



May 12, 1999

TO: Wildlife Caucus Distribution

FROM: Ray Entz, Chair *Drina for*

SUBJECT: April 28, 1999 Wildlife Caucus Meeting Draft Action Notes

**Attendees:** Bruce Wiseman (USFWS), Ed Bottum and Michele Beucler (IDFG), Ray Entz (KT), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Susan Barnes and Greg Sieglitz (ODFW), Steve Judd (CTCR), Haace St. Martin (BPT), B. J. Kieffer (STOI) on phone, Robert Matt (CD'AT), Robert Walker (NPPC), Anders Mikkelsen (SBT) on phone, Terry Luther (CTWSRO), Paul Ashley (WDFW), Joe DeHerrera (BPA) Scott Soultz (KTOI) on phone, Tony Faast (USFWS) facilitator, Brian Allee, Kathie Titzler, and Frank Young (CBFWA).

**ITEM 1: Housekeeping**

**Discussion:** Bruce introduced Tony Faast from USFWS who the Service had provided as a facilitator for this meeting. The group discussed alternative meeting lengths and starting times.

**Action:** The group agreed to two-day meetings starting at 9 a.m.

**ITEM 2: Need to Identify Time Spent Working on FY00 DAIWP**

**Discussion:** Brian Allee stated that the Council has requested an estimate of the time and effort spent by CBFWA to date in developing the DAIWP that was delivered to them April 16.

**Action:** Brian requested that everyone identify the time that their agency staff spent on DAIWP products (whether charged to CBFWA contract or not), including subregional write-ups and travel expenses and send them to Kathie Titzler by May 7. A memo detailing this request will be distributed to all Members.

**ITEM 3: MSG Update**

**Discussion:** Frank reported that an emergency meeting of the MSG was called because several Members objected to the FY 2000 DAIWP Budget because the

anadromous fish portion was not balanced. The budget was passed after the anadromous fish managers presented a balanced budget. Frank also reported that the MSG designated Bill Bradley and Keith Kutchins to prepare the narrative on the WTWG recommendations on project proposals for the DAIWP.

**ITEM 4: Crediting Issues**

Discussion: Robert Walker distributed a handout of Section 11 of the Council's Program and a 1991 paper by Dick Geiger, "Assigning Mitigation Credit to Residual Wildlife Habitat at Bonneville, The Dalles, John Day, and McNary Dams", as background information. The group discussed the advantages and disadvantages of different approaches to resolving crediting issues with the concern that if a recommendation from the wildlife managers is not presented to the Council by October 1, 1999, BPA may not fund wildlife projects whose habitat units are tied to the lower four mainstem Columbia River dams, because no more credits are available for these dams under the current system.

Action: The Caucus assigned the Crediting Subcommittee to develop draft definitions for key full mitigation, permanence, life of project, annualization, negotiated settlement, protection credit and extent affected. The Crediting Subcommittee will also develop the justification for their recommended approach to the crediting issue. The Operational Losses Subcommittee will develop a definition of operational losses and will develop the strategy for implementing operational assessments for the future. Draft work products are due to Frank by May 20 so they may be distributed in time to be considered at the next meeting on May 27.

**Item 5: Expansion of WC Address List**

Action: The group agreed that Susan would develop a template for expanding the information in the WC Address List to include information on the responsibilities of Caucus members. Frank will provide Susan with an electronic copy of the current address list.

**Item 5: Next Meeting**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 23-24, 1999 in Boise Idaho.

## **1. 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. Develop assigned definitions and draft rationale for recommended approach and send to Frank by May 20.

## **2. 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.

## **3. Relative Values**

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

## **4. Operational Losses**

Membership: Ed Bottum (Chair), Scott Soultis, Paul Ashley, and Bruce Wiseman.

Deliverables: Develop a draft Request for Proposals, addressing wildlife losses due to dam operations, for full Caucus review. Develop definition of operational losses with supporting rationale and send to Frank by May 20.

## **5. Long Term Operations and Maintenance**

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