



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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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 fish and wildlife agencies:

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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

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: October 2, 2007
TO: Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the September 18-19, 2007 Members Meeting

CBFWA Summer Members Meeting Tuesday, September 18, 2007 Wednesday, September 19, 2007 Polson, Montana

All support material will be posted on the Members webpage at
<http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=Members&meeting=all>.

Final Action Notes

Attendees:

9/18/07 - Chairman Dan Diggs, USFWS; Wanda Johnson, BPT; Lawrence Schwabe, BPT; Dale W. Chess, Cd'AT; Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; Louis Adam, CSKT Tribal Elder; Ron Trahan, CSKT; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Gary James, CTUIR; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Paul Kline, IDFG; Steve Yundt, IDFG; Joe Mentor, Mentor Law Group, PLLC; FWP Chief of Operations Larry Peterman, MDFWP; Dave Statler, NPT; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Gwen Spencer, Sapphire Strategies; Doug Taki, SBT; Tim Dykstra, SPT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Nate Pamplin, WDFW; CBFWA staff: Brian Lipscomb, Trina Gerlack, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, Ken MacDonald, & Dave Ward

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By Phone:

9/19/07 - Laura Gephart, CRITFC; Washington Council Member Chairman Tom Karier, NPCC; Patty O'Toole, NPCC; Lynn Palensky, NPCC

Guests:

Louis Adam, CSKT Tribal Elder; Kathy McAllister and Linda Ulmer, USFS; Les Everts and Barry Hansen, CSKT; Bruce Measure, Rhonda Whiting, Tom Karier, Patty O'Toole, and Lynn Palensky, NPCC

Time

Objective 1. Committee Participation 70%

Allocation:

Objective 2. Technical Review 0%

Objective 3. Presentation 30%

Day One – Tuesday, September 18, 2007

Welcome and Opening Remarks – Ron Trahan, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe (CSKT)

Ron Trahan introduced Tribal Elder Louis Adams. Ron gifted each Member a Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe cup and pen.

Invocation – Louis Adams, CSKT Tribal Elder

Introductions – Chairman Dan Diggs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Members' introductions were made and a quorum was established.

ITEM 1: Approve Agenda

Action: The Members approved the agenda. No objections.

ITEM 2: Approve the September 5, 2007 Members Teleconference Draft Action Notes as Final

Action: The Members approved the September 5, 2007 Members Teleconference Action Notes as final. No objections.

http://www.cbfga.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0905/MbrsActionNotes2007_0905Final.pdf

ITEM 3: Honoring John Palensky's Contribution to the Program

The Bonneville Power Administration has decided to rename the Burlington Bottoms Wildlife Mitigation Site after John R. Palensky to honor his contribution to the Program.

Action: The Members approved the CBFWA letter to BPA supporting the creation of the John Palensky Wildlife Mitigation Site and designated a CBFWA representative to attend the September 24 memorial and deliver a message from CBFWA. No objections.

Final Memo:

http://www.cbfga.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0918/CBFWASupportLtrJPalenskyMemorialFinal.pdf

ITEM 4: Legal Authority White Paper & BPA In Lieu - Joe Mentor, CBFWA Attorney

Contact Information: Joe Mentor, Jr., Mentor Law Group, PLLC
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Discussion: **White Paper:** Joe Mentor gave an overview of his legal background and history with CBFWA. He presented the revised draft Authorities White Paper and requested that it be passed around and reviewed by the Members and their legal council. Joe added a table of contents, more background information, and a section on Selected Issues. The purpose of the final white paper will be as an attachment to the CBFWA amendment recommendations. He will circulate the white paper with the NPCC staff and other attorneys upon approval. Joe stated that John Shurts has been very forthcoming and supportive. Ultimately, Joe plans to have the white paper published. The amendment checklist and organization outline were created to help prepare for the amendment process.

BPA In Lieu Policy: Joe stated that the draft in lieu letter is a response to the BPA draft policy letter, not yet released for public comment. The MAG recommended that a draft be prepared for Members review. The CBFWA in lieu response will provide a record that could be reviewed in court if BPA acts outside the law. CBFWA and BPA have a difference of opinion of the interpretation of the language in the Act. The CBFWA in lieu response letter provides a legal and social justification for the Tribes, fish and wildlife managers' recommendations in the amendments process.

Action:

- BPA *In lieu* Response

Memo: http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0918/BPAIn-LieuPolicyMemo9-18-07.pdf

Letter: http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0918/9-24-07InLieuPolicyCommentLetterDraft.doc

The Members reviewed the BPA *In lieu* response memo. They agreed to take the draft memo back home for Members and legal council review, comment, and approval. Approval will be pursued at the October 3 Members Teleconference. No objections.

