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

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: February 6, 2008
TO: Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)
FROM: Ken MacDonald, CBFWA
SUBJECT: February 6, 2008 WAC Teleconference Action Notes - Final

February WAC Teleconference February 6, 2008 @ CBFWA Office – Portland, OR

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

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Ken MacDonald (CBFWA), Patty O'Toole (NPCC)

By Phone: Angela Sondenaar (NPT), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Michael Pope (ODFW), Tracy Hames (YN), Gregg Servheen (IDFG)

Time Allocation:

Objective 1. Committee Participation	100
Objective 2. Technical Review	%
Objective 3. Presentation	%

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

ACTION: The agenda was approved as written.

ITEM 2: Review and Approve January 7-8, 2008 draft action notes.

ACTION: The January 7-8th action notes were approved as written.

ITEM 3: Letter From WAC to NPCC regarding IEAB Tasks 116 and 117

Discussion: Teleconference participants closely reviewed and edited the draft letter from CBFWA to Bill Booth Council chair responding to the IEAB reports for Tasks 116 and 117.

ACTION: The edited letter was approved to be recommended to the MAG and Members for signature. Ken MacDonald will follow through to make sure approval of the letter is on the February 19 MAG and February 20 Members meeting agendas.

ITEM 4: Council Assignment regarding implementation of recommendations from IEAB reports

Discussion: Patty O'Toole began the discussion by providing background for the Council's decision to postpone sending a letter to BPA recommending implementation of portions of the IEAB Tasks 116 and 117 reports. At the January Council Meeting the wildlife managers recommended the Council postpone a decision on the proposed Council recommendations until the managers could provide input to those recommendations. The Council

agreed to postpone a decision for 90 days and directed Council staff work with the wildlife managers to develop program recommendations from the report to implement in the Fish and Wildlife Program.

WAC members were concerned with the direction the Council may be headed since some of the Task 116 and 117 recommendations will have implications to the Fish and Wildlife Program beyond project implementation and should best be considered in the Program amendment process. Concern was expressed that the Council was making recommendations directly to BPA without consulting the managers and many of the report recommendations should be discussed between the managers and Council before and program recommendations are made to BPA.

Several approaches to the Council assignment were discussed including a presentation to the Council by the managers on their letter in response to the reports at the March Council meeting. The managers would also work with Council staff to develop recommendations for using the reports in the Program by the April Council meeting.

ACTION: The WAC will meet with Council staff the afternoon of February 25 beginning at 1:00 and the morning of February 26, ending at noon, to strategize how to proceed. All WAC members are invited and encouraged to participate either in person or via teleconference. A teleconference line will be available and the meeting will be held at the CBFWA office in Portland. WAC members who have committed at this time to attend the meeting are: Angela Sondenaa, Michael Pope, Carl Scheeler, and Tracy Hames. Patty O'Toole will follow up with the Council central and state staffs.

At the conclusion of the discussions with Council staff, the WAC will take the opportunity to review any input to the draft wildlife amendment language resulting from the February 20 Members meeting.