



March 17, 1999

TO: Resident Fish Managers, (RFM)

FROM: Dave Statler, Chair *David Statler*

SUBJECT: Action Notes from the March 17, 1999 RFM conference call meeting.  
If there are no objections within five days, these actions will be considered approved.

**Attendees:** John Hisata & Jim Uehara (WDFW), Sue Ireland (KTOI), Bill Towey & Jason Scott (KT), Nancy Hoefs, Dave Statler & Si Whitman (NPT), Vinny Pero (SPT), Bert Bowler (IDFG), Kirk Truscott (CTCR), Keith Underwood (ST), Kelly Lillengreen (CDA), Tony Nigro & Dave Ward (ODFW), Robert Walker (NWPPC Contractor), Mike Faler (USFWS), Brian Marotz (MDFWP), Daniel Gonzalez (BPT), Don Edsall (USFWS, Creston), Frank Young & Trina Gerlack (CBFWA).

**Calendar:**

- Feb 3-5..... Watershed Technical Work Group Evaluation of FY 2000 Proposals
- Feb 15..... WTWG Report Released
- Mar 2-4..... RFM Evaluation of FY 2000 Proposals, Spokane
- Mar 11..... RFM meet to finalize tiering of proposals & strategize for SRTs
- Mar 15-19..... SRT meetings
- Mar 29..... Draft FY 2000 DAIWP due
- Mar 30..... MSG Approve DAIWP
- Apr 2..... DAIWP distributed for Consent Mail
- Apr 6..... RFM Meeting, Spokane
- Apr 9..... DAIWP Consent Mail Closes
- Apr 16..... CBFWA DAIWP Due to NPPC
- May 4-5\*..... RFM Meeting/Field Trip, Usk
- May 5-6\*..... CBFWA Members Meeting, Idaho
- Jun 1-2..... RFM Meeting/field trip, Bonners Ferry
- Jun 15..... ISRP Report due to NPPC
- Jul 6..... RFM Meeting, Kalispell
- Jul 13-14..... CBFWA Members Meeting, Montana
- Aug 3-4..... RFM Meeting/field trip, Lewiston/Orofino
- Sept 7..... RFM Meeting, Spokane
- Sept 14-15..... CBFWA Members Meeting, Washington
- Oct 5..... RFM Meeting

Nov 2.....RFM Meeting  
Dec 7 .....RFM Meeting

\* = indicates potential conflict that needs attention

**Agenda Changes:**

There were no changes to the agenda.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to review the results of the RFM budget reduction exercise from the March 11 meeting and develop a recommendation on how to balance the budget to present for the Emergency MSG meeting scheduled for March 18.

**ITEM 1. FY 2000 Budget Review**

Action: The following criteria were developed for determining which of the FY 2000 proposals were for ESA related projects:

- 1. Projects whose implementation is critical to avoiding jeopardy.
- 2. Projects which include actions called for in federal, state, or tribal recovery or restoration plans, including those actions intended to reduce the impacts of ESA mitigation measures.
- 3. Projects which provide data needed in the preparation of a biological opinion.

Action: The Caucus agreed to use the above criteria to assign ESA status to all FY 2000 project proposals.

Action: The Caucus developed the attached list of project proposals using the above criteria and agreed to present a budget recommendation based on the assumption that the designated projects would be funded from sources other than the RFM budget.

**ITEM 2. Discussion of Updating Resident Fish Information in Subbasin Summaries for DAIWP**

Action: Deferred.

*The meeting was adjourned without having sufficient time to address several items, including the review of work assignments.*

<b>Tasks from the March 17, 1999 RFM Meeting</b>	<b>Status</b>
Frank Young is to develop a FY2000 budget spreadsheet to display the ESA designated projects with the appropriate criteria number. This spreadsheet will be distributed to Caucus members so that project sponsors can fill in the rationale for assigning the criteria number.	

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