



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.

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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

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Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: January 4, 2008
TO: Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the January 2, 2008 Members Teleconference

Members Teleconference Wednesday, January 2, 2008 @ CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

The support material for the 01/02/08 Members Teleconference is posted at:
<http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=Members&meeting=all>.

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Chairman Dan Diggs, USFWS; Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries; Jann Eckman, Ken MacDonald, Dave Ward, Pat Burgess, CBFWA

By Phone: Laura Gephart, John Platt, CRITFC; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Gary James, CTUIR; Brad Houslet, CTWS; Steve Yundt, IDFG; Sue Ireland, KTOI; Larry Peterman, MDFWP; Nate Pamplin, WDFW; Gwen Spencer, Sapphire Strategies; Tom Iverson, Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA

Time Allocation:

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Upon conclusion of introductions, a quorum was not satisfied; however, Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA, stated that he would contact Members not in attendance and review and discuss actions to obtain consensus (see table at end of notes).

Action: The Members approved the agenda as presented. No objections.

ITEM 2: Approve Draft Action Notes from the December 5, 2007 Members Meeting as final.

Rob Walton, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), requested an edit to two sentences under Item 6 Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG):

1st edit in paragraph four, second sentence – Rob requested the following change:

Rob, while on the conference call with the Members, was attempting to gather additional information to clarify the reason for the HSRG's additional funding request but was not able to provide ~~emphatic~~ **specific** answers in response to all questions raised by CBFWA Members within the meeting.

2nd edit in paragraph six, third sentence – Rob requested the following change:
Detailed information on the HSRG project ~~is was~~ not readily available; therefore, ~~without the information,~~ **not** all of the members ~~didn't feel~~ **felt** comfortable adding it to the critical and essential list at this time.

Action: The Members approved the December 5, 2007 draft action notes as final with edits as requested by Rob Walton. No objections.

ITEM 3: Amendment Timeline Extension Request Letter to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC)

The Members discussed a draft letter to Dr. Tom Karier, NPCC, requesting the NPCC keep the record for Fish and Wildlife Program amendment recommendations open until March 1, 2008. The letter stated that the additional thirty (30) days would allow the fish and wildlife managers' time to complete the internal policy review processes required by their respective directors and/or tribal councils.

Members' comments:

- Lynn DuCharme, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation (CSKT), advised that CSKT is sending correspondence to the NPCC requesting an extension of sixty days.
- Rob Walton, NOAA, added that the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) and Upper Snake River basin Biological Opinions (BiOp) are due March 18, 2008, which would only give Members thirteen days for review (if granted a sixty day extension) and questioned if that was enough time. Rob suggested that one option would be to request an extension of "at least" sixty days to leave the door open for additional time, if needed, after reviewing the BiOp's.
- Larry Peterman, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MDFWP), stated that MDFWP would prefer a sixty day extension request.
- Dan Diggs, USFWS, stated that USFWS would be comfortable with a sixty day extension request.

Brian Lipscomb advised that it is his understanding that the NPCC would have difficulty granting an extension beyond sixty days as they would not want to delay opening the NPCC Power Plan process.

Dan Diggs called for a motion to modify the letter requesting an extension of sixty days instead of thirty days.

Members' comments:

Gary James, Confederated Tribe of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), suggested that information be added regarding the BiOp reviews. Rob Walton, NOAA, suggested the following edits to the letter (note bold/italics) to be inserted in the last sentence in the first paragraph:

The additional ~~thirty (30)~~ **sixty (60)** days will allow the fish and wildlife managers time ***to review the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) and Upper Snake River basin Biological Opinions and*** to complete the internal policy review processes required by their respective directors and/or tribal councils.

Action: The Members approved the timeline extension request letter with the modification to expand the extension request to sixty (60) days and add "***to review the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) and Upper Snake River basin Biological Opinions and***" to the last sentence in the first paragraph. No objections.

Final Letter sent to the NPCC on January 4, 2008:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0102/AmendmentRecSubmittalExtReqFinal.pdf.

ITEM 4: Coordination Proposal Presentation to the NPCC

Brian Lipscomb, advised that CBFWA has an opportunity to make a coordination proposal presentation to the NPCC at their January 2008 meeting. This presentation would be in follow up to what has already been communicated in writing to the NPCC on December 10, 2007:

http://www.cbfwa.org/RegionalIssues/Correspondence/CBFWA/cbfwaFY0809FundingLtr-Spreadsheet_20071210FINAL.pdf.

Tom Iverson provided a presentation for Members' review. Tom advised that the presentation will be updated to add CBFWA's response to the distributed services request and a final review will be done to make sure that the slides are consistent with the final CBFWA work plan.