Action:

- Authority of Fish and Wildlife Managers under the Northwest Power Act White Paper Review, Amendment Checklist, and Organization of Amendment Submittal

Draft White Paper:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0918/AuthoritiesWhitePaper091807Draft.pdf

Draft Checklist:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0918/ProgramAmendmentsChecklistOrganization091807DRAFT.pdf

The Members approved the draft form of the Authorities White Paper and associated Program Amendments Checklist and Organizational Outline and agreed to review the drafts and provide feedback to Joe Mentor, including any comments from legal council and NPCC be completed by October 31. The final White Paper and Checklist will be presented for adoption by the Members at their November 7 teleconference. No objections.

ITEM 5:**Data Management Strategy**

Data management project funding recommendations and proposed actions memo:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0918/DataManagementMemo091307.doc

CSMEP:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0918/CSMEP_MembersPresentation091807.pdf

The Members were asked to support the continued development of the “Strategy for Managing Fish, Wildlife, and Habitat Data for the Columbia River Fish and Wildlife Program.” The strategy document describes regional data management needs and provides the justification and explanation of data management needs within the Fish and Wildlife Program for FY08-09. In the future, the Members will be asked to review approve data management project funding recommendations for FY08-09. These include:

- StreamNet funding
- Northwest Habitat Institute
- A Fish and Wildlife Program channel steward position added to CBFWA (data coordinator)
- Two tribal data management FTEs added to the StreamNet work plan
- Executive data summit
- Capture and integrate hatchery reform data

The data management funding decisions are closely linked to the CSMEP project. BPA has funded CSMEP at approximately one-half of the Council’s recommended FY08 budget. The Members will be asked to define a strategy to pursue the

recommended FY08 funding level. CSMEP combined with the data management strategy are key components to facilitate the development and implementation of a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation plan to be defined during the Program amendment process.

Discussion: The Members are ready to identify data management needs but not ready to discuss project specifics or funding recommendations. Prioritizing data management projects will be decided after the opportunity costs are assessed. NED will make a data management presentation at the October NPCC Meeting.

Action: The Members approved the draft strategy for CBFWA staff to interact and continue working with NED and NPCC on long term data management efforts. This data management strategy is also to be used at the October 2, Data Management Summit. No objections.

Discussion: In a separate issue, how should StreamNet and NHI data management funding be communicated?

Action: The Members tasked the MAG to provide recommendation specifics for FY08 – FY09 projects to include StreamNet and NHI to staff no later than October 31 for a recommended action at the November 7 Members Teleconference. No objections.

ITEM 6: Review Management Coordination Definitions and Project Recommendations for FY08 & FY09

- CBFWA FY08-09 Budget

For the funding cycle, FY07 - FY09 the management coordination proposals were only funded for FY07 pending the development of a management coordination definition including deliverables. The Members took action in February to address this issue. The results of this action will be presented for consideration including a definition of coordination and an application of the definition as it pertains to a CBFWA proposal for FY08 & 09.

Action: The Members approved the FY08 CSMEP work plan, and a strategy to begin a conversation with NPCC to gain BPA and regional support. This will include the FY09 and long-term CSMEP products for a placeholder for FY09 funding. No objections.

The Members tasked CBFWA staff to request time on the NPCC October agenda to present a detailed work plan and request for support from the NPCC. They also tasked staff to draft a letter to BPA with a copy to NPCC for approval at the October 3, 2007 conference call for signature by Chairman Dan Diggs, CBFWA. No objections.

ITEM 7: One-Hour Tour of Flathead Lake via Cruise Boat was canceled due to weather.

Day Two – Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Welcome and Day One Recap

ITEM 8: Approve Management Coordination Definitions and Project Recommendations for FY08 & FY09

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0918/DRAFTCoordinationDefinitions_9-19-07MbrsApproved.pdf

Add definition of coordination and concept of collaboration into the regional coordination document.

Action: The Members approve the direction and endorse the draft. The MAG and staff will continue working on the draft for review at the October 3 Members Teleconference. No objections.

The Members tasked the MAG and staff to continue working on draft by adding more deliverables for the collaboration budgets for the October 3 Members teleconference.

Continue further discussions with other entities, BPA, and NPCC. No objections.

There is concern that postponing the funding recommendations until November Members teleconference will be late, when other entities will be presenting at the October NPCC Meeting.

Add coordination to Joe Mentor's White Paper under selected issues.

