



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH & WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: May 25, 2006  
TO: Members Advisory Group  
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA  
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the 05/16/06 MAG Meeting

Members Advisory Group Meeting  
Tuesday, May 16, 2006  
CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

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<http://www.cbfga.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>

### Draft Action Notes

**Attendees:** Executive Director Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA; F&W Resource Coordinator Frank Young, CBFWA; Lonny Macy, CTWSRO; Bill Hutchinson, IDFG; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Dick Stone, WDFW; Administrative Assistant Pat Burgess, CBFWA; Assistant Director Jann Eckman, CBFWA; Executive Assistant Trina Gerlack, CBFWA; F&W Program Coordinator Tom Iverson, CBFWA; Tribal Coordinator Tana Klum, CBFWA

**By Phone:** Lawrence Schwabe, BPT; F&W Project Coordinator Neil Ward, CBFWA; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Attorney Paul Ward, YN; Bill Towey, CTCR

<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 of Agenda**

**Action:** Agenda was approved as presented.

- Brian Lipscomb asked the MAG members to be sure that they had the latest agenda, version 2, which was posted to the web at the end of the day Monday. The only change in that agenda was an order reversal of items 3 and 4.

**ITEM 2: Approve 4/25/06 MAG Meeting Draft Action Notes as Final**

- Action:**
- John Palensky moved to accept the 4/25/06 MAG meeting draft action notes as presented.
  - Dick Stone seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

**ITEM 3: Review and Discuss Individual Members' Comments to the NPCC on the Monitoring & Evaluation Plan for the 07-09 Project Selection Process**

The process for developing the 07-09 Monitoring and Evaluation Plan is anticipated to be iterative. For this first round of comments, the Members decided to comment on their own but felt a discussion at the MAG would help formulate their comments and may help prepare a consensus position for the next round.

Link to Tom Karier's Columbia Basin Data Center 4/27/06 NPCC Memo:  
[http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2006\\_05/16.pdf](http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2006_05/16.pdf)

**Discussion:** Brian Lipscomb provided a brief overview of Chairman Karier's presentation and discussion at the 5/3/06 Members' meeting and directed the MAG to review Chairman Karier's memo dated 4/27/06 regarding the Columbia Basin Data Center. The MAG held a lengthy discussion expressing various viewpoints. The group was consistent in the thought that CSMEP and StreamNet were developed to offer a similar product to what Chairman Karier is proposing. The group discussed requesting the MSRT to review and develop framework in which to formulate a response to Chairman Karier's memo.

Comments are due May 26<sup>th</sup> on NPCC's Draft Guidance for Developing Monitoring and Evaluation as a Program Element of the Fish and Wildlife Program [<http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/2006/2006-4.htm>].

Frank Young will distribute the PNAMP's draft comments on the NPCC M&E Plan to the MAG for review.

**Action:**

- A special meeting of the MAG will be held on 5/30/06, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the CBFWA office to review the MSRT and NED workgroup findings relative to data management M&E. If the framework established is significant, the intent is to formulate a CBFWA proposed action for recommendation to the Members in response to Chairman Karier's memo.

**ITEM 4: Mainstem Systemwide Review Process for FY 07-09**

Update on May 2, 2006 Meeting regarding the Coordination Funding Projects for Fish and Wildlife Managers. Link to NPCC's Mainstem Systemwide Review Team 5/5/06 Draft Recommendations:

<http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/budget/2007/ms/draftreview.pdf>

**Discussion:** Tom provided an overall update to the MAG on the MSRT process. Advising that initially, the MSRT reviewed and coarsely sorted 161 proposals submitted for Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) funding for Fiscal Years (FY) 2007-2009. The proposals were essentially sorted into groups signifying program priorities as core, high priority, recommended action, and do not fund.

Tom stated that the review group will continue to meet to discuss and reconcile outstanding issues over the next several months. The issues that will need further discussion include fish and wildlife managers coordinated support, Fish Passage Center project, M&E data management proposals, Resident Fish projects, lamprey proposals, bull trout monitoring projects, sturgeon, ocean research, and identify budget targets for those projects.

Tom confirmed that the MSRT team consists of representatives from the Region's fish and wildlife managers, Bonneville, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Council staff, and other interested parties.

The MSRT will be meeting on May 22, 2006 at CBFWA to discuss Data Management framework.

Tom advised that the next step for the MSRT is to balance the budget. This prompted a discussion among MAG members regarding the budgeting process and protocol which led into discussion of Item 5.

**ITEM 5: Clarification of Technical Management Review of the FY07-09 Projects**

The original 4/05/06 Members action item 3c was returned to the MAG for further discussion and clarification. The issue is whether the Technical Advisory Committees should do a project by project review since this will be the basis of the ISRP review, or should the Technical Advisory Committees do a review of the broad comments of the ISRP and compare that to the subbasin reviews completed at the local level.

**Discussion:** Questions from within the group prompting further discussion: Has BPA determined if they will be weighing in on budget? Could CBFWA work with the process, look at numbers, create 20M in flexibility and direct the Council how to allocate? Could CBFWA work with the subbasin team/province to sort through projects not in line with management priorities? ISRP review due in June - could CBFWA staff review and respond to overarching issues? What can be done with an expense budget when a project is classified as capital? Does CBFWA want to specifically state how the dollars should be spent? Do we have the resource and time?

153M allocated – zero capital. Expense is 143M, capital is 36M. Historically, Council has not sought public comments on allocations. Council allocation process 70/15/15.

