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DATE: December 19, 2005
TO: CBFWA Policy Members
FROM: Tony Nigro, Chair and Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the December 14, 2005 Members Meeting

***Note: These Action Notes were approved as final at the 1/18/06 Members Teleconference.**

CBFWA Policy Members Meeting
December 14, 2005
Portland, Oregon, CBFWA Office

Action Notes

The Members Meeting support material is posted at
<http://www.cbfga.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=Members&meeting=all>

Attendees: Tony Nigro, Chair Greg Delwiche, BPA; Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; John Platt, CRITFC; Philip Rigdon, Paul Ward, YN; Ken Hall, CTUIR; Lonny Macy, CTWSRO; Virgil Moore, IDFG; Larry Peterman, MFWP; Brooklyn D. Baptiste, NPT; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries; Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries; Ed Bowles, ODFW; Doug Taki, SBT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Dick Stone, WDFW; CBFWA Staff: Executive Director Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Tana Klum, Frank Young, Kathie Titzler, Trina Gerlack, Tom Iverson, and Neil Ward **Phone:** Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Tim Dykstra, SPT; Lawrence Schwabe, BPT; Wanda Johnson, BPT; Sue Ireland, KTI; and Mary Verner, UCUT

Time	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Technical Review	0%
	Objective 3. Presentation	0%

Guest Presentations

NOAA Fisheries Remand/Hatchery - Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries

Rob Walton, NOAA-F provided an informal update on the Draft 2004 BiOp Remand Collaborative Process and handed out the draft task schedule for Remand and Recovery Planning from the Salmon Recovery Division dated 12/12/05.

NOAA-F is busy working on the Remand and a status report to the U.S. District Court is due January 3, 2006. The parties, working with the Interior Columbia TRT, intend to define the jeopardy standards, gaps between current status and the standards, and reasons for those gaps by late January 2006. The deadline for a new BiOp is late 2006, and the possibility of NOAA-F getting Judge Redden to agree to an extension is unlikely. Rob suggested the Tribes and F&W managers consider requesting an extension, if they have concerns about the tight schedule compromising their meaningful involvement.

Guest Presentations Continued***NOAA Fisheries Remand/Hatchery - Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries***

NOAA-F has five months to complete a draft BiOp. It is concurrently working on Recovery Plans and needs help on defining and filling the gaps, setting recovery goals, describing current status, assessing roles of hatcheries, determining how to sequence all the processes/timeframes, and answering harvest questions from Congress. It also has to complete an assignment from Congress to investigate hatchery reform in the Columbia River.

Rob Walton invited all interested parties to attend the December 21, 2005 meeting to review recovery goals, new proposed actions, and discuss the role of hatcheries. Meeting participants will also go over all the processes and timeframes. Contact Rob Walton at rob.walton@noaa.gov or 503/230-5408 for information.

BPA Proposal for a New Contracting Alternative - Greg Delwiche, BPA

Greg Delwiche, BPA, reported on a draft BPA proposal for capitalization of wildlife land acquisitions using a contract or MOA that commits the parties to deliver a specified number of habitat units. The proposal is going through an internal and external review process now. The goal is to develop MOA's within this fiscal year to execute next fiscal year as pilots. BPA is seeking fish and wildlife managers & sponsors with current wildlife projects to try the contract approach. BPA is requesting ideas and help to answer questions on accounting issues, resolve capital issues, and to form a pilot for existing projects for this year. This contracting approach is not the same as a settlement. The Members invited Greg Delwiche to discuss this approach further at the Members Meeting on February 21-22, 2006 in Boise, Idaho.

ITEM 1: *Introductions and Approval of Agenda*

Action: Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed. The agenda was approved and some items were discussed out of order to accommodate participants' schedules.

ITEM 2: *Draft Action Notes from 11/10/05 Members Teleconference*

Action: The 11/10/05 Members Meeting minutes were adopted as written.

ITEM 3: *Within Year Budget Requests*

Action: The Members approved the CBFWA staff request to submit a within-year budget modification request for consideration at the January "Quarterly Review". The Members acknowledged that the Coeur d'Alene Tribe might ask the Members to revisit the issue at a later date, if the request competes with other Members' proposals.

Action: The Members authorized the Chair to work with the CBFWA staff to draft a letter to BPA and NPCC asking that the amount of money BPA estimates as available for within-year budget modifications include all unobligated funds from throughout the life of the rate case (CBFWA staff estimates this amount as approximating \$8M).

ITEM 4: *Fish Passage Center – Response to RFP*

Actions: The Members went into Executive Session to discuss the response to RFP.

The Members authorized CBFWA staff to prepare a project proposal in response to BPA's RFP to assume operations of the Fish Passage Center for FY06. The CBFWA's Executive Director will work with MDFWP, Cd'AT, NOAA Fisheries, KTI and any other Members to ensure the proposal addresses concerns they may have with the draft provided for the meeting. If significant issues arise, the Executive Director will alert the Chair for direction.

ITEM 5: *FY 2007-09 Proposals to BPA for CBFWA, CSMEP, & HEP*

- Action:** The Members approved the CBFWA staff request to submit the FY07-09 CBFWA Annual Work Plan proposal to BPA. The proposal includes the base core functions, tasks, ongoing work, Members travel, salaries, and funding for system upgrades, IT and PR support.
- Action:** The Members approved the CBFWA request to submit a FY07-09 CBFWA Annual Work Plan proposal which includes performing the functions of the Fish Passage Center. If this combined proposal is approved by BPA, the FY07-09 CBFWA Annual Work Plan proposal in the previous action will be withdrawn.
- Action:** The Members approved the CBFWA staff request to submit the FY07-09 HEP proposal to BPA. The proposal is not final and Paul Ashley is working with BPA on pre-acquisitions.
- Discussion:** Frank presented the FY07-09 CSMEP Proposal Outline which included objectives, tasks and budget. He explained that the purpose of the proposed project was to provide funding to allow the expertise involved in the development of recommended study designs and processes over the last three years to follow through during the implementation phase of the project. Ron Peters, Cd'AT stated that his tribe was concerned over the lack of more explicit language dealing with resident fish needs. Frank said the current proposal language allowed resident fish study design needs to be addressed, but that there needed to be a commitment by the managers to participate in order to bring about a useful product.
- Action:** The Members gave approval for CSMEP to proceed with the development of a final FY07-09 CSMEP Proposal based on the Draft CSMEP FY07-09 Proposal Outline and Budget for approval by the Members prior to the January 10, 2006 submittal date. Ron Peters will provide resident fish language to Dave Marmorek and Frank by December 22, 2005 for inclusion in the final proposal.

ITEM 6: *Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Request for Additional Funds to Support CTWS Participation – Lonny Macy, CTWS*

- Action:** The Members approved the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs additional funding request to support CTWS participation.

ITEM 7: *Approve Draft Technical Committee Charters for the WAC, RFAC & AFAC*

- Action:** Due to time limitations, this action will be considered for approval at the next Members Meeting.

ITEM 8: *February 21-22, 2006 Members Meeting in Boise, Idaho*

- Discussion:** Due to time limitations, there was no update provided, only a reminder to mark your calendars for the 2-day February Members Meeting.

ITEM 9: *Next Members Teleconference Meeting*

- Action:** Due to time limitations, the CBFWA staff will poll the Members to select the date and time for the January 2006 Members Teleconference.