



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: January 16, 2007
TO: CBFWA Data Management Framework Subcommittee (DMFS)
FROM: CBFWA staff
SUBJECT: Summary notes from January 9, 2007 subcommittee meeting

Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and government agencies:

- Burns Paiute Tribe
- Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
- Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Nez Perce Tribe
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall
- Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Coordinating Agencies

- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- Upper Columbia United Tribes

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Nate Pamplin and Dick O'Connor (WDFW), Phil Roger (CRITFC), Tom Rien and Cedric Cooney (ODFW), Bruce Schmidt (StreamNet), Dave Ward and Tom Iverson (CBFWA)

By Phone: Dale Chess (CdAT), Bart Butterfield (IDFG), and Janet Hess-Herbert (MFWP)

Time Allocation:

Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Objective 2. Technical Review	0%
Objective 3. Presentation	0%

ITEM 1: Discussion of short term funding and prioritization inclusion in StreamNet work plan for FY 07 interim funding

At the December 19, 2006 Members Advisory Group (MAG) meeting of CBFWA, a subcommittee was formed to review the short term priorities for StreamNet. The MAG assigned the technical committees (Resident Fish Advisory Committee and Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee) to address the long term data management needs and provide feedback at the January 2007 MAG meeting. This subcommittee will report on the short term strategy at the same meeting.

Discussion: Tom Iverson presented the foundation for today's meeting. The Mainstem Systemwide Review Team called for a workshop to help redefine StreamNet priorities for the Fish and Wildlife Program (Program). In responding to the results from the data management workshop, and facing a level funding recommendation from Council, StreamNet identified modifications in their FY07 work plan and presented a briefing to the Council at their December meeting. Due to disagreement on priorities among StreamNet member agencies, CBFWA was engaged to help sort out the regional priorities for StreamNet in the coming years. It is expected that StreamNet will be making an additional presentation to Council in February.

In order to set StreamNet's priorities, this committee needs to describe how StreamNet fits into a larger data management framework for the overall Program. This data management structure will be directed by the development of population level biological objectives as envisioned in the upcoming Program amendment process. If StreamNet provides a presentation to the Council in February, StreamNet should be poised to present how they fit into the larger data management framework for the Fish and Wildlife Program.

It is clear that FY07 will be a transition year for StreamNet. A new work plan should be ready for implementation for FY08, with part of the FY07 work plan dedicated to developing the new approach. In the meantime, StreamNet should maintain information for characterizing population viability and maintaining existing data sets. The committee discussed specific data sets, but agreed that it would not be useful at this meeting to determine which data sets should stay or go (see Table 1); the technical committees will be addressing data priorities in their deliberations.

The group agreed that we need to identify a report card mechanism to determine how well StreamNet is performing. This will likely come as a result of defining a data management framework and determining how well data is supplied to end users like the Status of the Resource Project. This is another concept that may need to wait until a revised work plan can be developed.

The Council is very concerned that BPA funded project level data is not getting reported into StreamNet. Not all project level data is relevant to StreamNet's mission or to address regional questions. StreamNet is working on a white paper that BPA could use to provide guidance to project sponsors on how and when to move data to regional data bases or make the data widely available through other mechanisms (e.g., via the web).

For FY07, this committee needs to focus on defining the data management framework for the Program amendment. Once the data management framework has been defined, StreamNet's role will be easier to describe and justify. This action would also support a major emphasis in CBFWA's work plan to develop draft amendments for the upcoming amendment process.

ACTION: 1) Report to MAG on January 25, 2007

The Data Management Framework Subcommittee (DMFS) will report to the MAG that FY07 should be considered a transition year for StreamNet. The StreamNet work plan will continue in a general status quo format while the region defines a data management framework for the Fish and Wildlife Program and clearly identifies StreamNet's role within that framework. In FY07, the services that

StreamNet can provide in contributing to the design and description of the data management framework will be emphasized, but would likely require modification to their statement of work. StreamNet members would continue to participate in NED, CSMEP, PNAMP, CBFWA, and other regional processes that are working on the development of a regional data management framework. The pilot studies presented in the draft StreamNet work plan may be premature for FY07 and will be further refined for implementation in FY08 by the CBFWA technical committees. Finally, in FY07 StreamNet will provide some guidance to BPA for future project level data reporting procedures.

2) Guidance to CBFWA technical committees

The DMFS recommends that the RFAC and the AFAC review the list of focal populations identified in the Status of the Resource Project and in the NOAA hatchery review process and strive for regional agreement on population definitions and priority data needs for regional evaluations.

3) Continuation of Data Management Subcommittee

The DMFS should continue to meet to further define a data management framework. The DMFS will work closely with Council staff and BPA to develop a work plan to create a data management framework to be considered in the upcoming Program amendment process. The DMFS will report to the MAG each month for guidance and feedback on work products.

ITEM 2:

Next Meeting

The DMFS will meet on February 1, 2007 at the StreamNet Steering Committee meeting at PSMFC. Agenda items will include discussion of feedback and response by MAG to the DMFS recommendations and development of a work plan to develop a data management framework for the Fish and Wildlife Program. Also, if StreamNet is to provide a follow presentation at the February Council meeting, the DMFS will assist in developing the presentation.