The coordination draft will be ready for review at the October 3 Members teleconference and a presentation at the October NPCC meeting.

Add these items to the September 26 MAG Meeting.

- FPCOB
- Finalize the Regional Coordination document
- Review the CBFWA work plan budgets for FY08 and FY09
- Bring to Members for review at the October 3 teleconference

Discussion: Tom Iverson presented a concept timeline of future processes for the Amendments and Project Selection. He captured the latest dates for the NPCC Program Amendments and Project Selection Review. The major processes are laid out side by side. CBFWA does not set timelines for the Program; this is a work load review for CBFWA. Tom has shared the timeline with NPCC staff to collect correct information and feedback on the idea.

This is a concept and vetting will take place in 3-months. CBFWA needs to work out the project selection process details with other entities.

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0918/WorkplanGantt-Mbrs091907.xls

Action: The Members tasked the MAG and CBFWA staff to explore NPCC's willingness to consider the concept, focusing only on the tasks and timelines, no proposals. The Members support this proactive approach with NPCC. No objections.

ITEM 9: **Coordination with Federal Land Managers of U.S. Forest Service (USFS)** - Kathy McAllister Deputy Regional Forester, Region One USFS

USFS MOU:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0918/MOU_USFS_BLM&CBFWA1995_1214.pdf

CBFWA & Federal Land Managing Agencies - Potential Update of 1996 Memorandum of Understanding

Background: The USDA Forest Service (FS) and the USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manage over 60% of the currently accessible anadromous fish spawning and rearing habitat within the Columbia River basin. Federally-managed lands also include numerous watersheds that serve as 'strongholds' for native, aquatic species.

The Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority Charter, **Section 303** – **Coordination of Land and Water Management Cooperation** states, "The Authority shall:

- A) Coordinate activities between the Authority and all the water and land planning and management authorities of the Columbia River Basin.
- B) Facilitate the development of fish and wildlife habitat restoration measures;
- E) Ensure communications between all relevant entities

The CBFWA currently has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with USDA Forest Service Regions 1, 4, 6, and the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon,

Washington and Idaho that was finalized in 1996. While much is relevant, some further discussion is needed on emerging issues.

Renewing coordination and the working relationship between the federal land managers and CBFWA could start with a joint review of the MOU and lead to revisions of the MOU. Particular areas for further discussion would be:

1. Fish and wildlife habitat conservation/restoration strategies as described in FS & BLM Land Management Plans, state and tribal species recovery and conservation plans, and NPCC Subbasin Plans;
2. Integration of the fish and wildlife manager's regional monitoring and data management programs, including; the Collaborative Systemwide Monitoring and Evaluation Project (CSMEP), the Data Management Framework Subcommittee (DMFS), and Northwest Habitat Institute with existing FS and BLM broad-scale programs (e.g., AREMP, PIBO)

Discussion: Kathy McAllister, USFW would like to work collectively with CBFWA and local governments to make the best decisions to manage federal lands. The next Deputy Team Meeting is November 7, where USFW and BLM will attend.

The Members support coordination with the federal land management agencies regional and state offices (OR/WA, ID, MT) to include a revision to the 1996 MOU, which is valid, but outdated. Coordination efforts will reflect the intent to interface and integrate state, tribal, and federal programs, where possible, and coordinate the development and implementation of the Fish and Wildlife Program with the federal land managing agencies.

Action: The Members tasked the staff to work with MAG, USFS, and BLM agencies on coordination to develop and update the December 14, 1995 MOU. Address the implementation issues in the MOU on page three, update the MOU signatures and focus on keeping relationships updated and identifiable. This is an opportunity for meaningful conversations with federal lands agencies to clarifying federal lands responsibilities and discuss recovery planning, funding, and in lieu issues. No objections.

USFS MOU:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0918/MOU_USFS_BLM&CBFWA1995_1214.pdf

ITEM 10: **Review and approve Amendment Strategy for Wildlife** – Recommendations provided by the Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)

The Wildlife Advisory Committee's recommended strategy for Fish and Wildlife Program amendments is to address current Program implementation problems and move towards a management approach that emphasizes ecological functions and relates to priorities identified in subbasin plans. The recommended wildlife amendments address four primary topics.

