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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 government agencies:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead 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

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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: August 18, 2010
TO: CBFWA Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for August 17, 2010 Members Executive Session Teleconference

**Members' Teleconference
Tuesday, August 17, 2010
9:00am - 10:30am (PDT)
@ CBFWA Office
Portland, Oregon**

[Members' Webpage](#)

[Final Action Notes](#)

Attendees: Rob Walton, Chair; Lance Hebdon, IDFG; Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, Dave Ward, Binh Quan, Pat Burgess, and Trina Gerlack, CBFWA

Phone: Elmer Ward, CTWS; Dave Statler, NPT; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Bill Tweit, WDFW; Paul Ward, YN; Gary James, CTUIR; Attorney William Barquin, KTOI; Elizabeth Gaar, NOAA Fisheries; Chairman Robert C. Bear, SPT

Time Allocation:

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

Actions: Chairman Walton opened the meeting, conducted a roll call of participants, and a quorum was confirmed.

The agenda was approved with the addition of an update on the August 12, 2010 MAG meeting by Elizabeth Gaar. No objections.

ITEM 2: Approve as Final: Draft Action Notes from the May 21, 2010 Members' Meeting

Action: The [May 21, 2010 Members' Meeting action notes were approved as final](#). No objections.

Members go into Executive Session with CBFWA staff present.

ITEM 3: Appoint Interim Executive Director to serve upon departure of Brian Lipscomb as Executive Director of CBFWA

Background: Pursuant to the CBFWA Charter and CBFWF Bylaws, an Executive Director (ED) is essential for the operation of the foundation and authority. Not having an incoming Executive Director to immediately assume these functions has occurred twice in the past, on both of these occasions the Members appointed Jann Eckman as the interim ED.

Members Come Out of Executive Session

Action: The Members appointed Jann Eckman to serve as the Interim Executive Director effective COB August 20, 2010 until the Members take action to appoint a permanent ED. No objections.

ITEM 4: Provide direction to CBFWA staff regarding a third CBFWF Board Member

Background: The CBFWF Bylaws establish a three member board of directors to manage the business and affairs of the foundation. CBFWF staff members serve as these three board members by virtue of their job position. Upon the departure of the ED a vacancy will exist on the board requiring board action to fill or appoint an interim replacement. There are two options; 1) The board could appoint another CBFWF employee; or, 2) The board could appoint a Member. Twice in the past a Member has served temporarily on the board of directors. A Member from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Dave Statler from the Nez Perce Tribe have each served in this capacity.

The Members had two options for consideration:

1. Approve a Member to serve as an interim member of the board of directors for the CBFWF. This would require a Member to step forward.
2. Take no action in which the remaining board of directors would take action to appoint an additional CBFWF employee to serve as an interim member.

Action: Dave Statler (NPT) volunteered to serve as an interim member of the board of directors for the CBFWF. There were no objections.

ITEM 5: Schedule Members' meeting to discuss CBFWA 2011 and Beyond

Background: In order to determine the long term solution for the ED the Members ultimately need to agree on the future direction for CBFWA.

Discussion: Lance Hebdon (IDFG) confirmed that the IDFG is committed and will participate in the CBFWA organization for another year.

Tony Nigro (ODFW) and Bill Tweit (WDFW) confirmed their respective agency's decision to leave the CBFWA effective April 1, 2011. To ensure an adequate number of lower river states are present to form a quorum, ODFW and WDFW acknowledged that despite busy schedules, they will attempt to call in for the record for the Members' meetings and provide their abstentions on future CBFWA actions.

Some Members expressed their disappointment that ODFW and WDFW would not be available to provide valuable information for future meetings and encouraged them to participate.

The Members discussed and tabled revising Section 404 (D) Consensus Decision Making – (5) (b) of the [CBFWA Charter](#).

Action: The Members agreed to set a face-to-face meeting in the next 30 days to consider essential coordination work, alternatives to achieve this work, the direction for the development of a CBFWA work plan and budget for 2011, or the dissolution of CBFWA/CBFWF. Both will require considerable work to accomplish. Chairman Walton asked Gary James, CTUIR; Elmer Ward, CTWS; Lance Hebdon, IDFG; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS and invited other volunteers to work with him to set the agenda and identify the products for presentation at the September Members meeting. Potential agenda items are: identifying and evaluating the CBFWA ED position for next year, FY11 CBFWA work plan, org chart, and budget, data management and the SOTR.

At this time, the meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon at the CBFWA office. Staff will poll the Members for their availability to attend and participate as a quorum is required. The Members need to decide if they should meet for one 2-day meeting or two 1-day meetings to accomplish the work above, and determine the start and end hour that they can commit to. The meeting date(s) suggested are:

September 15, 16 (Wildlife Crediting Forum Sept. 15 and FSOC Training Sept. 13-16)

September 21, 22, 23 (NPCC Meeting Sept. 21-22 in Bend, OR)

September 28, 29, 30

Please respond to the email sent on August 18th by Trina Gerlack, and provide your preferences by COB August 27, 2010.

Staff Assignments: Chairman Walton directed staff to prepare a draft FY11 CBFWA Work Plan and Budget proposal similar to FY10 work plan and budget without ODFW, WDFW, and CCT as members for review. Rob would like to know what each CBFWA Member is planning to do with their FY11 CBFWA budget. Most members support the current budget process for coordination funding.

Upcoming Meetings: [Council Meeting\(s\) 2010](#): Aug 18-19 in Spokane, WA; Sep 21-22 in Bend, OR

Update: Elizabeth Gaar provided an update of the [August 12, 2010 MAG Meeting](#). The Members decided to postpone their attention of developing and circulating the satisfaction survey required by BPA in our contract due March 31, 2010 and focus on the critical issues above.

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