



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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

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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

DATE: July 26, 2007
TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)
FROM: Jim Uehara (Chair)
SUBJECT: Final Agenda for the July 31 – August 1, 2007 RFAC Meeting **(Note Time Change)**

RFAC Meeting
July 31, 2007
2:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Mountain)
and
August 1, 2007
5:15 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Mountain)

3836 Tamarack Avenue
Whitefish, MT 59937

Conference Line: No conference line will be available

ITEM 1: Review Agenda

2:30-2:35

ITEM 2: Approve May 15, 2007, RFAC Meeting Action Notes

2:35-2:40

ITEM 3: Election of a New Vice Chair

2:40-2:45

On October 1, 2007, Mike Faler will become the Chair of the RFC thus, leaving the Vice Chair vacant. As a result, the RFC will seek candidates and subsequently elect a new vice chair.

ITEM 4: Resident Fish Loss Assessment and Fish Crediting

2:45-4:15

Brian Marotz will describe the process that the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (MFWP) used to develop resident fish loss statements as well their fish crediting procedure that allows the agency to utilize capital funding to protect resident fish habitat. The RFAC will discuss the potential of using comparable procedures elsewhere in the basin to assess resident fish losses that are result of hydro-development and operations and develop a timeline to meet the expectations of the MAG.

ITEM 5: ISAB's Non-native Species Impacts on Native Salmonids and Guideleines for Use of Non-native Fishes in Resident Fish Substitution Projects Review

4:15-4:45

In June 2007, the NPCC endorsed the ISAB's proposal to conduct a review with the following tasks and objectives:

- Review and describe biological impacts and risks to native salmonid populations from non-intentionally and intentionally introduced species
- Review and describe the current status of management actions taken towards reducing or eliminating such impacts (e.g., brook trout and lake trout eradication efforts)
- Recommend strategies for protecting against or eliminating invasive species
- Recommend scientific guidelines for using resident fish substitutions

The ISAB intends to initiate this review as soon a possible in order to submit the report no later than Fall 2007, to inform the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's program amendment process. Neil Ward will provide the RFAC with an update and discuss a potential CBFWA coordinated meeting with the ISAB to discuss the native and non-native resident fish

substitution program, the state of ecosystems to support native and non-native fish populations, the role of resident fish habitat work, and efforts to manage predation by non-natives and inter-breeding with non-natives throughout the entire Columbia River Basin.

ITEM 4: Joint CBFWA Committee Amendment Strategy Workshop-Update

4:45-5:30 Jim Uehara and Neil Ward will provide an update regarding the amendment workshop that will be convened in Spokane , July 24-25,2007. Topics discussed will likely include: 1.) status of the definitions developed jointly with the Anadromous Fish and Wildlife Advisory committees, 2.) Members Advisory Group (MAG) review of the RFAC's focal species, biological objectives, limiting factors, and threats template, 3.) resident fish loss assessments, 4.) amendment measure and strategy template, and 5.) assignments and timelines.

ITEM 8: ISRP Lake Roosevelt Kokanee Program Review

5:30-5:50 On July, 18, 2007, the ISRP released the *Lake Roosevelt Kokanee Program Review*. The ISRP concluded that there is no scientific justification to continue artificial production of kokanee for stocking Lake Roosevelt or programs to develop and support naturally produced kokanee. However, the ISRP suggested that if it could be conclusively demonstrated that the entrainment problem was controlled or significantly reduced, if the walleye population was significantly reduced and managed, and if drawdown levels were reduced or managed, then artificial production and/or support of natural production of kokanee could be-reinitiated. The ISRP found that kokanee production for experimental stocking in Banks Lake is justified. Neil Ward and Jim Uehara will lead the RFAC in a review of the ISRP's evaluation of the Lake Roosevelt Kokanee Program.

ITEM 8: Discuss Site Visit Itinerary

5:50-5:55 Clint Muhlfeld/Brian Marotz will discuss the itinerary for the site visit

ITEM 9: Next Meeting – Date, Time, and Location

5:55-6:00

ITEM 10: BBQ Dinner

6:00 – 7:00

ITEM 7: Amendment Measure and Strategy Exercise

7:00-8:30 Neil Ward will lead the RFAC in an exercise in which the meeting participants will complete the draft measure and strategy template for each focal species in the subbasins for which the managers have management responsibilities.

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

5:15 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Mountain)

Site Visit Itinerary

ITEM 1: Meet MFWP staff at MFWP Office in Kalispell

5:15

ITEM 2: Depart for site visit

5:30

ITEM 3: Visit several MFWP project locations in the South Fork Flathead subbasin to view habitat improvement projects

9:30-6:00

ITEM 4: Return to Kalispell/Whitefish

6:00-9:00

Lodging Accommodations

The site for this meeting will be a rental house in Whitefish, MT (<http://www.big-mountain-rentals.com>). Unfortunately, the rental house is completely full. If you have not reserved a spot at the house, lodging is available in Whitefish. If you have questions, please contact Neil Ward at 503-229-0191 or neil.ward@cbfwa.org.