**Action:**

- Tony Nigro moved for the MAG to recommend to Members that they instruct the Technical Committees to review both the subbasin team/province recommendations and the ISRP report and recommend whether or not CBFWA should provide comments.

- Bill Hutchinson seconded motion.
- A discussion ensued which prompted an amendment to motion to add instruction to the Technical Committees to 1) review BPA's classification of whether a project is capital or expense, and 2) has BPA applied the appropriate criteria and understood project?
- The question was posed as to whether CBFWA should weigh in on how to reallocate freed up funds. The MAG postponed that discussion till 6/20/06 or 7/18/06.
- The Remand discussion was postponed to 7/18/06 MAG meeting since the Remand groups are on schedule to produce a list of projects that may be candidates for a proposed action by mid-July.
- Motion passed, action approved.

**ITEM 6: Members Clarify CBFWA Staff's Interaction on the Budget Oversight Group with Non-CBFWA Project Sponsors**

During the 4/5/06 Members' meeting, the five defining points were approved; however, the MAG questioned Tom Iverson's responsibility of interaction with non-CBFWA project sponsors. The MAG requested that this item be reviewed with the Members at the May 3, 2006 meeting for clarification relative to Tom Iverson's interaction with non-CBFWA project sponsors.

**Update:** Brian Lipscomb provided an update to the MAG that in the 5/3/06 Members' meeting, the Members clarified that Tom Iverson's interaction would be with CBFWA Members only.

**ITEM 7: Update and Clarification on CBFWA and FPAC Charter Edits – Jann Eckman, CBFWA and Subcommittee: Dick Stone, Tony Nigro, Mark Bagdovitz, Ron Peters, and Dave Statler**

**Discussion:** Jann Eckman advised that the groups need to establish a meeting date and an agenda to move forward with the CBFWA and FPAC Charter edits. It was agreed that John Palensky will join the group. Mark Bagdovitz advised that for his participation, it would be best if the Charter edit group meetings follow the completion of the AFMC subcommittee process.

**Action:** A tentative CBFWA and FPAC Charter Edit Committee meeting was set for 6/7/06 at 9:30 a.m. Jann will follow-up with a meeting confirmation and agenda.

**ITEM 8: Update on the Status of the Resource Report Presentation to the NPCC – Brian Lipscomb**

**Discussion:** Brian Lipscomb informed the MAG that the presentation for the Status of the Resource Report did not go as hoped. Due to scheduling delays, only ten minutes was allotted for the presentation therefore not giving a good view of the website. As a result, they intend to present the report to NPCC members on an individual basis at every opportunity.

A presentation will be provided to the Members at the 6/7/06 meeting. The MAG suggested that the Technical Committees review the report and focus on language and website format and be prepared to provide feedback and discussion to the MAG at the 6/20/06 meeting.

Brian Lipscomb advised that the Sapphire Strategies PR representative will attend the 6/20/06 MAG meeting to present the marketing plan for strategies laid out in the work plan. Included in this strategic work plan is the Status of the Resource Report.

**ITEM 9: Update on Interview Process for the Vacant Anadromous Fish Management Coordinator Position - Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS**

**Discussion:** Mark informed the MAG that the subcommittee has a total of eight applications for consideration for the AFMC position. The subcommittee met to review candidates and decide who to interview based on evaluation criteria the group established.

The subcommittee plans to interview the five applicants on Thursday, 5/25/06. Mark stated that competition is stiff among the five candidates as all applicants are highly qualified.

It is anticipated that of the five candidates, three will be selected for review by the MAG. Once reviewed by the MAG, Brian Lipscomb, in his role as Executive Director, assumes responsibility for selecting the final

candidate.

**ITEM 10: CBFWA Committee Updates**

**Discussion:** Dick Stone informed the group that the Fish and Wildlife Committee will meet in Burns, Oregon on 5/31-6/1/06. Topics of discussion include crediting issues, work plan, predation and a quick look at the various proposals up for recommendation.

AFAC will meet the third or fourth week of June to review recommended proposals. Tom I will poll the AFAC for the next AFAC meeting date.

Mark Bagdovitz requested notification of the AFAC next meeting to introduce a new AFAC staffer to represent USFWS.

Lawrence Schwabe provided an update for the RFAC stating that all is quiet at this time except for the group's review of proposals.

**ITEM 11: Members Teleconferences**

- Set Agenda for Members June 7, 2006 Teleconference at the CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon
- Discuss July 5, 2006 meeting date

**Action: June 7, 2006 Members' Meeting Agenda items include:**

- Approve 5/3/2006 Members' Teleconference action notes as final.
- Proposed action out of 5/30/06 special MAG meeting with regard to data management M&E
- Website Presentation of Status of the Resource Report
- Clarification on direction of Technical Committee's capital vs expense discussion.
- Since the July 5<sup>th</sup> Members' teleconference meeting immediately follows the holiday, the MAG will suggest to the Members' that the July meeting be moved to Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> in Spokane WA.
- Brian anticipates having a start date established for the new hire Anadromous Fish Management Coordinator.
- CBFWA Committee Updates
- ISRP Preliminary Project Review Report released June 1, 2006

**FYI Item: Members and MAG Meeting Information:**

- Next MAG Meeting June 20, 2006.
- Monthly MAG meetings will continue to be the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- The MAG will set an agenda for the Members monthly meetings during their monthly MAG meetings.
- Monthly Members Teleconferences are scheduled for the **1st Wednesday** of every month in 2006 from **1:00pm to 4:00pm**.
- The Summer Members Meeting is scheduled for August 23-24, 2006 in Boise, Idaho.

*Meeting adjourned.*