

# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

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DATE: November 15, 2012  
TO: Wildlife Focus Workgroup  
FROM: Kyle Heinrick, Chair and Peter Paquet, NPCC  
SUBJECT: Meeting summary from November 14, 2012 Wildlife Focus Workgroup

Wildlife Focus Workgroup  
November 14, 2012  
CBFWF Office  
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The support material for the meeting is posted at:

[http://www.cbfgwa.org/committee\\_wac.cfm](http://www.cbfgwa.org/committee_wac.cfm)

## **Draft Action Notes**

**Attendees:** Peter Paquet, NPCC; Philip Key, Dorie Welch and Anne Senters, BPA; Bob Austin, USRT; Tom O'Neill, NHI; and Paul Ashley and Tom Iverson, CBFWF

**By Phone:** Kyle Heinrick (Chair), BPT; Carl Scheeler and Adrien Elseroad, CTUIR; Angela Sondenna, NPT; Matt Berger, KT; Richard Whitney, CCT; Tom Elliot, YN; Scott Soult, KTI; Raquel Crosier, NPCC-WA; and Chase Davis, UCUT

### **Background:**

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) through their Program Evaluation and Reporting Committee (PERC) made the following recommendation for the Regional HEP Team (RHT) project:

1. Reconvene the Wildlife Crediting Forum (WCF) to address needs and future plans for HEP; specifically to make recommendations to the Council on:
  - As a first priority, the need to access information such as GIS maps or tools from NHI in the future.
  - The need, if any, for future HEP surveys
    - Describe the need for HEP surveys to support active management decision making
    - Frequency and duration of that work
    - Recommended succession plan as the current HEP team leader transitions to retirement
  - The need to archive existing vegetation transects data into a central repository.

2. The WCF should convene as needed to develop recommendations and suggested outcomes for review by the Fish and Wildlife Committee by January 1st, 2013, or sooner, on needs identified above.

Since the Wildlife Crediting Forum charter has expired and that group does not formally exist, Peter Paquet is working closely with the Wildlife Focus Workgroup to develop a collaborative recommendation to respond to this NPCC directive.

**Framework for Recommendation:**

The participants in the meeting summarized the high level priorities for the RHT to support BPA funded wildlife projects into the future:

1. RHT Recommendation
  - Minimum 2-3 year funding need
  - Maintain current model/scope
  - Complete outstanding reports/analysis
  - Baseline surveys for new acquisitions
  - Technical support for wildlife settlement negotiations
  - Create legacy data base and repository for models
  - Develop succession/transition plan for change in RHT leadership
2. Wildlife Crediting Forum (?)
  - Need facilitation of wildlife managers, BPA, NPCC and other interested parties to discuss and evaluate future needs
  - Take technical lead on evaluating/testing operational loss models and methodologies or alternative habitat evaluation methods

**Next Steps:**

Peter and Philip, and other NPCC and BPA staff will develop a more detailed list of tasks and distribute to the wildlife managers prior to the next WFW meeting. The WFW will meet in two weeks to discuss the draft list of tasks and attempt to reach agreement on a recommendation to the NPCC fish and wildlife committee for future RHT work. The future budget will be negotiated between the RHT project and BPA from the list of work established by the WFW recommendation.

**Next Meeting:**

Wildlife Focus Workgroup (WFW)

[WFW Webpage](#)

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

1:00-4:00 p.m. (PDT)

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