


April 5, 2002

TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)

FROM: Joe Maroney, Chair 

SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the March 28, 2002 RFC Meeting

If there are no objections to these action notes within five days, they will become final and will be posted to the CBFWA web site.

**Resident Fish Committee Meeting (Phone Conference)
March 28, 2002
10:00 a.m. (Pacific)
CBFWA Office Portland, Oregon
Conference Line: 1-630-395-0032 Passcode 48909**

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Dave Ward (ODFW), Joe Maroney (KT), Jim Uehara (WDFW), Ron Morinaka (BPA), (MFWP), Keith Underwood (STOI), Robert Walker (NWPPC), Dave Statler (NPT), Vinny Pero (SPT), Ron Peters (CDAT), Tom Iverson (CBFWA), and Neil Ward (CBFWA)

Time	Objective 1. FY 2003 Renewal Process	0%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	10%
	Objective 3. FY 2002 Adjustments	75%

ITEM 1: Review and approve agenda.

Item 6 (i.e., Discuss the status of the “Gap” white paper) was added to the agenda.

ITEM 2: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Within-year Modification Request for Project 199902400, Columbia Gorge Bull Trout Investigations

During the March 14, 2002, Members Management Group (MMG) meeting, the MMG reviewed and discussed WDFW’s within-year request. Neil Ward reiterated the RFC’s concerns; however, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) suggested that granting the request would not

set a precedent since CBFWA has approved such requests (i.e., change of scope) relative to anadromous fish issues. The USFWS indicated that they would provide proof of such a decision during the upcoming RFC meeting. As a result, the MMG directed the RFC to conduct an additional review of the request.

Per the MMG's request, RFC performed a second review of the WDFW request for a transfer of \$57,000 from the Unallocated Reserve to Project 199902400 titled "*Columbia Gorge Bull Trout Investigations*," to allow for the expansion of the project's scope to include bull trout presence and life history investigations in the Bonneville Pool.

Action: The RFC reaffirmed their initial recommendation that submittal of the proposal should proceed through the Rolling Provincial Review. Comments to the draft MMG memo are due to Neil Ward by 10:00 a.m. (Pacific) on Monday, April 1, 2002.

Action: Although the Within-year Budget Modification Process guidelines provide a foundation to initiate the review of within-year requests, the RFC believes portions of the guidelines are vague. Due to this vagueness, discrepancies among the committees' interpretations of the language are inevitable. The RFC proposes that the MMG, during their next meeting, consider an approach to create standardization that could prevent future discrepancies among committee reviews. Neil Ward will draft the letter of request, for submittal to the MMG, highlighting the RFC's concerns.

ITEM 3: *WDFW's "Protocols for the Inventory and Monitoring of Fish, Wildlife, and their Habitats in the Pacific Northwest"*

On March 6, 2002, the NWPPC approved funding (funds made available through Tom Karrier's "Data Management" project) for this project; however, the CBFWA was not provided an opportunity to review the project prior to the approval. The MMG deemed this project important enough that the CBFWA should provide an unsolicited review. Subsequently, the MMG is requesting that each committee review the document and provide comments.

Comments provided by the RFC were compiled by Neil Ward and distributed to the RFC.

Action: Resident Fish Committee comments relative to the RFC protocol proposal memo are due to Neil Ward by 12:00 p.m. (Pacific) on Friday, March 29, 2002.

ITEM 4: *Project Proposal Reviews for the Middle and Upper Snake River, Columbia Cascade, and Lower Columbia River Provinces*

During the February 12, 2002, RFC Meeting, participants volunteered (Table 1) to review proposals that had been submitted for funding consideration through the Rolling Provincial Review. Joe Maroney reiterated the importance of performing the reviews and reviewed the list of assignments. In addition, Neil Ward requested the assistance of additional volunteers to review two bull trout proposals (Proposals 31027 and 199405300) submitted for review in the Lower Columbia River Province.

Action: Dave Ward volunteered to review Proposal 31027 and Brian Marotz/Clint Muhlfeld were selected to review Proposal 199405300.

Action: The due date for comments was changed to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific) on Monday, April 15, 2002. Neil Ward will compile the comments and distribute them to the RFC prior to the April 22, 2002, RFC Meeting.

ITEM 5: Review of CBFWA Staff Response to NWPPC's Draft Project Selection Process Document

During the last MMG meeting, members requested that the CBFWA committees review the response that the CBFWA staff drafted (attachment) relative to the NWPPC's document 2002-5 (attachment) titled, "*Proposed Alternative Project Selection Process*." Subsequently, the committees are to provide their comments to the MMG for discussion during the April MMG meeting.

Action: Resident Fish Committee comments are due to Neil Ward by 5:00 p.m. (Pacific) on April 4, 2002. Neil will compile the comments and develop a memo for distribution to the MMG.

ITEM 6: Status of the "Gap" White Paper for the Mainstem/Systemwide Province

Tom Iverson provided an update regarding the status of the white paper and indicated that comments are due to him by Friday, April 5, 2002.

ITEM 7: Next Meeting

Monday, April 22, 2002

9:30 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.(Pacific)

EWU-Spokane, Room 416

Spokane, WA