1. Ecological Function
 - Transition from HEP to emphasis on ecological function
 - Link monitoring, O&M and crediting to ecological attainment of desired conditions as expressed in project management plans
 - Incorporate subbasin plan priorities
2. Monitoring and Evaluation based on management plan ecological/habitat objectives adequate to:
 - Track trends in project effectiveness towards management plan objectives
 - Complement larger scale efforts

- Focus on status/trend and effectiveness
 - Use of reference sites to define habitat/ecological objectives
3. Crediting
- Transparent process and clear definition for assigning credits; protection and enhancement, operational once losses assessed and secondary
 - Address credit ratio (2:1)
 - Condition credits on adoption of long-term O&M agreements
 - Develop and implement ecologically-based operational loss assessment method(s)
4. Operations and Maintenance
- Develop long-term, stable funding mechanism

Discussion: Ken MacDonald presented the strategy for the Wildlife Program Amendments. The presentation is posted at:
http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0918/Wildlife_Amendments_Presentation091907_MemberFinal.pdf

The next step for the technical committee is linkages at the regional level to the provincial level and sharing strategy with other entities.

The Members assigned staff and WAC to work on the language concerns, surrounding long-term adequate funding, outside existing prioritization process, and mainstem operations/restorations.

Action: The Members approve the direction and strategy for the wildlife program amendments contingent on the revised language as identified. No objections.

ITEM 11: **Review and Approve Amendment Strategy for Fish** - Recommendations Provided by the Resident Fish and Anadromous Fish Advisory Committees

Based on direction from the Member's Advisory Group given at two Amendment Strategy Workshops, The Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC) and the Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee (AFAC) have been summarizing data on focal species populations, biological objectives, limiting factors, and threats, and have developed a "template" to link strategies and specific measures to these limiting factors and threats. This template may serve as the detailed basis for amendments to the Program. In addition, the AFAC has begun formulating a strategy to identify the BPA obligation towards achieving biological objectives and the RFAC has initiated discussions regarding the development of a process for completing loss assessments for resident fish and equating anadromous fish losses to resident fish substitution practices.

Fish Presentation: Amendment Strategy for Fish Presentation:
http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0918/Fish_Amendments_Presentation091907_MemberFinal.pdf

Dave Ward presented the Anadromous Fish portion of the presentation. The presentation example is the Walla Walla River Steelhead. Dave utilized the recovery plans to create limiting factors/threats. The AFAC to do list includes, template framework for all anadromous populations, populate template, prioritize measures, and BPA obligations.

The Members suggested incorporating immortality of the ocean affects and mainstem issues. Review biological obligations surrounding gap status/pre-settlement, offsite strategy, BiOp, and life cycles affected by hydro system.

Neil Ward presented the Resident Fish portion of the presentation. The RFAC to do

list includes, populate templates, resident fish loss procedures, resident fish / anadromous fish conversion formula. The RFAC is struggling on how to put a value on and develop language to identify cultural losses for anadromous fish.

The Members suggested that the RFAC concentrate on developing language around losses for anadromous fish and fishing opportunities in the blocked areas. Identify that resident fish substitution is important but cannot sustain for cultural losses.

The amendment timeline and deliverables for fish losses, measures and strategies are scheduled between October 2007 and December 2007.

- Action:** The Members directed the MAG and staff to develop a work plan for Anadromous Fish and Resident Fish for Members review at the October 3 teleconference to line up resources and timeframe for compiling the assignment and approve strategy. No objections.
- Action:** The Members tasked the MAG and staff to further investigate value and cost of using AHA to prioritize measures among the H's. No objections.
- The Members tasked CBFWA staff to look at the available coordination budget for the FY07 CBFWA contract and provide a review at the MAG meeting. The Members prefer a no cost funding modification. No objections.

ITEM 12: Review Organization of Amendment Submittal

The CBFWA Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment recommendations will be organized in three volumes (1) revised 2000 Program, (2) revised 2003 Mainstem Amendments, and (3) population-specific strategies and measures. The CBFWA recommendations will provide line-by-line edits to the existing Program, which includes inserting new text where appropriate, deleting text where appropriate, and explicitly recommending that specific language remain unchanged where appropriate. All recommendations will be supported by detailed documentation.

- Action:** This item was reviewed with the Amendment Check list under item 4.

ITEM 13: Status Report from Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) Fish and Wildlife Committee Chair and/or Members – Bruce Measure

- Discussion:**
- Fish Passage Center Oversight Board (FPCOB) Update

Bruce Measure, NPCC reported that the August 2, 2007 FPCOB meeting was well attended but missing a representative for the Lower River Tribes. The FPCOB invites and encourages the Lower Columbia Tribes' participation. The next FPCOB meeting is October 15, in Missoula, Montana. The Upper Snake Tribes requested membership and are now formal board members of FPCOB.

The FPCOB reviewed the following topics at the August 2 meeting.

