



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.

DATE: February 11, 2010
TO: CBFWA Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for February 3, 2010 Members Teleconference

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

Burns Paiute 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

Members Teleconference
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
1:00-4:00 p.m. (Pacific)
@ CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Chairman Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS & Bill Tweit, WDFW; CBFWA Staff: Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, Dave Ward, & Trina Gerlack

Phone: Jason Kesling, BPT; Jim Unsworth, IDFG; Dave Statler, NPT; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Claude Broncho, SBT; Doug Taki, SBT; & Carol Perugini, SPT

Time Allocation:

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

ITEM 1: Roll Call and Approve Agenda

Brian Lipscomb stated he would contact the absent Members to provide updates and approval of meeting actions.

Action: The Members approved the draft agenda as written. No objections.

ITEM 2: Approve as Final: Draft Action Notes from the January 13, 2010 Members Executive Session

Action: The Members approved the January 13, 2010 Members Executive Session draft action notes as final. No objections.

ITEM 3: Pass the Gavel to the New Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) Officers

The Chair gavel will be passed to a NOAA Member representative and the Vice-chair gavel will be passed to an Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT) Member representative.

Discussion: At this time, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CCT) is unable to commit as the CBFWA vice chair officer. The Colville Tribal Council has requested that the motion to pass the vice-chair gavel be tabled for two weeks.

The Kootenai Tribe of Idaho declined.

Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries was available and accepted the gavel to serve as Chair and represent CBFWA for the next year. The Members supported the new chair going in front of the Northwest Power & Conservation Council (Council) on February 10th to represent CBFWA.

Action: Chairman Elmer Ward passed the gavel and Robert G. Walton, NOAA Fisheries accepted. The Members agreed to move forward without a vice-chair and table the motion for a later date. If needed, the NOAA Fisheries alternate will serve as vice chair until the Colville Tribal Council provides their decision to CBFWA. No objections.

The Members went into Executive Session.

ITEM 4: Ad Hoc Members Executive Committee Report on IDC Budget and Implications for FY 2010

Action: The Members in attendance, Jann Eckman, and Brian Lipscomb went into Executive Session to discuss this item. No objections.

The Members came out of Executive Session.

ITEM 5a: 2010 CBFWA Annual Work Plan

Background: On January 19, 2010, the final draft 2010 CBFWA Annual Work Plan and budget was distributed for policy consideration, including signature. The last page identifies funding source and is subject to final adjustment pending each of your final actions. The letter communicating the work plan to Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will be adjusted to reflect your final decisions as well.

Discussion: The Members reviewed the final draft 2010 CBFWA AWP, budget, signature page, and cover letter for contract year April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011. The Members had a discussion regarding the level of detail needed in the work plan to preserve flexibility. The PISCES contract requires deliverables and most Members supported leaving the deliverables in the annual work plan to provide clarity to staff, define accomplishments, and evaluate the annual work plan as a work in progress. Language was added to the work plan Deliverables “may include but not be limited to:” The Members agreed to approve the work plan with expectations of future budget modifications and actions.

The Members provided edits, which staff incorporated and distributed to the Members for final review and signature on February 4, 2010.

Actions: 1. Pursuant to Sections 404(F)(2) and 505(B)(1) of the CBFWA Charter

The Members adopted the 2010 CBFWA Annual Work Plan and budget with changes to include the following:

- 2010 CBFWA Work Plan – A Strategic Plan for Adaptive Management Implementation and Evaluation
- The organization chart with classifications and FTE allocations;
- The updated FY 2010 budget, including funding sources; and,
- Requested changes for Idaho Department of Fish & Game (IDFG),

Confederated Tribe of Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), and Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation (CTWS) budget corrections and delete Coeur d'Alene Tribe (CdAT) from the budget table.

- No objections.
- Joe Peone, CCT abstain, recognizing that Tribal Council will be acting in two weeks. The CTUIR and Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks (MFWP) have not said no and Brian Lipscomb will contact them for decision. The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSKT), Confederated Tribes and Bands of Yakama Nation (YN), and Kootenai Tribes of Idaho (KTOI) approved the 2010 CBFWA AWP and budget last week.

Update: Gary James, CTUIR had requested \$20,000 not \$10,000 and Brad Houslet, CTWS requested \$10,000 not \$20,000 under the Policy Position A - CBFWA to Entity b column. The 2010 CBFWA AWP budget table was corrected in version final approved 02/08/2010.

ITEM 5b: 2010 CBFWA Annual Work Plan Transmittal Letter

Discussion: The Members reviewed and provided comments to the CBFWA transmittal letter communicating the Members' action for funding to BPA for 2010. The Members requested changes include all references to 5-year work plan be changed to 1-year, remove specifics to plans and efforts in first and third paragraphs, move and paste footnote after budget paragraph. They requested that following issues be highlighted: The Members directed CBFWA to move out of planning stages with exception of Wildlife Crediting, Wildlife and Resident Fish loss assessments and move into tracking implementation of M&E. The Members directed CBFWA to be their tool to assess implementation and coordinate M&E for reporting implementation successfully.

Actions:

- The Members adopted the cover letter in concept with requested changes, to be signed by Chairman Walton, and forwarded with the final 2010 CBFWA annual work plan and budget. In addition, the revised work plan will be distributed to Members for comment and policy signatures. The CBFWA Policy Members will be asked to sign the final FY 2010 CBFWA work plan and budget.
- Carol Perugini, SPT stated that Tribal Council is meeting next week for decision to approve the work plan and she anticipates that approval will happen then.
- No objections.
- Joe Peone, CCT abstain, recognizing that Tribal Council will be acting in two weeks. The CTUIR and MFWP have not said no and Brian Lipscomb will contact them for comment. The CSKT, YN, and KTOI approved the CBFWA AWP last week.

