



August 13, 1999

TO: Wildlife Caucus Distribution

FROM: Ray Entz, Chair *Drina for*

SUBJECT: NEW REVISION for July 28, 1999 Wildlife Caucus Meeting Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Ed Bottum and Michele Beucler (IDFG), Ray Entz (KT), Susan Barnes and Greg Sieglitz (ODFW), Haace St. Martin and Dan Gonzales (BPT), Tracy Hames (YIN), Loren Kronemann (NPT), Clayton M. Cota (SPT), Robert Walker (NPPC), Anders Mikkelsen (SBT), Paul Ashley (WDFW), Phil Havens (BPA) Rob Larranaga (USFWS), Robert Matt (CDAT) and Frank Young (CBFWA).

ITEM 1: Review of Agenda

Action: An update from the M&E Subcommittee was added to the agenda as Item 9.

ITEM 2: MSG Update

Discussion: Ray summarized the actions from the July 7, 1999 MSG Conference Call. Ray also reported that the M&E Ad Hoc Work Group has met and decided first to consider the opportunity to augment ongoing M&E efforts rather than initiate a stand alone CBFWA document. As a part of his contribution to this effort Ray will identify the data gaps inferred by the Wildlife Plan and submit them to the Work Group for their consideration.

ITEM 3: Report by Crediting Subcommittee

Discussion: Susan Barnes presented an updated version of the Crediting Subcommittee's Issue Paper and requested comments.

Action: Provide comments to Susan by August 20. Susan will revise the Issue Paper based on the Caucus' discussions and additional comments received.

ITEM 4: Report by the Operational Losses Subcommittee

Discussion: Ed Bottum reported that he still needs Caucus members' comments on the draft Issue Paper which was handed out at the last meeting. Ed further stated that the Subcommittee is not yet ready to recommend an RFP.

Action: Provide comments to Ed by August 20.

ITEM 5: Review and Approval of Ray's Draft Response to ISRP Review Comments

Discussion: Ray expressed his concern over the lack of comments on his draft response and encouraged everyone to read it over carefully.

Action: Frank said that comments need to be sent to Tom Iverson by July 30 to be included in the MSG material for their August 4 meeting.

ITEM 6: Review and Approval of SRT's Draft Response to ISRP Review

Action: The SRT recommended responses to ISRP comments on individual project proposals was approved. Any additional comments are needed to CBFWA staff by July 30.

ITEM 7: Update on Ad Hoc Work Group on Budget Equity/RFM Analyst Position

Discussion: Ray reported that, after attending the budget equity meeting, he believes that the WC budget for FY2001 will be similar to last year's but that, because of the additional O&M needs brought about by new acquisitions and the expiration of the Washington Agreement, the WC will have less to spend on new FY2001 projects than they did for new FY2000 projects. Ray also reported that Neil Ward had accepted the Resident Fish Analyst Position and will report to work August 9.

ITEM 8: Update on NPPC Amendment Process

Discussion: Frank reported that, from discussions at the June 29 NPPC meeting between Council and their staff, it appears that the Council intends to use the Multi-Species Framework document as the basis for their Program Amendment Process. The Council will initiate the process this Fall and adopt a new Program in late Spring of 2000. The new Program would be goals, objectives and strategies which would provide the framework for project proposals to be submitted annually as the DAIWP. These project proposals would be considered "program measures" as defined by the Power Act.

ITEM 9: Monitoring and Evaluation Subcommittee Update

Discussion: Robert Walker distributed the most recent version of the Subcommittee Report for review.

Action: Comments are due to Robert Walker by August 20. It is intended that the Report be sent out as a CBFWA submittal to the NPPC in response to ISRP questions about M&E for WC projects.

ITEM 10: Next Meeting Date and Location

Action: The next meeting will be August 26 at Spokane.

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 August 26, 1999 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 August 26 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 Soultz, 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 August 26 WC meeting.

5. Long Term Operations and Maintenance

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