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DATE: February 22, 2006  
TO: Members  
FROM: Tony Nigro, Chair and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA  
SUBJECT: Action Notes for the 01/18/06 Members Teleconference

**Members Teleconference Meeting  
Wednesday, January 18, 2006  
CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon**

Action Notes

The support material and reference documents for the 1/18/06 Members meeting are posted at <http://www.cbfga.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=Members&meeting=all>.

**Attendees:** Bill Hutchinson, IDFG; Ron Peters, CdAT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Frank Young, Trina Gerlack, CBFWA

**By Phone:** Tony Nigro, ODFW; John Palensky, NOAA-F; Claude Bronco, SBT; Chris Hunter, MDFWP; Dave Statler, NPT; Phil Roger, CRITFC, Sue Ireland, KTI; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Carl Scheeler and Gary James, CTUIR; Tom Iverson, CBFWA

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

**ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval Agenda**

**ACTION:** The agenda was approved with the following changes:

The Members agreed to change Item 4 to a discussion of agenda topics for the February Members Meeting, not approval of a draft agenda.

The Members added an agenda item to enable Mark Bagdovitz time to brief the Members on an upcoming regional activity.

**Info Item** Mark Bagdovitz reminded the Members that a Salmon 2100 Conference will be held in Portland on January 25, 2006. Mr. Jim Connaughton, White House CEQ Chairman will be at the conference talking about harvest and hatcheries. Members not attending the conference should make sure they are briefed on Mr. Connaughton's presentation because he sets policy direction on salmon and influences policy in DC.

**ITEM 2: Approve Draft Action Notes from 12/14/05 Members Teleconference**

**ACTION:** The Members approved the draft 12/14/05 Action Notes as final.

**ITEM 3: Executive Session: Approve Plan to Fill Recent CBFWA Position Vacancy**

**ACTION:** The Members went into Executive Session to discuss internal personnel/staffing issues. The action notes from the Executive Session are available upon Member request.

**ITEM 4: ~~Approve~~ Discuss the Draft Agenda for the February Members Meeting in Boise, ID**

**Discussion:** Several Members pointed out that the meeting dates originally proposed for the February Members Meeting were problematic. Meeting on February 21-22 would require some Members to travel on President's Day (February 20), a national holiday. Also, the meeting dates conflict with the February meeting of the NPCC, which is scheduled for February 21-23<sup>rd</sup> in Portland.

**ACTION:** The Members agreed to the following actions:

- Move the meeting location to Portland, Oregon to enable Members to attend the NPCC meeting.
- Change the meeting dates from February 21-22 to February 22-23. Begin the meeting at 1:00 p.m. on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and end any time between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Send a request to the NPCC to schedule fish and wildlife items it considers at its February meeting so they won't conflict with the Members meeting.
- Hold the August Members meeting in Idaho to maintain the meeting rotation among the States.
- Send their comments on the draft Members Meeting agenda to Brian Lipscomb as quickly as possible so that staff can get the draft agenda and packet sent to the Members on February 1, 2006.

**ITEM 5: Approve Re-draft Technical Committee Charters for the WAC, RFAC & AFAC**

**Discussion:** The revised Charters for the WAC, RFAC, and AFAC technical committees are consistent in language and format and were reviewed and approved by the MAG last October. The FPAC Charter is still pending because the Members need to consider and discuss how changes to the Fish Passage Center affect the functions of the committee. That discussion is scheduled for the February Members meeting.

**ACTION:** The Members accepted the MAG recommendation and approved the three technical committee charters as redrafted.

**ITEM 6: FY07-09 Project Proposals to BPA**

- **Approve CSMEP Proposal**

**Discussion:** Frank Young stated that the CSMEP proposal has already received general approval; however, concern was expressed that resident fish was not adequately addressed. Frank has worked with Ron Peters to add language to the narrative and additional funding was added to the CBFWA proposal for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe to participate in the CSMEP process. Ron Peters stated that additional flexibility and funding was put in the CBFWA proposal to allow funding for Tribes and Members (not just the Coeur d'Alene Tribe) who feel they want to engage in CSMEP in the development of an RM&E Program for resident fish and wildlife. Tony Nigro reminded the Members that the initial long-term vision of CSMEP was to include resident fish and wildlife; anadromous fish and bull trout were just the first focus. He stated that as an organization we will need to outline how we foresee expanding the CSMEP scope to include resident fish and wildlife given the limited funds available.

**ACTION:** Members approved the CSMEP proposal as submitted to the NPCC.

**ITEM 6**           • **Update on CBFWA & HEP Proposals**  
**Continued:**

Discussion: The HEP proposal has been submitted and the CBFWA has submitted two proposals, one with the FPC functions and one without.

**ITEM 7:       Update FY06 With-in Year Budget Request Process**

Discussion: Brian Lipscomb stated that 542 projects received an administrative review by CBFWA, BPA and NPCC to make sure they were correct geographically and categorically. BPA has proposed decision criteria and a categorization/ranking scheme for the projects in a letter to the NPCC (letter included in the packet). In its letters to the NPCC and BPA, CBFWA noted that sufficient funds are available to fund all existing requests. BPA requested a technical and management review of the proposals – 30 days to comment (due February 8<sup>th</sup>). The MAG recommended staff prepare a white paper about the BOG's role, function, and responsibilities, including a review of the CBFWA representative's current responsibilities for discussion at the February Members Meeting.

There was no action taken regarding the within-year process. CBFWA staff will continue to observe the process.

**ITEM 8:       Update Fish Passage Center**

Discussion: MDFWP, on instructions from the Montana Governor's office, objected to CBFWA submitting a proposal to retain management responsibility for the FPC through FY06. CBFWA has submitted a proposal that includes the FPC functions for FY07-09. Five proposals were submitted to BPA in response to its FY 2006 RFPs.

**ITEM 9:       Next Members Meeting Date, Time, and Location**

**ACTION:** The Winter Members Meeting is rescheduled for February 22-23, 2006 in Portland, Oregon. See above action item 4 for details.

Meeting adjourned.