



November 8, 2000

TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)

FROM: Gary James, Chair

SUBJECT: Meeting Announcement for 11/20/00 and Draft Action Notes for October 31, 2000, AFC Meeting in Portland.

If there are no objections within five days, these actions will be considered approved.

**October 31, 2000 AFC
DRAFT ACTION NOTES**

Attendees: Ron Boyce (ODFW), Doug Taki (SBT), Phil Roger (CRITFC), Michelle DeHart (Fish Passage Center), and Neil Ward and Tom Iverson (CBFWA).

By Phone: Gary James (CTUIR, chair), Bob Foster (WDFW), Patty O'Toole (CTWSRO), Bert Bowler (IDFG), Dave Statler and Jay Hesse (NPT), Allyn Muelman (BPA), and Karma Bragg (Custer Soil and Water Conservation District).

Due to lack of a quorum at the meeting John Palensky (NMFS) was asked to review and approve the actions prior to sending these notes.

Time Allocation:

CBFWA Members Coordination Contract*

<i>Objective 1. FY 2001 Project Renewal Process</i>	<i>5%</i>
<i>Objective 2. Rolling Province Review</i>	<i>55%</i>
<i>Objective 3. FY 2000 Project Adjustments</i>	<i>35%</i>
<i>Objective 4. Watershed and Subbasin Assessment and Plan</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>Objective 5. Coordinate Program Amendments</i>	<i>0%</i>

* Not all AFC agenda items support the objectives identified in the coordination contract.

ITEM 1: Discuss Possible Changes to Today's Agenda

Two agendas were sent out for today's meeting. One agenda was sent out on October 16 and included 3 items. The second potential additional agenda item list was sent out on October 25 and included 4 items.

Action: Both agendas were approved and reviewed in the order they were sent out.

The action items have been arranged to reflect the order of discussion at the meeting.

ITEM 2: Review and Approve Subbasin Summaries and Project Recommendations for the Columbia Gorge Rolling Province Review

Tom Iverson presented a summary of the Rolling Provincial Review process for the Columbia Gorge Province. Since no anadromous fish projects were proposed in the Inter-mountain Province, the AFC needs only review the Columbia Gorge project recommendations and subbasin summaries. A summary of the final recommendations from the Province Budget Work Group was presented. The group was asked if there were any concerns with specific projects. Several projects were discussed, but only one project was recommended for change. Project 21015, Riparian Buffers, should be changed to a "Do Not Fund" due to an in-lieu issue. The project funds a staff person for a federal agency (not BPA) to implement a separate program not directly tied to the Fish and Wildlife Program. Another concern was raised about whether the "High Priority" and "Urgent" projects had adequately addressed the preliminary ISRP concerns. Due to the timing of the submissions, Tom Iverson said that he did not know. Tom will investigate the responses to the ISRP to identify holes where responses were not provided.

Action: Approve subbasin summaries and project recommendations for the Columbia Gorge Province anadromous fish projects with the exception of Project 21025, Riparian Buffers. This project should be categorized as Do Not Fund due to in-lieu questions. Also, the AFC assumes that the project sponsors adequately responded to the preliminary ISRP concerns. These comments will be forwarded to the MMG for approval.

ITEM 3: Mainstem Project Categories

Michelle De'Hart, Fish Passage Center (FPC), has been asked by Brian Allee to identify categories in which to separate and review the mainstem and systemwide projects. The division of the Fish and Wildlife Program into geographical provincial categories left the mainstem projects without a category or sequence for review. After trying to separate the projects by management question, the FPC staff determined that the projects were more easily and more logically separated by subject area. The staff decided this task would be better addressed using an ad-hoc committee from CBFWA. Michelle posed the question "Does CBFWA wish to propose a recommendation outlining a review process for the mainstem projects?" This effort would focus on developing a process that provides a management context for the review of mainstem projects and NOT initiate the actual review of projects.

Action: The anadromous fish committee will establish an ad-hoc workgroup to develop a proposed process for reviewing mainstem and reimbursable project proposals for the Rolling Provincial Review Process.

Michelle DeHart will act as coordinator for the committee. Other nominations for this committee include:

Ron Boyce (ODFW) John Palensky (NMFS)

Dave Statler (NPT) Phil Roger (CRITFC)

Interested FPAC members

ITEM 4: Within Year Budget Modifications

Tom Iverson reviewed a table for the AFC to track all budget modification requests for the past fiscal year. Three requests for additional funding were presented for AFC review.

ITEM 4A: The Idaho Soil Conservation Commission (ISCC) has requested \$50,000 for Project Number 199902603 (Idaho Model Watershed Administration/Implementation Support). The funds would be used to support Dr. Peter Goodwin of the University of Idaho. Dr. Goodwin has volunteered numerous hours of technical oversight and coordination with the Model Watershed and its committees to develop the watershed assessment for the Salmon River. Unfortunately, other priorities threaten to take him away from this project unless some monetary compensation can be provided. The ISCC is requesting \$50,000 for salary and expenses for Dr. Goodwin through April 2001 to continue developing an ecosystem assessment for the Salmon River.

Action: The AFC approved the request for \$50,000 for Project Number 199902603 for additional support for Dr. Peter Goodwin to participate in the ecosystem assessment for the Salmon River.

Item 4B: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has requested \$50,000 for Project Number 198902401 (Umatilla Outmigration and Survival Study). The request is to cover an expense that occurred in FY 1997. A \$55,000 expenditure from 1997 was not subtracted from the cumulative balance for the project until August of 1999. Due to this accounting problem on the cumulative balance only \$192,442 was provided in FY 99 to cover an approved budget of \$251,815. The remainder was thought to be available in carry over.

It was mentioned that this project will have greater than \$50,000 budget savings in the Umatilla Hatchery M&E available from FY 2001 funds.

Action: The AFC approved the request for \$50,000 for Project Number 198902401 to cover an accounting problem from FY 1997.

Item 4C: **Custer Soil and Water Conservation District** has requested \$325,000 for Project Number 199901900 (Restore Salmon River (Challis, ID)). The project was approved through our FY 2001 DAIWP. The NWPPC approved only \$50,000 in their FY 2001 budget decision. The AFC discussed this project and determined that it would be premature to make a decision on this project until all of the FY 2001 budget fixes are reviewed at the next AFC meeting on November 20, 2000.

Action: The AFC will make a decision on this request at their November 20, 2000 meeting in Portland, OR.

ITEM 5: FPC and Streamnet Response to NWPPC Funding Decision

The Fish Passage Center and Streamnet were put in the "parking lot" for the FY 2001 funding decision. The NWPPC requested further clarification of several issues regarding these two projects. The FPC response was provided prior to this meeting. It appears that the NWPPC is looking for a fee for service process at the FPC. Implicit in the development of the FPC was that all information developed or provided by FPC would be available in the public domain.

The Streamnet was not informed that CBFWA would be discussing their response to the NWPPC. They sent their response following today's meeting and it is attached for your review.

Action: The AFC directed Michelle DeHart to send her response to the NWPPC.

ITEM 6: Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled from 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. on November 20, 2000 at the CBFWA office in Portland, Oregon.

1) The focus of the meeting will be to review and approve fixes for all FY 2001 projects that have requested additions to their budgets following the NWPPC funding decision.

2) BPA has also requested 30 minutes for a presentation of Bi-Op Implementation and Development of the Implementation Plans.