



August 2, 2002

TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)

FROM: Joe Maroney, Chair *Neil Ward*

SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the July 24, 2002 RFC Meeting

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

Attendees: Dave Ward (ODFW), Joe Maroney (KT), Jim Uehara (WDFW), Clint Muhlfeld (MFWP), Brian Marotz (MFWP), Kathie Titzler (CBFWA), and Neil Ward (CBFWA)

By Phone: Ron Peters (CDAT), Ron Morinaka (BPA), Colleen Spiering (BPA), John Arterburn (CCT), Robert Walker (NWPPC), Tim Peone (STOI), Mike Faler (USFWS), and Hunter Osborn (SBT)

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

ITEM 1: *Introductions and review of the agenda*

ITEM 2: *Elect a new Vice Chair*

Joe Maroney's term as Chair will expire at the end of September at which time Dave Ward will become the new Chair. As a result, the RFC requested nominations for a new Vice Chair for 2002-2003. Since there were no nominations nor any volunteers, Dave and Joe suggested that Joe could assume the Vice Chair position during 2002-2003 and function as Chair during 2003-2004.

ACTION: Joe Maroney will become Vice Chair in October 2002 and serve in that capacity until October 2004 at which time he will reassume the Chair position.

ITEM 3: *Review new guidelines for within-year budget modifications*

Neil Ward and Joe Maroney provided a review of the DRAFT Guidelines for Within-year Budget Modification Requests. The RFC discussed the limitless nature of the "new project" language (i.e., Unanticipated and urgent need for new work (either an expansion in scope of an ongoing project or a *new project*) when solicitation for the applicable province is not open) that is currently included in the document. Many participants suggested that new project requests should be limited to either native species or ESA/sensitive species. In addition, the RFC focused on defining what constitutes an "urgent" need.

ACTION: Joe Maroney will represent the RFC's concerns and opinions relative to the new project language during the next MMG Meeting. In addition, urgent was defined a situation that requires an immediate action.

ITEM 4: ***Develop review groups to review the technical merits of resident fish proposals submitted for funding consideration in the Mainstem and Systemwide Province***

During the August 7-8, 2001, RFC Meeting, the RFC agreed that a review group would be assigned, based on expertise and experience, to perform technical reviews of proposals submitted for funding through the Provincial Rolling Review. The review group will review and report their findings to the RFC for approval pending a management review by the full RFC. Table 1 is a compilation of resident-fish-oriented proposals (proposals are available on the CBFWA website) submitted for funding consideration in the Mainstem/Systemwide Province and RFC participants that either volunteered or were assigned to review the proposal. The ISRP comments and the project sponsor's responses to the ISRP comments will be available on the CBFWA website by the week of August 5, 2002. Comments will be due to Neil Ward no later than Thursday, September 5, 2002.

For purposes of consistency with past reviews, the project reviews will be performed by implementing the same criteria (Table 2) used by the subbasin review teams. Reviews will be provided, in an anonymous fashion, to the RFC on Friday, September 6, 2002.

ACTION: **Table 1 - Resident fish proposals submitted for funding consideration in the Mainstem/Systemwide Province**

198605000	White Sturgeon Mitigation and Restoration in the Columbia and Snake Rivers Upstream from Bonneville Dam	Brian Marotz, Sue Ireland, and Mike Faler
35042	Evaluate the Effects of Prey Availability on Recruitment of White Sturgeon in the Columbia River	Dave Ward and Sue Ireland
35043	Monitoring and Models for Adaptive Management of White Sturgeon	Brian Marotz, Dave Ward, and Sue Ireland
35044	Determine Effects of Contaminants on White Sturgeon Reproduction and Parental Transfer of Contaminants to Embryos in the Columbia River Basin	Dave Ward
35028	Evaluate White Sturgeon Nutritional Needs and Contaminant Effects Influenced by the Hydroelectric System	Dave Ward and Tim Peone
35059	Rapid Detection of White Sturgeon Iridovirus in Spawning Fluids, Eggs, and Juvenile Tissues of White Sturgeon	Joe Maroney and Sue Ireland
35061	Prophylactic Treatments for White Sturgeon Infected with the White Sturgeon Iridovirus (WSIV)	Joe Maroney and Sue Ireland
199007700	Northern Pikeminnow Management Program	John Arterburn and Clint Muhlfeld
35002	Determine Origin, Movements, and Relative Abundance of Bull Trout in Bonneville Reservoir	John Arterburn, Mike Faler, and Clint Muhlfeld

ITEM 5: *ODFW and BPA update on the status of Project 199405400*

Dave Ward provided the RFC with an update regarding a meeting he had with Neil Ward, Ron Morinaka, and Al Hemmingsen to discuss Project 199405400's budget. Dave indicated that project funding was approximately \$295,000 in FY 2001 and that although ODFW received approximately \$351,000 in the Columbia Plateau for FY 2002, only \$86,400 should be counted as ongoing. The other \$264,500 was for E-Mapping and telemetry work moved from Project 25088 per the ISRP recommendation. Dave indicated that the \$264,500 will not be considered when comparing project costs between 2001 and subsequent years. In addition, meeting participants agreed that the costs for ongoing objectives in the Blue Mountain for FY 2002 will be either \$312,000 or \$233,000, depending on the final determination as to whether the Imnaha telemetry work is considered ongoing. It was decided during the meeting that all funding will be through a modification of the existing contract for the Columbia Plateau portion of the project thus each province will not have a separate contract.

ITEM 6: *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements*

Colleen Spiering provided a review of the process that is required to ensure NEPA coverage. Project sponsors are reminded that it is their responsibility to contact their COTR to initiate the steps required to ensure NEPA coverage.

ITEM 7: *Update on resident fish conditions in Montana*

Brian Marotz provided the RFC with an update on the results of fish and gas saturation monitoring associated with the recent flood control spill emergency studies performed at Libby Dam during the spring of 2002.

ITEM 8: *Next meeting/conference call*

September 9, 2002

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Pacific)

Phone Conference

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