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DATE: December 30, 2009
TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)
FROM: Neil Ward
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the December 15, 2009, RFAC Meeting

Resident Fish Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 15, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Pacific)
@ CBFWA Office, Portland, OR

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Sheri Sears (CCT), Mike Faler (USFWS), Christine Mallette (ODFW), Chad Abel (BPT), Scott Soultz (KTOI), Tom Iverson (CBFWA), Brian Lipscomb (CBFWA), and Neil Ward (CBFWA)

Phone: David Parrish (IDFG)

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

Action: The agenda was approved with no additional items added.

ITEM 2: Approve Action Notes for the November 3, 2009 RFAC Meeting

Action: *The action notes for the November 3, 2009, RFAC meeting were approved.*

ITEM 3: DRAFT CBFWA Work plan – RFAC Review

The new CBFWA work plan includes several resident-fish-oriented directives for which the Members have requested the RFAC to review and provide comments. The Members have asked that the committee confirm the deliverables and tasks including timeframes and the staffing needs that will be required to complete the tasks. Neil Ward led the participants in a review of the document. Although some minor editorial corrections were made, no substantive changes occurred. Neil recommended that the participants meet with their MAG representatives to ensure there was agreement that the RFAC should be performing the proposed tasks. As a precautionary measure, the RFAC tentatively schedule a meeting on Monday, December 21, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Pacific) to address any concerns that may have been identified since the conclusion RFAC meeting. If RFAC participants have concerns that need to be addressed, said concerns are to be provided to Neil Ward no later than the COB on Friday, December 18 to ensure that the RFAC has an opportunity to review the concerns prior to the meeting.

ITEM 4: Resident Fish Habitat Losses Methodology: Update Regarding NPCC Letter

During the November 2009 Members Advisory Group (MAG) meeting, the MAG directed Brian Lipscomb to meet with the NPCC to discuss their intentions relative to the letter that they provided to the CBFWA pertaining to the resident fish habitat loss assessment methodology that the CBFWA recommended. Brian indicated that the NPCC staff expressed an interest in possibly convening a workshop with CBFWA, BPA, and NPCC, prior to the resident fish categorical review, to discuss loss assessment methodology and application. Brian indicated that the categorical review would likely begin during August thus; the workshop would probably be convened in May or June.

ITEM 5: Resident Fish Losses: Development of Methodology to Assess Operational Losses

Due to time limitations, participants were not able to review and discuss the existing methods used by MFWP and IDFG for assessing resident fish losses. This topic will be discussed during the January 14, 2010 RFAC Meeting.

ITEM 6: Next Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2010

9:00 – 3:00

CBFWA Office, Portland, OR