



DATE: March 22, 2002
TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)
FROM: John Palensky, Vice-chair  for
SUBJECT: DRAFT Action Notes for the March 20, 2002 AFC Meeting

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

**AFC Meeting
March 20, 2002
Portland, Oregon**

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: John Palensky (NMFS, vice-chair), Pete Hassemer (IDFG), Phil Roger (CRITFC), Ron Boyce (ODFW) and Tom Iverson (CBFWA)

By Phone: David Johnson and Cameron Sharp (WDFW), Pat Connely (USGS), Patty O'Toole (CTWSRO), Howard Schaller (USFWS), and Doug Taki (SBT)

Time Objective 1. FY 2003 Renewal Process --%

Allocation: Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries 40%
Objective 3. FY 2002 Adjustments 50%

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

Three items were added for today's agenda:

- 1) CRITFC requested a within year modification for Project Number 199703400, *Monitoring fine sediment in the Grande Ronde and John Day rivers*;
- 2) CRITFC requested approval to develop final designs and budget estimates for the Collaborative Center for Applied Fish Science; and
- 3) Pete provided notice of an upcoming captive rearing workshop.

ACTION: **These three items were added to the agenda and the agenda was approved.**

ITEM 2: The project sponsors for **Project 200100700, *Evaluate Coastal Cutthroat Trout in the Columbia River Basin above Bonneville Dam***, have requested full funding for their project in FY 2002 (\$240,926) and FY 2003 (\$253,038). This project was funded in the Gorge Province in FY 2001 for one year with additional funding being determined by the findings from the first year. The project was scheduled for review at the February 20, 2002 AFC meeting and was deferred to this meeting. The Resident Fish Committee has reviewed the proposal and approved the request pending an AFC review.

Cameron Sharp and Pat Connelly described the results of the first year of funding this project, which resulted in a comprehensive literature search and professional survey of biologists in the region regarding abundance and distribution of coastal cutthroat trout. The results from this effort has justified completion of the next phase of the project which is to map distribution and estimate abundance of coastal cutthroat trout in the tributaries above Bonneville Dam.

This project has satisfied the requirements that were placed on it during the Columbia Gorge Province Review. The project has documented the lack of data in the region regarding coastal cutthroat trout. This information is useful and needed by the regional fish and wildlife managers.

ACTION: **The AFC recommends to MMG that CBFWA support full funding of Project 200100700, *Evaluate Coastal Cutthroat Trout in the Columbia River Basin above Bonneville Dam*, in FY 2002 (\$240,926) and FY 2003 (\$253,038) from the Fish and Wildlife Program Placeholder.**

ITEM 3: The project sponsor for **Project 199705600, *Lower Klickitat River Riparian & In-Channel Habitat Enhancement Project*** has requested that the geographic scope of work be increased to cover the entire Klickitat Subbasin. The project title would be changed to *Klickitat Watershed Enhancement Project*. There would be no affect on the budget from this scope modification. A recently completed EDT evaluation of the Klickitat River for spring Chinook has identified over 50% of the stream miles in the upper basin are in high or moderately-high restoration benefit categories. This includes 62% of the potential spring Chinook and nearly 100% of the wild spring Chinook spawning habitat. Approving this request would allow a basin-wide enhancement effort.

ACTION: **The AFC recommends to MMG that CBFWA support modifying the scope of work for Project 199705600, *Lower Klickitat River Riparian & In-Channel Habitat Enhancement Project*, to include the entire Klickitat Subbasin and agree that the name could be changed to *Klickitat Watershed Enhancement Project*.**

ITEM 4: The project sponsor for **Project 199703400, *Monitoring fine sediment in the Grande Ronde and John Day rivers***, is requesting \$22,805 to fully support the proposed project from the Columbia Plateau Province review. This ongoing project was held to level funding plus 3.4% in 2002. If

additional funding is not secured the project will have to be terminated 2 years short of its planned completion. The project is in its fourth year of a planned five-year field study. Sampling will be concluded in FY03 and data analysis and a final report will be completed in FY04. Because the sampling for this project occurs in the Fall, a decision regarding this request is needed prior to July of 2002. The project sponsor is not requesting a change in scope.

