



December 22, 1999

TO: Wildlife Caucus Distribution

FROM: Michele Beucler, Chair *Franklin R. Young* for

SUBJECT: Revised December 2, 1999 Wildlife Caucus Meeting Draft Action Notes

Thursday, December 2, 1999

Attendees: Michele Beucler, Ed Bottum and Bert Bowler (IDFG), Robert Walker (NWPPC), Haace St. Martin and Daniel Gonzalez (BPT), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Tracy Hames and Bill Bradley (YIN), Vinny Pero (SPT), Maureen Smith (USFWS), Susan Barnes (ODFW), Frank Young and Cheron McGuffey (CBFWA), Robert Matt (CDAT), Steve Judd (CTR), BJ Keiffer (STI) and Scott Soultz (KTI)

Phone Attendees: Paul Ashley (WDFW), Anders Mikkelson (SBT)

ITEM 1: NWPPC Amendment Process Update

Discussion: Tom Giese discussed the following subjects:

- Legal justifications for the NWPPC rejection of fish and wildlife managers' recommendations as outlined in the Northwest Power Planning Act
- The general sequence of events for adopting amendments as defined by the Northwest Power Planning Act
- Strategic Assumptions
- Regional Goals

ITEM 2: Review of Agenda

ACTION: The agenda was approved without change.

ITEM 3: Review Action Notes from October 27-28, 1999 Meeting

ACTION: Action Notes were approved with minor changes.

ITEM 4: CBFWA Charter Update

- Discussion: Bill Bradley gave an overview of the CBFWA Charter changes made at the December 1, 1999 Members Meeting:
- The caucuses, which will now be called committees, will answer to a senior management group called the Members Management Group (MMG)
 - These committees will be more technical in nature with policy issues elevated to the MMG.
 - The director-level group will now meet at least annually

ITEM 5: Crediting Discussion

Discussion: Carl Scheeler, as Chair of the Crediting Subcommittee, lead the review of the December 2-3, 1999 Draft Discussion Paper On Wildlife Mitigation Crediting Recommendations in preparation for the December 3, 1999 meeting with the NWPPC. Although there was no formal motion, the group appeared to concur with the recommendations contained in the draft, as modified during the meeting.

ACTION: No formal action was taken.

ITEM 6: Logistics for Tomorrow

Discussion: Transportation and strategy for the meeting on December 3, 1999 with the Power Planning Council were discussed.

ITEM 7: Time and Place of Next Meeting

ACTION: The next meeting is scheduled for January 26-27, 2000 in Boise.

Subcommittees**1. Crediting**

Membership: Carl Scheeler (Chair), Joe DeHerrera, Phil Havens, 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.

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: Subcommittee will remain inactive until crediting issue is resolved and subbasin planning activities are completed.

3. Relative Values

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

Deliverables: This subcommittee will remain inactive until the crediting issue is resolved.

4. Operational Losses

Membership: Ed Bottum (Chair), Scott Soultis, Paul Ashley, and Maureen Smith.

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.

5. Long Term Operations and Maintenance

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

6. 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.

- Develop a prototype program for review within three months.
- Funding will be through the Wildlife Plan money.
- Complete program with a Caucus review within six months.
- 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 cost.