



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: December 11, 2006
TO: CBFWA Members
FROM: Mark Bagdovitz, Acting Vice Chair and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Action Notes from 12/06/06 Members Meeting

Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and government agencies:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Members Meeting
Wednesday, 12/06/2006
1:00pm - 4:00pm

@
CBFWA Office, Portland OR

The support material and reference documents for the 12/06/06 Members meeting are posted at <http://www.cbfga.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=Members&meeting=all>

These action notes were approved as final at the 1/3/07 Members' Meeting.

Action Notes

Attendees: Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Tana Klum, Kathie Titzler, Neil Ward, Dave Ward, Trina Gerlack, Pat Burgess, CBFWA
By Phone: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA; Bill Towey, CTCR; Peter Hassemer, IDFG; Bill Hutchinson, IDFG; Sue Ireland, KTI; Brian Marotz, MFWP; Larry Peterman, MFWP; Dave Statler, NPT; Claude Broncho, SBT; Nathan "Nate" Pamplin, WDFW

Time Allocation:

Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Objective 2. Technical Review	%
Objective 3. Presentation	%

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Note: Ron Trahan was not available to chair the meeting, Mark Bagdovitz served as Vice Chair on behalf of Dan Diggs, USFWS.

Action:

- Mark Bagdovitz moved to accept agenda as drafted.
- Pete Hassemer seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 2: Review the 10/27/06 Members' Meeting Draft Action Notes and approve as Final.

Discussion: Sue Ireland expressed concerns about the tentative approval of actions process that occurred in the 10/27/06 Members meeting. Brian Lipscomb explained that the action notes state that the approval by the Kootenai Tribe constituted the quorum requirement; however, for clarification the action notes should be edited to state that the approval sought was by "one of the UCUT Members" for the sake of the quorum requirement to avoid the misunderstanding that the Kootenai Tribe was speaking for all UCUT Members. In the future if a Member group is not available, Brian Lipscomb will phone the Members not in attendance to discuss pending issues.

Edit to 10/27 Notes/Item #1: *Upon introductions, it was noted that a quorum was not established as no representative from the Upper Columbia River United Tribes was present. The Members agreed to proceed with the meeting agenda and in follow-up directed Brian Lipscomb to contact the UCUT's and review the actions taken by the Members in attendance at the meeting and request the UCUT's consent. If the "at least one of the UCUT's Members" do not consent to the actions taken by the Members today, the actions will be void. If they do consent, the actions will be effective.*

- Action:
- Mark Bagdovitz moved to accept 10/27/06 Members' Action Notes as final, as edited.
 - Larry Peterman seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 3: Review the MAG's Recommendation for Comments on the Draft NPCC's FY06 Annual Report to Congress and Citizens of the Pacific Northwest

CBFWA staff prepared the draft letter to the Council for MAG review and Members approval suggesting partnering on the FY 07 Annual Report to Congress.

Recommended
Action:

Approve draft CBFWA letter to the Council regarding the draft NPCC FY06 Annual Report and partnering on the FY07 Council's Annual Report to Congress for Chair for Chairman Trahan's signature and distribution to NPCC by 12/18/06.

Dave Ward provided background on this item referencing the MAG meeting of 11/21/06 and highlighted the following discussion points:

- NPCC submits the Annual Report to Congress as mandated in the Power Act.
- NPCC attaches comments received during comment period either in direct format or in summary format.
- Historically, CBFWA, as an organization, has not submitted comments to the Council's Annual Report to Congress.
- Upon review, CBFWA technical committees noticed that the report was incomplete and a letter was authored by Dave Ward calling the Council to task.
- The MAG decided not to send a letter of direct comment on the FY06 Annual Report but instead to draft a letter to request collaboration on the Council's FY07 Annual Report to Congress.
- A specific sentence was added to the letter stating that "At this time, CBFWA offers no comments on the report and requests that this letter not be attached to the final report sent to Congress."

Brian Lipscomb added that the idea of the revised letter was to eliminate creating an adverse atmosphere and be proactive. In addition, the MAG felt that it was important to deliberate over time strategizing on the content of a letter that would be attached to a report reviewed by Congress.

Brian Lipscomb advised that he will personally contact Dr. Karier advising that the letter is on its way thereby opening the discussion on the collaboration.

- Action:
- Claude Broncho moved to recommend that the letter presented today from the MAG be sent to Tom Karier, NPCC, with the intent of today's discussion.
 - Peter Hassemer seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 4: 12/12-12/13/2006 NPCC's Meeting Agenda Items of Discussion

NPCC Meeting Packet is linked at [http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2006_12/Default.htm]

Discussion:

Brian Lipscomb provided a point-by-point update on the agenda items as follows:

Discussion of next F&W Program amendment process

CBFWA submitted comments to NPCC on this topic on 10/26/06. Within a discussion at the recent MAG meeting, Tom Iverson provided information documenting timelines and suggested strategies to the fish and wildlife managers for the process. CBFWA staff intends to present a proposed work plan at the next MAG meeting.

Recommendation to initiate innovation proposal solicitation

With regard to the 07/09 solicitation process and the creation of the budget placeholder, NPCC is considering language to initiate the innovation proposal.

Status of the Resource Report update/Presentation of StreamNet Data Priorities

The SOTR is complete. A summary of the SOTR will be presented and rolled into another discussion of an analysis of how well CBFWA has done at obtaining the data for the population reports. The SOTR discussion will lead into an update from StreamNet.

Update on accomplishments to date on CSMEP Program

Tom Iverson advised that CSMEP requested approval from the MAG to provide a

presentation to the Council in January but the MAG suggested delaying this presentation until February allowing more time to develop the presentation content. However, at the last minute, the Council requested an update for the December meeting. Dave Marmorek has completed the first draft on the presentation. Dave Marmorek and Tom Iverson will provide the presentation to the Council.

Update on FPC transition

No decision was made by the Ninth Circuit Court in November as anticipated so the FPC issue is still pending.

Brian Lipscomb advised that the coordination proposal presentation originally scheduled for the December Council meeting has been rescheduled for January.

ITEM 5:

CBFWA Technical Committee Updates

AFAC: Dave Ward advised that the committee has not met recently. Doug Taki (SBT) was elected Chair and Brad Houslet (CTWSRO) Vice Chair. They will be working together to formulate a work plan for next year.

WAC: Tom Iverson stated that Kathy Cousins (IDFG) is acting Chair at this time. The group will be meeting on December 12th to elect a Chair/Vice Chair to serve in 2007 and to draft a 2007 work plan with key elements on wildlife O&M. There have been discussions within NPCC regarding the long term level of O&M for BPA funded wildlife acquisitions.

RFAC: Neil Ward advised that the group has not met for two months but they will be meeting at the beginning of 2007 to discuss the Bull Trout workshop. Jim Uehara (WDFW) was elected as Chair and Mike Faler (USFWS) was elected as Vice Chair.

ITEM 6:

Next Members Teleconference

The Members' meeting scheduled for January 3, 2007 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the CBFWA office, Portland OR.