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June 28, 1999

**TO:** Wildlife Caucus Distribution

**FROM:** Ray Entz, Chair

**SUBJECT:** June 23-24, 1999 Wildlife Caucus Meeting Action Notes

**Attendees:** Ed Bottum and Michele Beucler (IDFG), Ray Entz (KT), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Susan Barnes and Greg Sieglitz (on phone) (ODFW), Steve Judd and Mathew Berger (CTCR), Haace St. Martin (BPT), Tracy Hames (YIN), Loren Kronemann (NPT), Reggie Premo (SPT), Dale Becker (CS&KT), Peter Paquet and Robert Walker (NPPC), Anders Mikkelsen (SBT), Terry Luther (CTWSRO), Paul Ashley (WDFW), Phil Havens (BPA), Scott Soultz (KTOI), and Frank Young (CBFWA).

**ITEM 1: Review of Agenda.**

**ACTION:** Two additional items were added to the agenda:  
1) Operational losses associated with Grand Coulee Dam - Paul Ashley (included under Agenda Item 3)  
2) Strategy for Developing the Future Role of CBFWA (added as Item 9).

**ITEM 2: MSG Update.**

**Discussion:** Ray summarized the actions from the June 2, 1999 MSG Conference Call that were relevant to WC interests.

**ITEM 3: Report by Crediting Subcommittee.**

**Discussion:** Susan Barnes distributed the issue paper entitled "Support Information for Resolution of the Wildlife Mitigation Crediting Issues," reviewed the contents and stated that the intent is to get agreement on the recommendations so the document can be used to guide future actions of the group. Carl Scheeler lead the discussion on the alternative recommendations identified in the issue paper. It was decided that the Subcommittee should select an ongoing project and do a trial run of options 1, 2b and the Corps 50% methods for determining protection credit.

**ACTION:** The Subcommittee will revise the issue paper based on the Caucus discussions

and redistribute it prior to the July 28-29 Caucus meeting.

**ITEM 4: Report by the Operational Losses Subcommittee.**

**Discussion:** Ed Bottum handed out the draft issue paper titled “Operational Losses.” Scott Soultz said that comments should be sent to Ed Bottum. Paul Ashley made a presentation of his rationale for including the impacts of the Columbia Basin Project as an operational impact to wildlife based on the fact that irrigation was a substantial part of the original project authorization and depends on the annual operation of pumping water into Banks Lake for its continuation.

**ACTION:** The Subcommittee will revise the issue paper based on the comments they receive and redistribute it prior to the July 28-29 Caucus meeting.

**ITEM 5: Appointment of Representatives to the M&E Ad Hoc Work Group to Develop Framework and Schedule for a Regional M&E Plan.**

**ACTION:** Bill Bradley was selected to represent the Caucus on this Work Group.

**ITEM 6: Designate Representatives for Ad Hoc Work Group on Budget Equity/RFM Analyst Position.**

**ACTION:** Ray was selected to represent the Caucus on this Work Group.

**ITEM 7: Develop Process and Schedule for Responding to ISRP Comments on FY2000 Proposals.**

**Discussion:** Frank Young stated that the SRTs can only recommend responses to the Caucus and cannot move proposals from one Tier level to another. Only the Caucus can change the recommended Tier level.

**ACTION:** The group agreed to use the SRTs to formulate their initial response to the ISRP comments with final approval of the response at the July 28-29 meeting.

**ITEM 8: Schedule for Revision of the DAIWP.**

**Discussion:** The revised DAIWP is scheduled to be sent to the Council August 20 with an oral presentation of the Work Plan before the Council scheduled for September 1, 1999. The revision will include improved subbasin summaries as well as our response to ISRP comments.

**ITEM 9: Strategy for Developing the Future Role of CBFWA.**

**ACTION:** The group agreed to have Ray Entz represent the Caucus at the strategy session scheduled on August 12 following the Members meeting. Comments on the draft staff issue paper are due by July 1.

**ITEM 10: Next Meeting Time and Place.**

**ACTION:** The next meeting will be July 28-29 in Burns with a field trip to Logan Valley the afternoon of July 27.

**Subcommittees.****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. Distribute revised issue paper prior to July 27-28 WC meeting.

**2. Ranking**

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

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

Timeline: Final draft to Caucus by the July 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. Revise issue paper based on comments and distribute prior to July WC meeting.

**5. Long Term Operations and Maintenance**

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