



August 10, 2004

TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)  
 FROM: Neil Ward  
 SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the July 19, 2004 RFC Meeting

**If there are no objections within five working days, these actions will be considered final.**

Resident Fish Committee Meeting and Site Visit  
 July 19-20, 2004  
 Whitefish and Kalispell, MT

**Draft Action Notes**

**Attendees:** Dave Ward (ODFW), Richard LeCaire (CCT), Joe Maroney (KT), Clint Muhlfeld (MFWP), Brian Marotz (MFWP), Lawrence Schwabe (BPT), Jim Uehara (WDFW), Mark Maskill (USFWS), and Neil Ward (CBFWA)

**By Phone:** Mike Faler (USFWS)

**Time Allocation:** 2004-2005 Objectives:

1. Project/Budget Recommendations	0%
2. Fish and Wildlife Regional Issues	10%
3. Annual Report	25%
4. RM&E	25%
5. Other Business	40%

**ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda**

**ITEM 2: Election of a New Vice Chair**

On October 1, 2004, Clint Muhlfeld will become the Chair of the RFC thus, leaving the Vice Chair vacant. As a result, the RFC sought candidates and subsequently elected a new vice chair.

**ACTION:** The Burns Paiute Tribe (BPT) was selected as the RFC's Vice Chair effective October 1, 2004. Pending approval of the BPT, Lawrence Schwabe volunteered to assume the duties of the Vice Chair. \*

\* Since the July 19, 2004 RFC Meeting, Lawrence Schwabe has received tribal approval to represent the BPT as the RFC's Vice Chair beginning on October 1, 2004.

**ITEM 3: Update of the CBFWA Members Management Group (MMG) Retreat**

The MMG met July 8-9, 2004, to discuss issues currently confronting the fish and wildlife managers and to potentially develop strategies to address the issues as well as identify short and long-term goals for the organization and associated strategies for accomplishing the goals. Neil Ward provided an overview of the results from the meeting which included 14 issues that the MMG identified as “issues for consensus advocacy” and 6 “issues for pursuit of consensus or agreeing to disagree and characterize our disagreement.” For a detailed description of the proceedings from the July 8-9, 2004, MMG Meeting, please refer to the MMG action notes that are available on the CBFWA website.

**ITEM 4: Kokanee Workshop/RFC Workshop**

Richard LeClaire, on behalf of the Lake Roosevelt Fisheries Evaluation Team, led the RFC in a discussion regarding the potential for a RFC sponsored/facilitated kokanee workshop. In 2001, the Annual Kokanee Conference was terminated due to Bonneville Power Administration’s budget management protocols. As a result, fisheries biologists no longer have an opportunity to discuss the methodologies and results associated with BPA-funded kokanee projects.

**ACTION:** The RFC agreed to convene/facilitate the Annual Kokanee Conference in January 2005. Richard LeClaire and Neil Ward volunteered to secure the meeting facility and associated arrangements/essentials.

**ITEM 5: Bull Trout Recovery Monitoring and Evaluation Group (RMEG)**

In November 2002, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) released a draft recovery plan for bull trout. Throughout the recovery plan, monitoring and evaluation were identified as essential to recovery planning and implementation. To help address these challenges, the USFWS established the bull trout RMEG. Clint Muhlfeld, a member of the RMEG, provided a progress report.

**ITEM 6: Collaborative Systemwide Monitoring and Evaluation Project (CSMEP)**

The CSMEP is a collaborative effort, led by the CBFWA and co-sponsored by the National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Fish Passage Center, and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. The focuses on this project are issue of systemwide monitoring and evaluation of fish status, addressing requirements of NMFS and USFWS Biological Opinions and Recovery Plans as well as the NWPPC Fish and Wildlife Program. Dave Ward provided an update regarding the progress of the CSMEP.

**ITEM 7: Restorations of Cherriault and Grave Creeks**

As a precursor to the July 20, 2003 site visit, Clint Muhlfeld provided an overview of the conditions that warranted restoration of Cherriault and Grave creeks and the subsequent techniques that were implemented.