ITEM 6: CBFWA Charter Changes***Recommended action options:***

1. Charter Changes have been developed to accommodate the formation of the Members Executive Committee (MEC). In further review of the Charter relative to the 2010 Annual Work Plan, it may be prudent to adjust section three as well. How would the Members like to proceed?
2. Adopt the charter changes for the Members Executive Committee now and assign either CBFWA Staff, the MEC, or the MAG to develop additional charter revisions; or,
3. Consider adopting all charter changes at later date and assign either CBFWA Staff, the ad-hoc MEC, or MAG to develop revisions.

Discussion: The Members reviewed the December 30, 2009 version of the draft CBFWA charter and recognized that several changes needed to be addressed. They assigned the MAG to work with staff, technical committees, and ad hoc MEC to prepare a revised Charter for Members consideration and action at the April 20, 2010 CBFWA Directors and Tribal Chairs Meeting. The revised Charter will include edits to reflect changes in the work plan, funding sources specifically in objective 3, and the addition of the draft administrative decision document regarding the structure and function of the MEC under Section 501.

The Members clarified that the ad-hoc MEC is not intended to exclude any Member who has an interest in contributing to the conversations. The ad-hoc MEC has no authority; it is an advisory committee of Members for the Executive Director to have in depth conversations to build on Members' ideas and actions. The ad-hoc MEC or MEC is responsible for providing summary reports and meeting notes to the Members.

Action: The Members will consider adopting all Charter changes on April 20, 2010 and assigned the MAG, staff, CBFWA technical committees, and the ad-hoc MEC to develop the revised Charter. No objections.

ITEM 7: Public Outreach for 2010 Work Plan – Council Update February 10, 2010

- Press Release to Columbia Basin Bulletin
- Message Outline for 2/10/2010 Council Presentation

Brian Lipscomb stated that the Council had invited him and Chairman Walton to provide an update to the Full Council on the change in strategic direction of the CBFWA organization. He viewed this as a proactive step and opportunity to inform the region of CBFWA's accomplishments and opportunity to keep CBFWA's change in direction from being mischaracterized. He suggested providing a press release to Columbia Basin Bulletin and a message outline for the Council presentation.

Tom Iverson presented the draft outline for the 2010 CBFWA AWP talking points that were developed from the transmittal letter to be presented to the Council on February 10th by Chairman Walton and Executive Director Brian Lipscomb.

**Action
Assignments:**

- The Members reviewed the draft talking points, provided comments, and requested that the revised draft include the following: change in tone, edit for accuracy, remove all cost references, and highlight the SOTR, CBFWA's extensive review, new strategic direction, smarter planning, stability to achieve permanent change, ability to refocus the organization and move forward to develop and provide useful products to the region.
- The Members requested the revised draft talking points and draft press release be distributed to them for review and comment prior to February 10, 2010, Council presentation.
- The Members asked that Chairman Walton take the opportunity to invite Chairman Measure to April 20, 2010 CBFWA Directors and Tribal Chairs Meeting.

Updates:

February 5, 2010 - Tom Iverson distributed the revised draft talking points and draft press release to the Members for review and comment.

February 10, 2010 - Chairman Walton and Brian Lipscomb presented and distributed the revised talking points, 2010 CBFWA AWP transmittal letter, work plan, and budget to the Full Council. The press release was not approved for distribution.

ITEM 8: April 20, 2010 CBFWA Directors and Tribal Chairs Meeting Set Draft Agenda

Discussion:

Brian Lipscomb opened the discussion and the Members provided the following comments and agenda items.

The April 20, 2010 CBFWA Directors and Tribal Chairs Meeting time is scheduled for mid-morning to mid-afternoon, tentatively 10:00am-3:00pm, in Portland, Oregon.

Dave Statler requested that the primary purpose and focus for Members consideration be identified, before the details are discussed, and the agenda distributed.

Tentative draft agenda:

10:00am

- Initiation
- Recognition of Warm Springs efforts for past chairmanship
- Possible Executive Session to include staff's attendance
- Discuss changes in CBFWA work plan, direction, and organization
- Discuss Members' commitment to the 2010 work plan changes and future meaning of changes
- Discuss thoughts and expectations of evidence of success
- Revised CBFWA Charter
- Set next Members meeting date and content. Possibly to discuss future

meetings with other federal agencies to discuss regional issues, i.e., SOTR, EPA, climate change, data management and data sharing.

Noon

- Working Lunch Provided - Provide SOTR presentation with BPA and Council in attendance
- CBFWA leaders initiate a frank discussion with Steve Wright, BPA and Bruce Measure, Council regarding what the F&W managers' roles are in planning, implementation, and evaluation efforts in the basin and expectations. Including the opportunity to inform BPA and Council of the changes in the CBFWA organization and what that means within the context of the Power Act and BPA funding coordination and future benefits.

Action***Assignments:***

The Members assigned the CBFWA Chair and Executive Director to invite the appropriate BPA and Council representatives to the April 20, 2010 Director and Tribal Chairs Members Meeting.

The MAG is meeting on Feb. 22nd to develop the draft SOTR presentation. Chairman Walton requested that the MAG and technical committees provide an accurate SOTR website with detailed metadata and summary that sits well with all Members.