



October 31, 2000

TO: Wildlife Committee

FROM: Carl Scheeler, Chair *Franklin R. Young* for

SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for WC meeting October 30, 2000

Attendees: Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Robert Walker (NWPPC), Tracy Hames (YN), Maureen Smith (USFWS), Ken Rutherford (ODFW), Michele Beucler and David Leptich (IDFG), Steve Judd and Matt Berger (CCT), B. J. Kieffer (STOI), Loren Kronemann (NPT), Robert Matt (CDAT), Paul Ashley (WDFW), and Frank Young (CBFWA).

On Phone: Scott Soultis (STOI), Susan Barnes and Greg Sieglitz (ODFW), Neil Ward and Tom Iverson.

Time Allocation:

CBFWA Members Coordination Contract*	
Objective 1. FY 2001 Project Renewal Process	0%
Objective 2. Rolling Province Review	90%
Objective 3. FY 2000 Project Adjustments	0%
Objective 4. Watershed and Subbasin Assessment and Plan	0%
Objective 5. Coordinate Program Amendments	0%

* Not all agenda items support the objectives identified in the coordination contract.

ITEM 1: Review of Agenda

Discussion: Wildlife Charter Revision, Members Meeting Update and HEP Team Proposal were added as items 3, 4 and 5.

ITEM 2: Review and Approve Subbasin Summaries and Project Recommendations for the Columbia Gorge and Inter-mountain Provinces

Discussion: The Committee reviewed the recommendations of the Columbia Gorge and Inter-mountain province work groups and developed the following recommendations by project number:
21005 and 21006 Fund only as part of EDT using other funds. Not appropriate for wildlife funds. Concerned over data access based on past experience.

21013 Concur

21017 Concur

21023 Concur. Recommend tasks be funded under 21029 (subject to approval of the CCT).

21026, 21027 and 21028 Concur. If more than one is funded, combine with others for cost effectiveness.

21029 Concur

21030 Concur

21031 Concur

21032 Concur

21034 Concur

199106200 Concur

199204800 Concur

199506700 Concur. Support for additional funding beyond the FY 2001 project renewal budget of \$950,000 contingent upon the availability of additional province review funds.

199800300 Concur

Action:

The Committee was concerned over the inconsistent application of priority rankings between the two provinces and recommended that staff either make the rankings consistent or explain the reason for the inconsistency. The Committee also recommends that if any acquisition project is funded through a trust fund, all acquisition projects be funded in this manner. If sufficient funds are not available to fund all recommended projects, the Committee requests the opportunity to reprioritize all projects.

The Committee approved the above project recommendations.

ITEM 3: Wildlife Committee Charter Revision

Discussion:

Carl Scheeler distributed "strawman" revisions to the WC Charter for discussion. The group agreed conceptually to creation of a habitat committee that would facilitate a watershed approach to mitigation by including participation from representatives of resident and anadromous fish and wildlife interests. The primary task of the new committee would be to provide oversight to the Rolling Province Review Process by assuring basin-wide consistency in recommendations.

Action:

The Committee agreed to form an ad hoc Charter Work Group comprised

of Carl Scheeler (chair), Maureen Smith, Robert Matt, Tracy Hames and Frank Young. The Work Group was charged with developing a draft charter for a habitat committee for consideration by the WC. The intent is to forward the final product to MMG as a recommendation from the WC.

ITEM 4: Members Meeting Update

Discussion: Michele Beucler reported that the Members Meeting, hosted by the Sho-Bans October 25-26 in Pocatello, had gone well. The revised CBFWA Charter, that placed specific requirements on any member intending to object to a CBFWA initiative, was approved. Michele also reported that Rod Sando, Director of IDFG, is the new Chair of CBFWA. Rod has extensive experience in natural resource planning from his previous job in Minnesota.

ITEM 5: HEP Team Proposal

Discussion: Paul Ashley distributed a proposal and budget for the formation of a HEP team to assist managers on their acquisitions for consideration by the Committee.

Action: Provide feedback to Paul on your anticipated needs and the merits of his proposal.

ITEM 6: Date and Location of Next Meeting

Discussion: The next regular meeting will be December 11, 2000 from 9 to 4 at CBFWA in Portland.

Be aware that the results of the quarterly review on FY 2001 wildlife project budgets will be coming out on November 15, so be prepared to provide input to your MMG representative prior to the MMG meeting November 21, when final consideration of the revised budgets is scheduled.