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DATE: June 6, 2006
TO: Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)
FROM: Dick Stone, Chair
SUBJECT: Action Notes for the May 31-June 1 WAC Meeting at Lake Creek Camp, Malheur National Forest

Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting
May 31-June 1, 2006
Burns, Oregon

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Dick Stone (WDFW); David Speten and Jason Kesling (BPT); Michael Pope (ODFW); Carl Scheeler (CTUIR) and Frank Young (CBFWA)

Time	Objective 1. Project Recommendations	%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Regional Issues	100%
	Objective 3. Annual Report	%

ITEM 1: Tour of Malheur River Wildlife Project

Discussion: BPT personnel conducted a tour of the project for WAC participants. The WAC felt that the exchange of ideas that resulted was very valuable. The WAC wishes to express their appreciation to David Speten and Jason Kesling for an excellent tour and for making arrangements for food, lodging, wildlife viewing (deer, elk, antelope, sandhill cranes, a short-eared owl, numerous water fowl, frogs and mosquitoes) and very pleasant meeting facilities.

ITEM 2: CBFWA Review of Wildlife Project Proposals in the FY 07-09 Project Selection Process

Discussion: WAC members expressed concern that the 70-15-15 ratio of funding for anadromous fish-resident fish-wildlife will not be achieved because wildlife projects were competing with proposals targeted at endangered anadromous fish during provincial reviews. They were also concerned that O&M for wildlife mitigation areas were not being recommended for funding in the provincial review process. Dick Stone stated that MAG had requested that the WAC identify issues from the ISRP Review that may be appropriate for a CBFWA response.

ACTION: Frank and Dick are to work together to draft a letter for MAG review addressing two issues: 1) continued funding for O&M for ongoing wildlife mitigation areas and 2) inappropriateness of wildlife proposals competing with anadromous fish proposals for funding which may impact achievement of 70-15-15 ratio.

ITEM 3: Development of WAC 2005 Work Plan

Discussion: It was suggested that the WAC be responsible for assigning credits for wildlife mitigation to specific projects. Frank pointed out that BPA had requested that the WAC give them feedback on their crediting table on several occasions and the WAC has never been able to develop a consensus response. The group agreed that future meetings should focus on site visits with maximum opportunity to exchange ideas on mitigation activities.

ITEM 4: Update on Oregon Trust Fund Negotiations

Discussion: Michael Pope reported that the last policy level meeting with BPA was May 1, which ended with BPA suspending negotiations, because the Grande Ronde Tribe was not represented. Michael stated that the parties are still rather far apart on their respective positions. In addition, the Grande Ronde Tribe has concerns over Willamette Valley issues and the Tribe is being encouraged to reengage in discussions with the rest of the Coalition.

ITEM 5: Continue Discussions of HEP Crediting Issues

Discussion: Dick said that he will be making a few revisions to his PowerPoint presentation on HEP Crediting and have Frank distribute it for comment prior to presenting it to the MAG. The group spent some time discussing a variety of issues surrounding crediting and generally agreed that it is unlikely that the WAC or CBFWA will be able to reach a consensus on many of the details and that each entity should generally move forward working directly with BPA on their projects.

ITEM 6: Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively set for July 19-20 in Yakima and will include a tour of Yakima and WDFW wildlife mitigation projects in the area.