Action: The Members approved for the CBFWA Chair or Vice-chair to make the Coordination Proposal presentation to the NPCC at their January 2008 meeting. CBFWA staff will update the presentation and add a slide to reflect the response to the distributive services request and will review the presentation to make sure slides are consistent with the final CBFWA work plan. No objections.

Abstention: Sue Ireland, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho (KTI), advised that they are abstaining pending Tribal Council policy deliberation.

ITEM 5: Status of the Resource (SOTR) and NPCC M&E Report

Brian Lipscomb stated that he wanted Members to be aware that the NPCC staff is planning to prepare an M&E report in coordination with the SOTR report. The focus is on pulling information from within the region from an environmental standpoint. Brian stated that there's been confusion about how the two reports will ultimately fit together. Brian advised that Tony Grover, NPCC, has been invited to discuss this with Members at the January 17-18, 2008 meeting in Vancouver WA.

The 2006 SOTR report will be presented to the Members at the January meeting in Vancouver WA, allowing for a thirty day review by the agencies and tribes before it is presented to the NPCC at their March 2008 meeting.

ITEM 6: Public Relations Contract Modification

Brian Lipscomb updated the Members on some necessary modifications to the public relations work plan. Brian advised that the current public relations statement of work (SOW) with Gwen Spencer, Sapphire Strategies, was based on the fact that Tana Klum was facilitating and coordinating the public relations process among the Members and the Members Advisory Group (MAG) public relations subcommittee. Given Tana's resignation from CBFWA and the subsequent decision to not fill the position, it is not feasible to continue with the original work plan. As a result of this change, Gwen Spencer's efforts are being refocused.

Gwen reviewed the modified SOW with the Members:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0102/SapphireStrategiesSOW.12.2007Draft3.doc. Modifications include 1) Amendment Process Communication Tools Development, 2) Status of the Resource Graphic Design Support, 3) New Office Space Branding Support, and 4) a more focused success story.

John Platt, CRITFC, praised Gwen's work but raised concerns regarding Gwen becoming the "face of CBFWA," given Rhonda Whiting's role with the NPCC (Rhonda is Gwen's mother). John was concerned that this situation may create a nepotistic situation and put Gwen and Rhonda in a compromising position.

Brian stated that there was never an intention to put Gwen Spencer or Rhonda Whiting in a compromising position, nor is it intended for Gwen to provide presentations to the NPCC or other parties. CBFWA is working with Gwen to create the talking points and the PowerPoint presentation utilizing Gwen's professional expertise with regard to working with external media.

Brian stated that he will follow up with John Platt directly to further address his concern.

FYI: Upcoming Meetings

- The Winter Members Meeting is scheduled for January 17-18, 2008 in Vancouver, WA.
- The next Northwest Power and Conservation Council meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2008 in Vancouver WA. (The NPCC agenda was amended to reflect a one day meeting per the NPCC 1/7/08.)

Consensus Follow-up w/Members not in Attendance at January 2, 2008 Teleconference

Follow-up by Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director

Actions Reviewed:

Action 3: The Members approved the timeline extension request letter with the modification to expand the extension request to sixty (60) days and add “to review the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) and Upper Snake River basin Biological Opinions and” to the last sentence in the first paragraph. No objections.

Action 4: The Members approved for the CBFWA Chair or Vice-chair to make the Coordination Proposal presentation to the NPCC at the January 2008 meeting. CBFWA staff will update the presentation and add a slide to reflect the response to the distributive services request and will review the presentation to make sure slides are consistent with the final CBFWA work plan. No objections.

Entity	Contact	Date	Method	Consensus?
KTI	Sue Ireland	1/4/08	Phone	Item 3: Yes Item 4: Abstain
BPT	Lawrence Schwabe	1/4/08	Phone	Item 3: Yes Item 4: Yes
Cd'AT	Alfred Nomee	1/4/08	Phone	Item 3: Yes Item 4: Yes
YN	Paul Ward	1/4/08	Phone	Item 3: Yes Item 4: Yes
CTCR	Joe Peone Bill Towey	1/4/08 1/4/08	Phone Phone Message	Item 3: Yes Item 4: Yes
NPT	John Platt (Confirmed that all CRITFC tribes were in consensus.)	1/4/08	Phone	Item 3: Yes Item 4: Yes
ODFW	Tony Nigro	1/4/08	Phone	Item 3: Yes Item 4: Yes
SBT	Claudeo Broncho	1/4/08	Phone	Item 3: Yes Item 4: Yes
SPT	Tim Dykstra	1/4/08	Phone	Item 3: Yes Item 4: Yes