ACTION: **The AFC recommends to MMG that CBFWA support the sponsors funding request for Project 199703400, *Monitoring fine sediment in the Grande Ronde and John Day rivers*, for an additional \$22,805 in FY02 to complete the fourth year of data collection and to carry this increase in budget through FY03 and FY04 to complete the project as designed. This recommendation is approved as an exception to the Within Year Budget Modification Process schedule.**

ITEM 5: The project sponsor for **Project 200104600, *Collaborative Center for Applied Fish Science***, has requested consideration and approval to move forward with final design and cost estimates for construction of the Collaborative Center for Applied Fish Science in Hagerman, Idaho. Since CRITFC will be presenting their request to the NWPPC at the April meeting in Boise, there is not time for a formal CBFWA letter of support. CRITFC has chosen today's meeting as an opportunity to inform CBFWA of their action and to alert CBFWA that a request may be seen as soon as June for funding construction of the Center.

ACTION: **No action was requested at this time.**

ITEM 6: **WDFW Protocols for the Inventory and Monitoring of Fish, Wildlife, and their Habitats in the Pacific Northwest**

The NWPPC approved funding for this project at their meeting in Eugene, Oregon on March 6, 2002. CBFWA was not provided opportunity to review the project prior to that approval. The MMG decided that this project is important enough that CBFWA should provide an unsolicited review and directed each of the committees to review and comment.

David Johnson presented his proposal to accumulate existing sampling protocols from around the region in order to develop a set of robust protocols for regionally consistent acquisition of fish and wildlife information. The primary concern by the AFC was the level of coordination with others in the region developing M&E efforts. This proposal appeared to be out of sequence with determining what needs to be measured (before determining how you measure it). This proposal addresses a management need to develop consistent protocols that will feed data into a robust regional database. It also appears to provide a venue for assembling the protocols and allowing a regional review and evaluation of the effort.

The AFC wanted to clarify that this is not the project that will determine

which protocols will be required in the Basin, but merely provide the most robust options for sampling once the specific parameters to be measured have been chosen.

David has demonstrated a willingness to work closely with the fish and wildlife managers on the larger M&E issue. CBFWA has scheduled a workshop to help define a task in our statement of work for coordinating a larger monitoring and evaluation effort in the Basin. It is important that David attend that workshop as well as others developing statewide monitoring plans (Oregon, Washington, etc.) or basinwide monitoring plans (BPA, NWPPC, etc.).

ACTION: **The AFC requests that staff draft a letter of support for this request that captures AFC concerns as identified above or in continuing correspondence with AFC members.**

ITEM 7: Mainstem and Systemwide Province Solicitation Guidance

Bonneville Power Administration has requested assistance from CBFWA in focusing the solicitation for projects in the Mainstem and Systemwide Province. The MMG has directed staff to develop a response to this request with the assistance of the committees.

Tom Iverson provided a summary of his efforts to date in developing guidance for the Mainstem project solicitation. Tom discussed the various existing documents that provide guidance in this area including the recent Biological Opinions, 2000 Fish and Wildlife Program, 1998 Multi-Year Implementation Plan, and the Mainstem and Systemwide program summaries. BPA has also conducted a gaps analysis for the mainstem that has been sent out for review by CBFWA (Fisher Fisheries, Ltd. Report entitled "Documentation of a Matrix for Evaluating Gaps in the Action Agencies' Mainstem Research and Evaluation Program").

After significant discussion of the pros and cons of restricting a solicitation, the AFC agreed that the best approach for assisting BPA in this endeavor would be to provide specific comments on the conclusions within the Fisher gaps report.

ACTION: **The AFC members will contribute comments on the BPA gaps analysis document by March 29, 2002 to Tom Iverson. A response will then be prepared for MMG review on April 11, 2002.**

ITEM 8: Workshop on Captive Broodstocks for Recovery of Imperiled Salmonid Populations

Pete Hassemmer informed the group of a workshop for captive broodstock projects on June 25-26 in Gig Harbor, Washington. For more information please visit the following website:

<http://www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/CBSWorkshop/>

ITEM 9: Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 22-23, 2002 in Portland, Oregon. The meeting begins on Monday from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday. A conference line will be available at 503-229-0191 x7099. The primary topic for discussion will be the review of project recommendations for the Columbia Cascade, Middle and Upper Snake, and Lower Columbia and Estuary provinces. Please submit additional agenda items to Tom Iverson.