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TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)
FROM: Clint Muhlfeld, Chair *Clint Muhlfeld*
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the February 2, 2005 RFC Meeting

**Resident Fish Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 2, 2005
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Pacific)**

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Draft Agenda

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

9:00 - 9:05am

ITEM 2: Resident Fish Conference

9:05 – 10:30am

During the July 19, 2004, RFC meeting in Whitefish, MT, the RFC reviewed a request that Richard LeClaire presented on behalf of the Lake Roosevelt Fisheries Evaluation Team. Richard requested that the RFC consider sponsoring/facilitating a kokanee workshop. Historically, a fisheries management entity has hosted the event; however, due to funding limitations, those entities have been unable to convene the conference since 2001. Subsequently, the RFC recommended that the kokanee workshop should be facilitated through the RFC. In addition, RFC participants discussed broadening the scope of the meeting to address topics discussed during the December 2003 meeting. In response to the RFC recommendation, a Resident Fish Conference has been tentatively scheduled for June 7-8, 2005, in Spokane, WA.

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Resident Fish Conference

ITEM 2:

Although the concept of a general meeting was approved during a previous RFC meeting, the meeting schedule/program (e.g., workshops topics/guest speakers, session topics, etc.) has not been addressed. Neil Ward will lead the RFC in a discussion to develop a program for the conference. Expected products from this discussion should include: 1.) confirmation of the meeting date, 2.) identification of workshop topics and potential guest speakers, 3.) identification of technical session topics and time allocation, 4.) identification potential non-CBFWA presenters, 5.) creation of a contact list, 6.) development of a task implementation schedule, and 7.) assignment of tasks or development of workgroups.

ITEM 3:

10:30am - 12:00pm

Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (NPCC) Revised Draft Columbia River Basin Research Plan (Research Plan)

During October and November 2004, the RFC reviewed the Research Plan and provided comments to the CBFWA's Members Management Group. The comments were subsequently forwarded to the NPCC with a recommendation that the NPCC to collaborate with the CBFWA in the review of the revised Research Plan. In an attempt to continue the collaborative efforts that were initiated in November 2004, Steve Waste (NPCC) will present the revised version of the Research Plan and address any additional questions and recommendations that the resident fish managers may have. *A draft of the revised Research Plan will be distributed prior to the meeting.*

12:00-1:00pm

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ITEM 4:

1:00 - 1:45pm

Update on the Draft Fish and Wildlife Cost Estimates

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has initiated a process to establish rates for Fiscal Year 2007 through at least 2009. In an effort to identify fish and wildlife costs for the next BPA rate case, the Fish and Wildlife Rate Case Costs Workgroup was created. Ron Peters, who is a member of the workgroup, will provide an update and discuss how resident fish needs have been addresses during preliminary discussions.

ITEM 4:

1:45 – 3:00pm

Resident Fish Committee Work Plan for 2005

The RFC currently meets on an "as needed" basis to address time-sensitive issues that are pertinent to the management of resident fish resources and implementation of resident-fish-oriented projects through the NPCC's Fish and Wildlife Program. Although the RFC will likely continue to implement this approach during 2005, the RFC may want to consider/identify additional activities (e.g., technical workshops, develop a regional resident fish status report, etc) for which the committee would facilitate or address.