



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:

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 Fish, Wildlife & 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: September 15, 2008
TO: CBFWA Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the September 11, 2008 Members Teleconference

Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) Special Members Teleconference Thursday, September 11, 2008 @ CBFWA Office, Portland OR 1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. PDT

All support material is posted at http://www.cbfwa.org/committee_main.cfm.

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Patricia Burgess, CBFWA
Phone/ WebEx: Elmer Ward, CTWS; Billy Barquin, Haglund, Kelly, Horngren, Jones & Wilder LLP; Tom Rien, ODFW; Carol Perugini, SPT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Kyle R. Prior, USRT

Time Allocation:

Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Objective 2. Technical Review	0%
Objective 3. Presentation	0%

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

This was a special Members teleconference to review and approve comments on the proposed ESA changes. Elmer Ward, CTWS, served as Chair.

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

ITEM 2: Proposed Changes to the Endangered Species Act

As discussed in the September 3rd Members Teleconference, the Department of the Interior is proposing to amend regulations governing interagency cooperation under the ESA. The proposed rule is subject to a 30-day public comment period with the deadline set at September 15, 2008.

CBFWA Staff Briefing Paper:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0903/ESAproposedchangessummarydraft.pdf. Review the proposed rule:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0903/ESA_ProposedRegulations_AT50P_R2008_08_13_FR.pdf.

On September 3rd, the Members directed CBFWA staff to develop a comment letter for review by the MAG and to ask the MAG to recommend if the letter would be best sent by the Agencies and Tribes collectively or individually. The MAG members responded with the majority of comments directed at a collective letter

from CBFWA Members. On September 9th, the Members received the edited letter and notice that the teleconference to approve the letter was arranged. In the interim, CBFWA staff received additional edits to the letter and the revised draft version 3 was emailed for Members review the morning of the teleconference.

Action: The Members approved the draft, version 3, ESA comment letter as presented (http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0911/ESAProposedChangesCommentLetterFinalDraft.pdf). No objections.

Abstentions: Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS, stated that USFWS abstains. Mark also communicated that in his conversation with NOAA/NMFS, they expressed that they also abstain. Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA, advised that Paul Kline advised that IDFW abstains.

Brian Lipscomb will contact the Members not on the phone to review the action to approve the letter and obtain their agreement. Once all Members have been contacted, the letter will be sent reflecting Members' consent.

Update: *On Friday, September 12th, CBFWA staff learned that the public comment period was extended to October 14th. Brian Lipscomb directed that the letter not be submitted on September 15th to provide Members with an opportunity to revisit their comments at the October 1st Members Teleconference for submittal by the extended deadline of October 14th.*

Upcoming Meetings:

October Members Teleconference: October 1, 2008 1:00-4:00 p.m.

October MAG Meeting: October 21, 2008 9:00 am-12:00 pm

September Northwest Power and Conservation Council Meeting: September 16-18, 2008 in Astoria, OR

Northwest Power and Conservation Council links: [2008-2009 Program Amendments](#) and [NPCC Public Hearing Schedule](#) (as of 9/4/08)

- Tuesday, September 16, 5-7pm, **Astoria**, Oregon
- Monday, September 22, 5:30-6:30pm, **Spokane**, Washington
- Tuesday, September 23, 5-7pm, **Lewiston**, Idaho
- Wednesday, September 24, 5-7pm, **Boise**, Idaho
- Wednesday, September 24, 5-7pm, **Pendleton**, Oregon
- Thursday, September 25, 5-7pm, **Yakima**, Washington
- Tuesday, September 30, 5-7pm, **Lacey**, Washington
- Tuesday, October 14, 10am, **Polson**, Montana
- Tuesday, October 14, 4:30pm, **Kalispell**, Montana
- Wednesday, October 15, 5pm, **Missoula**, Montana
- Tuesday, October 21, 5-7pm, **Portland**, Oregon

Meeting adjourned.