



DATE: October 4, 2002  
 TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)  
 FROM: Gary James, Chair  for  
 SUBJECT: DRAFT Action Notes for the October 4, 2002 AFC Meeting

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

**Anadromous Fish Committee Meeting  
 October 4, 2002  
 Portland, Oregon**

Draft Action Notes

**Attendees:** Gary James-chair and Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), John Palensky-vice-chair (NMFS), Pete Hassemmer (IDFG), Ron Boyce (ODFW), Howard Schaller and Maureen Smith (USFWS), Phil Roger and Cat Black (CRITFC), Steve Vigg (CCT), and Tom Iverson (CBFWA)

**By Phone:** David Johnson, Charmane Ashbrook, Geraldine Vander Hagen, and Todd Pearsons (WDFW), Chris Fisher (CCT), and Andre Talbot (CRITFC)

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| <b>Time Allocation:</b> | Objective 1. FY 2003 Renewal Process                        | 0%  |
|                         | Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries | 95% |
|                         | Objective 3. FY 2002 Adjustments                            | 05% |

**ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda**  
 No changes were suggested by the group.

**ACTION:** The agenda was approved as written.

**ITEM 2: Within-Year Budget Modification Request: Project #199705100 – Yakima Side Channels**

The YN and WDFW are requesting an additional \$1,301,002 for FY 2003 and \$899,378 for FY 2004 for Project Number 199705100, *Yakima Side Channels*. This project was reviewed and approved in the Columbia Plateau Province, but funded at their FY 2002 funding level plus 3.4%. They currently have several projects on line for acquisition and need the additional funds to close on seven key acquisitions.

**Item 2 continued: Within-Year Budget Modification Request: Project #199705100 – Yakima Side Channels**

The AFC had several questions regarding the request. Also, CBFWA is not prepared to move within-year requests forward until the strategy for accessing the unallocated placeholder has been resolved. Due to time limits and no sponsor representation, the request was deferred until the November 20, 2002 AFC meeting.

ACTION: No action was taken.

**ITEM 3: Mainstem and Systemwide Province Project Review Process**

The AFC reviewed the recommendations from the Mainstem and Systemwide Province Budget Work Group. The AFC then reviewed each project in the top funding tiers to confirm the urgent or core nature of the work. As each project was addressed, Tom Iverson also provided a synopsis of the response from project sponsors regarding the request to streamline their budgets.

Once all the projects had been reviewed, the AFC prioritized the new start Core Program and Urgent projects into High, Medium and Low categories. Several projects were on the line between urgent and high priority, and this exercise helped express the relative priority of projects on that line. Specific changes to the Province Budget Work Group's recommendations were as follows:

198201301 – The AFC recommends not funding the new objective that supports a statistician. There are two oversight committees that provide statistical support for this project. The budget will be modified to reflect these changes.

198331900 – In the project sponsors response to the ISRP, there were 5 objectives listed. Objective 3 appears to be redundant with a USFWS study currently being funded under non-BPA funds. The AFC recommends removing Objective 5 from the proposal due to cost considerations. The budget was reduced by \$61,500 in FY 2003 and \$234,000 in FY 2004.

199105500 – The budget has increased dramatically due to the addition of a study to evaluate the individual components (variables) of the NATUREs rearing strategy. The AFC recommends deferring this task due to budget limitations. Tom Iverson was directed to request from the project sponsor an updated budget eliminating that task.

199302900 – There is considerable consulting time presented in the proposal that appears to be redundant to the BPA contracted consultants. Tom Iverson will contact the project sponsor to identify any possible redundancies.

200100700 – This is a co-sponsored project between ODFW and WDFW. The project has been combined with project number 35018. The project sponsors will submit a revised budget and proposal.

200001700- The proposed work is a notable expansion from previous efforts. The reviewers had some concern that it might be expanding too quickly. The AFC asked Tom Iverson to contact the project sponsor and pursue reduction of the work to two streams.

**Item 3 Mainstem and Systemwide Province Project Review Process**

**continued:**

198909600, 35041 and 35014 – The AFC requested that Tom Iverson review these three proposals to determine redundancy or overlap. It appears that 35041 and 198909600 are very similar projects in different geographic areas. At this time, the ongoing project may be sufficient to address the question.

35030 –The AFC recommended changing the budget category for this project from High Priority to Urgent. The urgent need for this project is to assess the current use of the tailrace for spawning and available habitat that would have the potential for spawning. The project sponsor will submit a revised budget to address these specific concerns.

35033 – The project sponsors will be submitting a streamlined budget for this proposal.

35047 – The AFC recommended changing the budget category for this project from Urgent to High Priority. The intent of the work is of urgent importance; however, there is not agreement that this proposal will address the critical question with a regionally supported answer.

35052 – The AFC recommended changing the budget category for the two new conservation enforcement projects from High Priority to Urgent. The project sponsor needs to revisit their budget in accordance with other Urgent and Core Program project sponsors.

195505500 - The AFC recommended changing the budget category for the two new conservation enforcement projects from High Priority to Urgent. There was some discussion regarding whether this was a new start project or an ongoing. The project has not received BPA funding for the past two years, but is still operating with equipment purchased by BPA.

**ACTION:** The AFC asked Tom Iverson to incorporate the changes into a Draft Province Work Plan and forward the recommendations for MMG approval.

**ITEM 4: Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for **November 20, 2002** from 9 am until 12:00 noon. Please submit agenda items to Tom Iverson prior to November 13, 2002. The Yakima Side Channels (Project 199705100) request will be addressed at that time.