



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.

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

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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

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: March 10, 2009
TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)
FROM: Sheri Sears (Chair)
SUBJECT: Revised Draft Agenda for the March 17-18, 2009, RFAC Meeting

Resident Fish Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Mountain)

and

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

9:00 a.m. – Noon (Mountain)

Grouse Mountain Lodge

Whitefish, MT

**** To reserve lodging please call 1-800-321-8822 and indicate that you are attending the CBFWA meeting.**

Teleconferences and WebEx has been arranged for this meeting and the information is listed in the draft agenda below.

Support material will be posted at: http://www.cbfga.org/committee_rfacs.cfm

Draft Agenda

Day One

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

9:00am-1:00pm (Mountain)

Grouse Mountain Lodge - Whitefish, MT

Teleconference: 503-229-0449 Id: 166654

WebEx LogOn Information:

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ITEM 1:

9:00-9:05am

Review and Approve Agenda

ITEM 2:

9:05-10:00am

Review the Northwest Power Planning and Conservation Council's (NPCC) Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program 2009 Amendments

During the Member Advisory Group's (MAG) February meeting, the MAG directed the technical committees to review the NPCC's Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program 2009 Amendments for the purpose of determining how well the NPCC incorporated the recommendations that the CBFWA submitted. The MAG requested that the technical committees provide reports to the MAG during an upcoming MAG meeting, preferably the meeting scheduled for March 17. Neil Ward will lead the RFAC in a review of the amended Fish and Wildlife Program and the development of a report for that will be presented to the MAG.

ITEM 3: MAG Meeting**10:00am-1:00pm**

Because of a scheduling overlap, continuation of the RFAC meeting will be delayed until 1:00 PM; however, the RFAC will participate in the MAG meeting during which time the committee will provide a report to the MAG regarding the NPCC's amended Fish and Wildlife Program.

1:00-4:00pm**Tuesday, March 17, 2009****RFAC Meeting –
Rejoin WebEx &
Dial new conference
number:****1:00-4:00pm (Mountain)****Grouse Mountain Lodge - Whitefish, MT****Teleconference: 503-229-0449 Id: 735064****WebEx LogOn Information:****Select:** [RFAC March 17th WebEx Logon](#)

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ITEM 4:**1:00-2:00pm****Working Lunch – NPCC/Independent Scientific Review Panel's (ISRP)
Development of an Environmental Risk Assessment Method for Resident Fish**

Neil Ward will lead the RFAC in a discussion regarding the NPCC/ISRP's efforts to develop an environmental risk assessment method for resident fish. Per the 2009 amendments, "all proposals for ongoing or new resident fish substitution projects that involve or might involve a non-native species should include an environmental risk assessment of potential negative impacts on native fish species. The Independent Scientific Advisory Board recommended a template for such an environmental assessment. Starting with that template, the Council will work with the ISRP and the appropriate fish and wildlife agencies and tribes to develop the final environmental risk assessment template. In developing the appropriate template, the Council will consider the criteria currently being used by managers to assess the consequences of substitution in the light of the Program's subbasin and basinwide objectives."

ITEM 5:**2:00-4:00pm****Resident Fish Losses: Development of Methodology to Assess Losses**

The 2009 Fish and Wildlife Program amendments provides the following objective to address resident fish losses: "Complete the assessments of resident fish losses resulting from the development and operation of the hydrosystem, when and where there is agreement on the appropriate methodology and prioritization of an assessment. As these are available, the Council will consider adopting the loss assessments in the Program" Representatives from the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe of the Flathead Reservation and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, and the will brief the RFAC on the methods that they have used for assessing resident fish losses. In addition, the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho will describe the procedures that they are currently developing.

Day one meeting adjourn.

Day Two

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

9:00am-Noon (Mountain)

Grouse Mountain Lodge - Whitefish, MT

Teleconference: 503-229-0449 Id: 908184

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ITEM 1:

9:00am–Noon

Resident Fish Loss Methodology

Sheri Sears and Neil Ward will lead the RFAC in a discussion regarding the development of resident fish loss methodology. The goal of this discussion will be to identify the essential components of an assessment and to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the methods that have been previously used or are currently being developed. From this discussion, the RFAC will develop a timeline, with deliverables, for developing a method to assess resident fish losses throughout the Columbia River Basin.