



May 26, 1999

TO: Anadromous Fish Managers

FROM: Tony Nigro, Chairman *Mary for*

SUBJECT: DRAFT Action Notes from 5/26/99 AFM Meeting

Attendance: In person: Doug Marker (BPA/NPPC), Roger Bachman (Oregon Trout), Mike O'Connell (Trout Cr. Watershed Council), Tom Morse (BPA), Lawrence Schwabe (BPT), Bob Foster (WDFW), Bert Bowler (IDFG), Brian Allee (CBFWA), Frank Young (CBFWA), Mary Marvin (CBFWA), Tom Iverson (CBFWA), Tony Nigro (ODFW), John Palensky (NMFS), and Daniel Gonzalez (BPT)

By phone: Doug Taki (SBT), Jeff Anderson (SBT, Project Sponsor), Patty O'Toole (CTWSRO), Gary James (CTUIR), Fred Olney (USFWS), and Lynn Hatcher (YIN).

The Anadromous Fish Managers (AFM) began their meeting at 9:15 am. This was 45 minutes later than planned because the group was awaiting a quorum. Agenda Item 4 was discussed first.

## **ITEM 1. Strategy to Address ISRP Comments to FY00 DAIWP**

**Discussion:** Tom Iverson briefly discussed a straw proposal for preparing Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) responses to recommendations the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) will make to the Northwest Power Planning Council (Council) in their report due June 15. The approach asks the Subregional Teams (SRTs) to convene and prepare responses to ISRP recommendations for projects and programs in their subregions. CBFWA staff will list ISRP recommendations by project and program in a table. For each project and program, a blank column will be reserved in the table for SRT responses to the ISRP recommendation.

The SRTs will also prepare responses to ISRP recommendations that are not project or program specific, but are specific to subbasins within their subregions. The SRTs will be asked to complete their work by July 8.

The AFM will review SRT responses and will prepare responses to ISRP recommendations that transcend subregions. The AFM will complete its work during its July meeting.

Doug Marker stated that the Council is expecting a range of recommendations from the ISRP. It will be the Council's responsibility to either adopt or reject each ISRP recommendation. When the Council rejects a recommendation, it must explain why. The Council has released a draft schedule for completing its FY 2000 work plan.

**Action:** A motion to adopt the straw proposal as presented was passed. AFM directed Tom Iverson to work with SRT chairs to schedule meetings between June 17 and July 8 to prepare responses to ISRP recommendations. AFM also will present the proposal to the Members Steering Group (MSG) at its June 2 meeting and invite members of the other caucuses to participate in the SRT sessions.

A second motion to establish an ad hoc group to address ISRP recommendations for mainstem and systemwide projects and programs was passed. AFM directed Tom Iverson to work with the AFM chair to recruit interested AFM members to the group.

## **ITEM 2. Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Discussion:** Michael O'Connell presented a request by the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District for additional funding of \$97,000 for the *Trout Creek Watershed Council* project (Project #9802800). The additional money is necessary to conduct stream surveys in 1999 and expedite completion of a watershed assessment. The project has support from the Warm Springs Tribe, ODFW, Oregon Trout, and others. According to Mr. O'Connell, various entities, such as GWEB and NRCS, would provide approximately \$100,000 of matching funds, much which is dedicated to specific tasks. The FY 1999 budget is \$52,000. The performance period for FY 1999 is June 1, 1999 through May 31, 2000.

The main reason to expedite stream surveys and watershed assessments, according to Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Bachman, was to demonstrate to local landowners that the region is committed to make significant progress on watershed protection and restoration now rather than later.

**Action:** A motion that AFM recommend to the MSG that CBFWA draft a letter to the Council stating its support for using existing FY 1999 and proposed FY 2000 funds to expedite stream surveys and watershed assessment was passed. The AFM did not support providing additional funds for the project.

**ITEM 3. Shoshone-Bannock Tribes (Project #8021)**

**Discussion:** Jeff Anderson presented a request by the Shoshone-Bannock tribe to modify the scope of work for Project #9405000 (*Salmon River Habitat Enhancement Project*) to include two objectives originally proposed for Project #8021 (*Restore Habitat within Dredge Tailings on the Yankee Fork Salmon River*). Although a Tier 2 project for FY 1999, Project #8021 was resubmitted for FY 2000 as Project #20017 and was recommended for funding as a Tier 1 project. Including the two new objectives in existing project #9405000 will enable work to begin immediately and will require no additional funds because carryover exists.

**Action:** A motion that AFM recommend to the MSG that CBFWA draft a letter to the Council recommending that carryover funds from Project #9405000 be used to initiate work on the project to *Restore Habitat within Dredge Tailings on the Yankee Fork Salmon River* was passed.

**ITEM 4. Leavenworth Hatchery Complex**

**Discussion:** Fred Olney presented a request by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for additional funding for the Leavenworth Hatchery Complex. The Leavenworth Hatchery Complex is currently funded (70% BPA, 30% BOR) under the Reimbursable section of the MOA. There are serious health and safety issues that need to be addressed at this hatchery as well as funding shortfalls. The request for FY99 is for \$238,811 for O&M from BPA and \$1,040,000 for construction. Doug Marker was assigned by the MOA workgroup to see this issue through the process.

**Action:** A motion that AFM recommend to the MSG that CBFWA draft a letter to the Council recommending approval of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's request for additional funding for the Leavenworth Hatchery Complex was passed.

**ITEM 5. Outstanding Needs to Finalize the DAIWP**

**Discussion** Tom Iverson outlined tasks and schedules for completing planned improvements to the subbasin summaries and revisions in response to ISRP comments. The intent is for the SRTs to complete planned improvements to the subbasin summaries by June 15. This schedule will free up time, after June 15, for the SRTs to respond to ISRP recommendations. Tana Klum will again coordinate compilation of revised subbasin summaries.

**Actions:** AFM directed Tom Iverson to prepare and present a status report, at its June 17 meeting, on the SRTs efforts to complete planned improvements to the subbasin summaries. Tom will also report on the progress toward setting up SRT meetings to respond to ISRP recommendations.

**ITEM 6.            CBFWA Role Beyond 1999 Decision**

**Discussion:**        Brian Allee described a proposal that the Members discuss CBFWA's role beyond the 1999 decision at their August meeting. The intent is to prepare CBFWA staff to respond to Council questions about the FY 2000 proposal for CBFWA funding and to encourage Members to consider roles CBFWA may play in regional initiatives such as the MultiSpecies Framework, Columbia Basin Forum, Fish and Wildlife Program amendment process, BPA rate case, etc.

**Action:**            AFM directed Brian Allee to prepare and present, at its June 17 meeting, an analysis of the issues facing CBFWA. AFM will discuss issues Brian identifies at its July meeting.

**ITEM 7.            Nine-inch Mesh Appropriation**

**Discussion:**        Bob Foster and Bert Bowler described a proposal being discussed in U.S. v. Oregon negotiations to provide tribal fishers in Zone 6 (Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day pools) with 9-inch mesh nets to reduce harvest of listed steelhead in the Fall 1999 fishery. The nets would be purchased using ESA funds and would be provided to tribal fishers at no charge. There remains a question about whether the Council expects the 9-inch mesh nets to be provided in exchange for existing 8-inch mesh nets or in addition to existing gear. Harvest of listed steelhead can be reduced without an exchange by restricting the time period when 8-inch mesh nets could be used in the Fall fishery.

**Action:**            AFM took no action. This item was informational.

**ITEM 8.            Next Meeting**

The next AFM meeting was scheduled for June 17, 1999 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the CBFWA office in Portland. A phone conference line will be set up and a notice and draft agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.