



March 30, 1999

TO: Wildlife Caucus Distribution

FROM: Ray Entz, Chair *Drina for*

SUBJECT: **REVISED** March 24-25, 1999 Wildlife Caucus Meeting Action Notes

Attendees: Jenene Ratassepp (WDFW) on phone, Bruce Wiseman (USFWS), Tracy Hames (YIN), Ed Bottum, Michele Beucler, and Stacey Stovall (IDFG), Ray Entz (KT), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Susan Barnes and Greg Sieglitz (ODFW) on phone, Steve Judd (CTCR), Daniel Gonzales, Wanda Johnson, Cecil Dick, C. Dean Adams, and Haace St. Martin (BPT), B. J. Kieffer (STOI), Robert Matt (CD'AT), Robert Walker and Michael Powelson (NPPC), Loren Kronemann (NPT), Anders Mikkelsen (SBT), Terry Luther (CTWSRO), and Frank Young (CBFWA).

ITEM 1: Housekeeping

Discussion: Added agenda item for presentation of management plans for Idaho projects.

ITEM 2: MSG Update

Discussion: Ray reported that an Ad Hoc Future Fish & Wildlife Budget Group had been formed to develop ways to make all of the MOA funds available for spending on approved projects by the end of FY 2001.

Action: Ray appointed Terry Luther to assist Bill Bradley in representing the Wildlife Caucus at the 2 p.m. conference call today. Carl Scheeler will take over this responsibility from Terry after today.

ITEM 3: Final Discussion and Consensus of FY 2000 Funding Recommendation (See attached spreadsheet for budget detail.)

Discussion: Considerable time was spent trying to find a way to provide some minimal level of funding for all ongoing projects.

Action: The following changes from the ranking allocation for FY00, based on \$14,040,000 in available funds, were approved:

1. The Oregon Wildlife Coalition (OWC) will donate \$500K from their \$4,400,000 allocation.
2. *The OWC will have the flexibility to use their remaining allocation for any project ranked above Southern Idaho during FY00 and can interchange FY99 and FY00 funds between those two years for approved projects.*
3. Albeni Falls Project will donate \$600K of their \$2,600,000 allocation.
4. The CCT Project will receive \$400K from donated funds.
5. Southern Idaho Project will receive \$826,964 from donated funds.
6. The YIN Project will donate \$200K of their \$1,184,045 allocation.

Action: The following allocation of the anticipated transfer of \$960,000 from the Anadromous Fish Caucus was approved:

1. \$426,500 for the Eagle Lakes Project contingent upon the funds being used for acquisition only with no benefit to private interests.
2. \$183,500 added to the CCT Project.
3. \$150,000 added to the OWC Project.
4. \$200,000 added to Albeni Falls Project.

ITEM 4: M & E Subcommittee Update (HEP Program)

Discussion: Robert Walker provided a handout, which described the current status of the effort to obtain the services of an outside contractor to assist in M & E and the recommendations of the subcommittee. The handout also contained a list of questions relative to M & E needs. Robert said that if everyone would provide him with responses to the listed questions he would prepare a project by project M & E status report for the Council and ISRP.

Action: Responses to the six questions need to be completed for each project and submitted to Robert Walker by April 29, 1999.

ITEM 5: Subcommittee Membership and Deliverables Update/Discussion

Discussion: In response to the March 11 meeting minutes, information was provided on the existence of additional subcommittees and changes to membership.

Action: Subcommittee chairs were asked to provide a statement of purpose and assigned deliverables and a schedule for their subcommittee.

ITEM 6: Review and Finalize Ground Rules and Jobs for the Caucus (consensus)

Discussion: Ray reported that he had received no comments on the draft ground rules handed out at the last meeting. He also stated that Joe DeHerrera was unable to obtain a facilitator for the today's meeting but would have a BPA facilitator to assist at the April 28-29 meeting in Portland.

ITEM 7: Direct Funding Spend-down Committee

Discussion: The Ad Hoc Fish and Wildlife Budget Group met via conference call at 2 p.m. today. The next meeting, from 1 to 4 p.m. via conference call April 2, was cancelled (see meeting notes).

Action: Terry and Carl will give an update at the April 28-29, 1999 Wildlife Caucus meeting.

ITEM 8: Update from RVI Subcommittee

Deferred

ITEM 9: Watershed Technical Workgroup Cross Caucus Committee

Discussion: The purpose of this committee is to develop the rationale for including projects judged inadequate by the WTWG in the DAIWP and to make a recommendation on whether the WTWG will be used again next year.

Action: Steve Judd and Michele Beucler agreed to represent the Wildlife Caucus on this Committee.

ITEM 10: Crediting Issues

Discussion: Initial discussion took place in regard to organizing thoughts and ideas to better structure the caucus efforts in this area.

Action: Carl will update his handouts and prepare an agenda for future discussions on the crediting issues.

ITEM 11: Presentation of Idaho Management Plans

Discussion: Stacey presented the management plans (including HEP reports) for Henderson Ranch, Ginter, Carter's Island, and Denton Slough. Ed Bottum presented the management plan for Quarter Circle O.

Action: The management plans were found to be consistent with the O&M and M&E Guidelines.

Subcommittees

1. Monitoring and Evaluation

Membership: Robert Walker (Chair), Paul Ashley, Susan Barnes, Matt Berger, Carl Scheeler, and Joe DeHerrera.

Deliverables:

1. Develop an interactive/standardized HEP modeling program that ties both vegetative and species response to mitigation activities.
 - a) Develop a prototype program for review within 3 months.
 - b) Funding will be through the wildlife plan money.
 - c) Complete finished program with caucus review within 6 months.
 - d) Make program available through existing web sources, i.e. BPA net or StreamNet; also explore a stand-alone system (CD, Diskettes, etc.) cost vs the Net.

BPA will identify a programmer-type to work with Paul Ashley to accomplish the above.

2. Robert Walker will prepare a report outlining M&E efforts to date for the Council and ISRP based on member responses to his questions in the March 24 handout.

2. Crediting

Membership: Carl Scheeler (Chair), Joe DeHerrera, Phil Havens, Greg Sieglitz, Susan Barnes, and Michele Beucler.

Deliverables: Develop method of dealing with crediting for operational and secondary losses.

3. Ranking

Membership: Ray Entz (Chair), Anders Mikkelsen, Stacey Horton, and Michael Powelson.

Deliverables: Develop proposal for new criteria to be reviewed and commented on by the Caucus.

Timeline: Final draft to Caucus by the May meeting; final recommended changes by end of FY 99.

4. Relative Values

Membership: Paul Ashley (Chair), Matt Berger, Susan Barnes, Robert Matt, and Ray Entz.

5. Operational Losses

Membership: Ed Bottum (Chair), Susan Barnes, Paul Ashley, and Bruce Wiseman.

Deliverables: Develop a draft Request for Proposals, addressing wildlife losses due to dam operations, for full Caucus review.

6. Long Term Operations and Maintenance

Membership: Michele Beucler (Chair), Loren Kronemann, Carl Scheeler, and Jenene Ratassepp.