amendment. Any consensus we can come to, will have value.

Tony Nigro gave an overview of the NWPPC FPC Oversight Board. Currently the board is being educated on the FPC's history and current activities. There is a lot of confusion about the service the FPC provides, how it provides that service, its relationship to fish managers, and technical versus policy. We can improve the transparency of FPC operations, efficiencies and accountability, letting the region know there is a firewall between the A/T's, FPC technical analysis and policy recommendations. Next phase will be what the board's role will be with regard to the FPC, and the governance question will be a big issue. If the board set aside the governance role, we could identify issues and technical needs in the future. Virgil Moore thinks the FPC should not be moved to the NWPPC, which will shift the policy oversight and management responsibilities to the NWPPC. Data and technical management needs to stay with the managers.

ACTION: Members recommended that the CBFWA FPC Board of Directors meet with the NWPPC FPC Oversight Board. Members moved to establish an ad hoc mainstem amendment task force to review what we have already done and agreed to and develop a consensus response to the NWPPC's mainstem amendment. Task force participants are Tony Nigro, Rob Lothrop, Joe Peone, Bill Tweit, Larry Peterman or Brian Marotz, Mark Bagdovitz, and a representative from NMFS and SBT.

ITEM 2: Bonneville Power Administration Issues

Financial Choices

Current status and policy workshop

Alex Smith, BPA, provided a summary of BPA's financial issues. BPA's spending estimate was \$150M a year to pay projects, \$139M a year to pay bills (based on average 5 year period), and \$36M a year for capital. Still looking at \$50M reduction in the fish costs. Top five points that BPA would like the managers help in are:

- Accountability – because of tight cash flow. Better contract management
- Combined priorities of ESA and NWPPC
- Agreement on RM&E
- Obligations of FCRPS for ESA, treaties, etc.
- Subbasin Planning expectations for implementation

Approve CBFWA comments on “financial choices”

Tom Iverson provided a summary of the letter. Possible enhancements to the letter, (i.e., that the Program is under funded, tribal and treaty obligations must be met, there is a long-term commitment) were discussed. Members discussed having staff revise the letter, MMG review the redraft, then forward to the Members for consent mail approval, but there was no consensus approval for that action.

Activities to Resolve Regional Issues

Staff discussed holding a policy workshop to discuss implementation issues, i.e., federal lands, in lieu, etc., accountability, contract management, etc.

ACTION: Members directed Rod to work with BPA and NWPPC to establish a workshop planning committee to develop a workshop to deal with the policy planning issues.

Slice Proposal

Rob Walton provided a briefing on the “slice proposal.” He indicated this would be better for the fish and wildlife programs because the utilities would be the ones that would be accountable. Indicated that CBFWA's role could be to build a coalition between the fish and wildlife managers and the utilities.

ITEM 3: Collaborative Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (RM&E) Proposal

Discussion: This project was given an urgent rating in the Mainstem Systemwide Project Review. BPA has requested a facilitated meeting on 10/25 (place TBA) with CBFWA to discuss the RM&E issue. There is a CBFWA strategy meeting on 10/16 at 10:00 AM to discuss the regional RM&E. BPA is going to provide

information on their specific concerns in advance and will attend that meeting to discuss those concerns.

ITEM 4: Executive Director's Report

Discussion: Rod stated that CBFWA is a unique organization and can be a model for future resource management in the nation. He informed the Members that CBFWA staff is having a retreat to contemplate CBFWA's future activities. Some of the accomplishments Rod hopes to achieve for CBFWA are :

- 1) Diversify funding through non-profits
- 2) Establish programs to offer education and training for Members and staff;
- 3) Hold a strategic planning session with the MMG to develop organizational goals for consideration at the Members meeting
- 4) Establish an Awards Program
- 5) Support "Information and Education"
- 6) Provide policy coordination and education for positive change in the region
- 7) Policy recommendations i.e., what is the fish forgone budget?
- 8) Develop a science policy effort to include a peer review policy
- 9) Host a policy and adaptive management workshop
- 10) Funding – obtain a funding program to provide ten year security for fish and wildlife, habitat work, land development, screen development, etc. (shaped by subbasin planning).

Rod said these are some of the topics to consider at a facilitated workshop of the MMG and Members.

ITEM 5: Provincial Review Update

ACTION: Informational item only, no action taken.

ITEM 6: Subbasin Planning

Discussion: Members discussed concerns with EDT and the planning process. There is a Regional Coordination meeting on 10/22 where these concerns can be addressed. Members discussed holding a subbasin planning workshop and organizing information exchanges among the membership so when problems come up, CBFWA can respond.

ACTION: Discussion item only, no action taken.

ITEM 7: Wrap Up and Next Meeting

ACTION: The next meeting will be held January 21 & 22, 2003 in Portland, Or. Place TBA.