



June 30, 1999

TO: Resident Fish Managers

FROM: Dave Statler, Chair *Dave Statler*

SUBJECT: RFM June 22, 1999 Conference Call Draft Action Notes

I would like to preface these action notice by bidding best wishes to former RFM members Bill Towey and Joe DosSantos in their new career ventures. We will miss their contributions and insights in regional resident fish management. Thanks Bill and Joe!

I would also like to mention that my annual term as Resident Fish Chair expires in July, so be thinking of candidates for this position. This will be an agenda item for July 16.

**Attendees:** Jason Scott (KT), Keith Underwood (STI), Kirk Truscott (CTCR), Jim Uehara (WDFW), Vincent Pero (SPT), Mike Faler (USFWS), Sue Ireland and Charlie Hodlerman (KTOI), Dave Moser (SBT), Dave Statler (NPT), Robert Walker (NPPC), Joe DosSantos (CSKT), Tom Rein, Wade Fredenberg (USFWS), Brian Marotz (MDFWP), and Brian Allee, Jann Eckman, Tom Giese, Tom Iverson, Trina Gerlack, (CBFWA).

- July 7 .....MSG Meeting, Conference Call
- Jul 7 ..... APR Hatchery Performance Indicators Meeting
- Jul 15 ..... Budget Equity Group Meeting
- Jul 16&17 ..... RFM Meeting & project tour, Kalispell
- Jul 29 .....RFM Conference Call
- Aug 4 .....MSG Meeting, Conference Call
- Aug 11-12 ..... CBFWA Members Meeting, Helena
- Aug 12 ..... Strategic Planning Work Session, Helena
- Sept 7 .....RFM Meeting, Spokane
- Oct 5 .....RFM Meeting
- Nov 2 .....RFM Meeting
- Dec 7 .....RFM Meeting

### **Agenda Changes:**

Item 2 was moved to the end of the agenda and Item 6, the APR Hatchery Performance Indicators next meeting and Item 7, the Resident Fish Analyst Position update were added to the agenda.

#### **ITEM 1: Designate Representatives for Ad Hoc Work Group on Budget Equity/RFM Analyst Position**

Action: Jason Scott, Mike Faler, Keith Underwood and Dave Statler volunteered as representatives. Mike Faler requested background information. Tom Giese will send out issue paper. July 15 meeting date conflicts with RFM July 16&17 meeting in Kalispell, MT. Tom Giese will attempt to find a different meeting date.

#### **ITEM 3: Appointment of Representatives to M&E Ad Hoc Work Group to Develop Framework and Schedule for a Regional M&E Plan**

Action: Vincent Pero volunteered as representative for the RFM and requested a copy of Gustavo Bisbal's draft. More volunteers are needed, if you are interested contact Tom Giese.

#### **ITEM 4: Development of Strategy for Future Role of CBFWA**

Discussion: Brian Allee requests input from each Caucus on the draft issue paper regarding the future role of CBFWA for regional planning and management of fish and wildlife while stressing the importance of continuing to improve the DAIWP, creating a planned strategy, more group involvement, and examining roles of all agencies involved in the process.

Action: The draft issue paper has been sent out for Caucus review and comments are due back by July 12, a month before the Strategic Planning Work Session that is planned for August 12 in Helena, Montana.

#### **ITEM 5: Next Meeting (Scheduled for July 16, 1999 at Kalispell, MT with optional float trip Saturday July 17)**

Action: Please contact Brian Marotz at 406-751-4546 or by e-mail at marotz@digisys.net to reserve a seat for the float trip scheduled on July 17.

#### **ITEM 6: Next Meeting (Artificial Production Review Hatchery Performance Indicators)**

Action: Schedule conference call meeting on July 7, 1-4pm at CBFWA Office. Brian Allee is willing to travel to Spokane to meet with participants if that is necessary to get RFM involvement.

**ITEM 7: Resident Fish Technical Analyst Position Update and Request for Review Team Volunteers**

Discussion: The deadline for submitting applications for the RFTA was June 18, 1999. Fourteen applications were received; however, many of the applications are missing reference letters. Jann Eckman requested another week to contact the applicants and allow them time to turn the letters in.

Action: The RFM granted that request and the new deadline for receiving this information is June 29. Due to this slippage, the entire schedule will be pushed forward at least a week.

Brian Allee, Dave Statler, Jason Scott, and Jim Uehara volunteered for the RFTA Review Team but to prevent any bias the MSG at their July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will review and add to the RFTA Review Team membership.

**ITEM 2: Develop Strategy for Response to ISRP Comments**

Action: RFM recommendations for the first review is scheduled for July 16 and a follow-up meeting by a conference call on July 29 from 8am –5pm.

Tom Iverson will be the Sub Regional Teams (SRTs) summary contact person. CBFWA is using the SRTs to respond to the ISRP comments. The RFM will participate in SRT meetings in respective geographical area. The SRTs will respond to ISRP's comments by using technical responses and the Caucuses will respond by using policy and programmatic responses. The recommendations will be revised in a bottom up order: Subbasin co-managers SRTs-Caucus-MSG-Members and approved at the August Members Meeting. Revisions will be made by CBFWA and sent to the Council by August 20.

The SRTs will provide a technical response to each project where the ISRP and CBFWA differed in funding recommendations. The SRTs will also address broader, subbasin issues raised by the ISRP by modifying the subbasin summaries. The SRTs will not change the Tier or Budget recommendations for any project. A summary of the SRT results will be provided to each caucus prior to the July 16, RFM meeting. The caucus will then review, modify, and approve responses and recommendations by the SRTs, as well as produce responses to the programmatic issues raised by the IRSP.

The goal is to have all responses completed by the August 4, MSG meeting. After MSG approval, the final version of the DAIWP will be forwarded the Members at the Helena, MT meeting. The final version of the DAWIP is due to NPPC on August 20.