



Date: June 8, 2001
 TO: Anadromous Fish Committee
 FROM: John Palensky, Vice-Chair  for
 SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for June 8, 2001 AFC Emergency Conference Call

**AFC Meeting
 June 8, 2001
 9 am – 10:15 am**

Action Notes

Attendees: Tom Iverson (CBFWA)
By Phone: John Palensky (Vice-Chair, NMFS), Bob Foster (WDFW), Ron Boyce (ODFW), Paul Kucera and Jay Hesse (NPT), Chad Coulter (SBT), Howard Schaller and Gale Zydlewski (USFWS), Pat Poe, Allyn Meuleman and Kim Fodrea (BPA), and Russ Thurow (USFS-RMRS)

Time Allocation:	Objective 1. FY 2001 Renewal Process	0%
	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	0%
	Objective 3. FY 2001 Adjustments	100%
	Objective 4. Template for watershed and subbasin assessment and plan	0%
	Objective 5. Coordinate program amendments	0%

ITEM 1: Within Year Budget Modification for Project Number 199902000

On May 22, 2001 the AFC approved a request for \$24,000 for Project Number 199902000, *Analyze the Persistence and Spatial Dynamics of Snake River Chinook Salmon* for a Mark-Resight redd analysis to address the spatial bias in the redd count method performed by this project. The AFC also recommended that the project sponsor provide a supplement to that request that would incorporate additional sampling to address the temporal bias in their redd count methodology.

Phil Roger (CRITFC) was unable to attend this meeting but provided a list of six questions/concerns he had regarding the modified request. Paul and Jay have been working closely with Phil and helped facilitate the discussion while Russ addressed each of the six concerns. It was important for the Nez Perce Tribe to emphasize the limits of the data and analyses that will be provided by this study. This is a one year funding request to develop site specific estimates of bias and as a one year study does not address measuring adult abundance levels relative to recovery, inter-observer error, determination of precision (repeatability), weather or flow level biases.

Several members of the AFC voiced a strong support for the project. It was agreed that to address the additional bias in the sampling method a more comprehensive, long term study would need to be developed.

The group approved of the project moving forward to MMG with the understanding that CRITFC, NPT and Russ would meet and address any outstanding concerns prior to the June 14, 2001 MMG meeting.

ACTION: The AFC approved funding an additional \$65,670 for Project Number 199902000, *Analyze the Persistence and Spatial Dynamics of Snake River Chinook Salmon* to expand the Mark-Resight redd analysis to address the temporal bias in the redd count method performed by this project. In total this will provide a one time funding increase of \$89,670 (replacing the \$24,000 already approved) to support the supplemental request from Russ Thurow dated May 25, 2001. Funding will be provided through the Anadromous Fish Placeholder. This recommendation will be discussed at the June 14, 2001 MMG meeting.

ITEM 2: Within Year Budget Modification for Project Number 198331900

Bonneville Power Administration has requested \$807,000 for Project Number 198331900, *New Marking and Monitoring Techniques for Fish*, in order to accelerate the implementation of adult PIT-tag detectors at McNary and Bonneville Dams. Given the successful preliminary results of the new PIT-tag detection system at Bonneville Dam, BPA recommends expediting the installation at McNary Dam at a cost of \$457,300. Additionally, \$349,700 is needed to order electronic equipment for Bonneville Dam to be installed in FY 2002. The lead-time was underestimated in this year's proposal if installation is to occur in FY 2002.

This is not an increase in the total budget of the project, merely shifting planned costs from FY 2002 to FY 2001.

There was some concern about the available funds in the Anadromous Fish Placeholder. Tom Giese will be asked to provide an update of the placeholder amount at the June 14, 2001 MMG meeting.

ACTION: The AFC approved the request for \$807,000 for Project Number 198331900, *New Marking and Monitoring Techniques for Fish*, in order to accelerate the installation of adult PIT-tag detectors at McNary and Bonneville Dams if funds are available in the Anadromous Fish Placeholder. This request will be forwarded to MMG on June 14, 2001.

The next AFC meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2001 in Portland, Or.

Possible agenda items include:

- **Within year budget modification for Project Number 200101200**