- Overview of Fish Passage Center and current projects
- History of FPCOB and current role of the FPCOB
- Discussion of Membership of the FPCOB
- Governance discussion

The FPCOB meeting minutes are posted for your review at http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/fpcob/meetings/2007_08/minutes.pdf

Bruce Measure stated that his goal is to reduce controversy surrounding Fish Passage Center (FPC) and ensure that all FPC products are validated by scientists and peer review.

Tony Nigro, ODFW stated historically the FPC products are fairly accurate. The FPC has gone through detailed audits and extensive regional reviews. The FPC has a transparent process. They deal with topics that are controversial and often the

messenger is mischaracterized. Is the criticism legitimate or not, some of both? The goal is to find common ground. Steve Yundt, IDFG stated the challenge is to provide the best science, which is subject for peer review. How it is used is out of our control.

**Lunch
Presentation:**

Review Flathead Lake Co-Management - Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

- Review Flathead Lake Co-Management

Presentation:

Les Evarts and Barry Hansen, CSKT presented the Flathead Lake and River Fisheries Co-Management Plan – November 2000. The plan specifically emphasizes native trout. Non-native lake trout dominate Flathead Lake and many other large lakes of the west and their predation pressure has caused the decline of native trout. The Flathead Lake Co-management Plan directs the use of an angler-based approach as the first in a series of strategies to reduce lake trout. Agency-sponsored fishing contests have been the primary means of targeting lake trout for harvest. The advantages of the angler-based approach are that it includes the public in management, is sustainable and cost effective, has small by-catch mortality for bull trout, low controversy, and no waste because all fish go to food banks.

Larry Peterman, MDFWP cited the difficulty of this plan because of the combination of complex biological and social issues it entails. The State and Tribes share management responsibility for the lake. He thinks the co-management plan is a success in part because the agencies are working well together.

ITEM 14:

Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) Feedback on the Amendment Strategy - Rhonda Whiting and Lynn Palensky

- Science Policy Exchange Debriefing
- Amendment Strategy

Discussion:

- Science Policy Exchange Debriefing

Rhonda Whiting reported that the Science Policy Exchange conference was a success. There was a lot of information to absorb and they feel more educated. The conference focus was on priority issues in the region. The presentation and abstracts from the presenters are posted at

<http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/program/2008amend/spe/agenda.htm>.

Rick Williams is working on an executive summary of the Science Policy Exchange Conference.

Lynn Palensky stated the conference was a good exchange of information. She acknowledged CBFWA's roll in suggesting all the different scientists to participate in the conference. The NPCC has the best science available for a good understanding in the Amendment Process.

Discussion:

- Amendment Strategy

Rhonda Whiting stated that the NPCC appreciates the all the work from the fish and wildlife managers and is looking forward to their help. The coordination efforts help with the policy decisions at the end. Rhonda is pleased with the direction of CBFWA.

The Program Amendments Process schedule is posted on the NPCC website at http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2007_09/fw2.pdf. If necessary, the schedule is flexible to accommodate the release of the BiOp.

Dan Diggs asked if the NPCC is open to reviewing a schedule from CBFWA regarding the Amendment Process and beyond.

Lynn Palensky has discussed the process schedule with Tom Iverson and will discuss it at the NPCC retreat this week. The NPCC already has some good ideas and will have another discussion at the NPCC Meeting in Missoula, Montana.

Rhonda stated that the NPCC wants to continue working with CBFWA beyond the recommendation process. The NPCC has time allocated on NPCC agenda for CBFWA to discuss the Amendment Process. Present your products for review before the packet deadline for the Fish Committee's review and then off to the Full Council. Beyond the Amendment Process, there is coordination, science policy, and keeping the most current information available to the region. Rhonda requested that CBFWA Members attend the NPCC meetings.

ITEM 15: February 2008 Members Meeting

- Review dates and logistics for February 2008 Members Meeting to be held in Washington state.

Action: The Winter Members Meeting is scheduled for January 17-18, 2008 in Vancouver, Washington. The dates are open to change. No objections.

FYI:

- The next Members' Teleconference is scheduled for October 3, 2007 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. (PST).

Proposed Members Agenda

- Program Amendments Strategy
- Presentation to NPCC
- AHA
- Authorities White Paper
- Amendment Checklist and Organization of Amendment Submittal
- Regional Coordination document
- CBFWA work plan budget for FY08-09
- BPA In Lieu letter
- FPCOB
- The next NPCC Meeting is October 16-18, 2007 in Missoula, MT.
- A next Members Teleconference is scheduled for November 7, 2007.

Meeting Adjourned