



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and fish and wildlife agencies:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

## Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: August 2, 2007  
TO: Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)  
FROM: Ken MacDonald, CBFWA Staff  
SUBJECT: July 23, 2007 WAC Meeting Final Action Notes

## July WAC Meeting

July 23, 2007  
Mirabeau Park Hotel  
1100 N. Sullivan Rd.  
Spokane Valley, WA 99037

The support material and reference documents for the meeting are posted at:  
<http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=WAC&meeting=all>

## Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** Ken MacDonald, Brian Lipscomb, Joe Mentor, & Paul Ashley (CBFWA), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Angela Sondenaa (NPT), Gregg Servheen (IDFG), Richard Whitney & Matthew Berger (CCT), Nate Pamplin (WDFW), Alan Wood (MFWP), Michael Pope (ODFW), and Tracy Hames (YN)

**By Phone:** Patty O'Toole (NPCC), and Scott Soultz (KTOI)

**Time Allocation:** Objective 1. Committee Participation 100%  
Objective 2. Technical Review  
Objective 3. Presentation

## **ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda and June WAC Action Notes**

**Discussion:** Michael Pope added an agenda item to provide an update on meeting with the IEAB.

**ACTION:** The agenda was revised and June 19-21, 2007 draft action notes were approved as final.

## **ITEM 2: New Item - Update on Meeting with IEAB**

**Discussion:** Michael Pope gave an update on the IEAB meeting that he, Carl Scheeler, and Ray Entz attended regarding IEAB Task #116 (Wildlife O&M). Michael noted that the IEAB was finding that the wildlife O&M costs for the NPCC program were not out of line with O&M costs associated with other programs. He also noted that they had a good discussion with IEAB and that IEAB appeared have a good understanding of the reasons for cost variability and that they understood our concerns.

Michael informed the WAC that IEAB had a task to explore alternative strategies for habitat acquisitions including partnering with other programs such as CREP, CRP, Metro, etc. The WAC was not aware of this task and

will need to be prepared to formally respond to the report. Potential concerns include the surety of these other programs to provide long-term wildlife habitat and the appropriateness of partnering with various programs for wildlife mitigation.

Patty O'Toole was asked if how the results of IEAB Task#116 will be used to revise the 2008 funding decisions. Patty responded that at this time she did not see any changes to the 2008 budget decisions in the near term.

**ITEM 3: WAC Consensus on Material and Recommendations to Present to MAG for the Program Amendments**

Discussion Brian Lipscomb began the discussion by reminding the WAC that the MAG needs to understand the issues, what in the program needs to be fixed and why. The WAC may need to explore further how to establish biological objectives in terms of the Act.

The draft program amendment PowerPoint presentation was reviewed for consensus on the issues the WAC proposes to pursue through the amendment process and editing the presentation for the MAG. There appears to be consensus at this time on the general wildlife issues for program amendments.

**Recommended Action:** The WAC presentation for the 7/24/07 MAG Meeting was finalized.