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DATE: October 21, 2003
TO: Anadromous Fish Committee (AFC)
FROM: Pete Hassemer, Chair  for
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the October 7-8, 2003 AFC Meeting in Wenatchee, Washington

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

AFC Meeting
October 7-8, 2003
Wenatchee, Washington

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Pete Hassemer (Chair, IDFG), John Palensky (NOAA), Brian Cates (USFWS), Ron Boyce (ODFW),
October 7 Chris Fisher, John Arterburn, Hilary Lyman, and Keith Wolf (CCT), Ron Suppah (CTWSR), Doug Taki (SBT), Doug Dompier (CRITFC), Thad Mosey (CCPUD), Tom Scribner (YN), Don Rose (BPA), Howie Wright (Okanagan Nation Alliance Fisheries), Michael Rickel (Chelan County Conservation District) and Tom Iverson and Neil Ward (CBFWA)

On Phone: Steve Smith (CCT), Tim Whitesel and Jen Stone (USFWS)

Attendees: Pete Hassemer (Chair, IDFG), John Palensky and Lynn Hatcher (NOAA), Brian Cates (USFWS), Ron
October 8 Boyce (ODFW), Ron Suppah (CTWSR), Doug Taki (SBT), Doug Dompier (CRITFC), Heather Bartlett (WDFW), Chuck Peven (CPUD), Chris Beasley (Fish Pro), Judy Woodward (Crossing Borders), Keely Murdoch, Scott Prevatte, Cory Kamphaus, John Jorgensen, Steve Parker and Tom Scribner (YN), and Tom Iverson and Neil Ward (CBFWA)

Time	Objective 1. Project Recommendations	0%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Regional Issues	100%
	Objective 3. Annual Report	0%

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

Discussion The Colville Tribe requested adding a discussion of their new Project Number 200302300, Chief Joseph Dam Hatchery. They submitted a PowerPoint presentation for this project that is available with today's other presentations on the CBFWA website.

ACTION: Project 200302300 was added to the agenda.

ITEM 2: Nomination of AFC Chair and Vice-Chair

Discussion: Election of chair and vice-chair for AFC was deferred until later in the meeting, anticipating attendance by other AFC regular attending members. Later in the meeting, due to lack of participation, it was determined that Tom Iverson would poll the AFC for election of the chair and vice-chair. No additional nominations were presented at the meeting. The current slate of candidates includes Peter Hassemer (IDFG) for chair and Dave Statler (NPT) for vice-chair. The group also agreed that a successional rule should be adopted that would place the vice-chair into the chair position the following year. Therefore, Tom Iverson was to ask the AFC members three questions:

1. Do you support Pete Hassemer for chair of AFC for FY 2004?
2. Do you support Dave Statler for vice-chair of AFC for FY 2004?
3. Do you support a successional rule that would place the vice-chair into the chair position in the succeeding year?

ACTION: Tom Iverson polled the active members of AFC and received unanimous support for all three questions. **Pete Hassemer will be Chair of AFC until the end of September 2004. Dave Statler will be Vice-chair of AFC until the end of September 2004. Dave Statler will become Chair of AFC in October of 2004. All future vice-chair elections will determine the chair of AFC for the successive year.** The list of AFC members contacted for this election includes: John Palensky (NMFS), Howard Schaller (USFWS), Pete Hassemer (IDFG), David Johnson (WDFW), Ron Boyce (ODFW), Gary James (CTUIR), Keith Wolf (CCT), Dave Statler (NPT), Doug Taki (SBT), Paul Ward (YN), and Phil Roger (CRITFC)

ITEM 3: Update on FY 2004 Start of Year Budget Process and Budget Management Protocols

Discussion: Tom Iverson provided an update on the FY 2004 start of year budget. The Northwest Power and Conservation Council adopted a Fiscal Year Start of Year Budget for each project at their September meeting. The budget that was adopted is expected to be the spending cap that each project will accrue for work performed in Fiscal Year 2004. A table with the Council recommendations is provided on their website at <http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/0405/soy.htm>. Each project sponsor should review that table and confirm their project's spending limit for 2004.

BPA has recently adopted budget management protocols for managing the Fish and Wildlife Program budget for FY 2004. The Program will be managed to \$139 million on average through FY 2006, plus or minus 10%. Each project will be given a spending cap for each fiscal year. If a project will not fully complete their tasks within a given fiscal year, they will be able to reschedule work **and budget** into a following fiscal year. The budget rules are provided in two letters from BPA that are current posted on the CBWFA website under NEWS at <http://www.cbfwa.org>.

ACTION: No action was taken on this item.

ITEM 4: Lamprey Workgroup

Discussion: The USFWS would like to revive the Lamprey Technical Workgroup due to recent petitions for listing as threatened or endangered. The workgroup last met to write the Columbia River Lamprey Program Summary. Tim Whitesel and Jen Stone have drafted a proposed charter for the work group (see attached). The AFC discussed the need for a charter and decided to bring this issue up at the next MMG. The geographic scope of the workgroup will be the Columbia River Basin and would coordinate closely with a coastal lamprey group that is already established. USFWS is willing to provide a partial FTE for coordinating the group. Discussions with BPA have indicated that COTRs may be instructed to allow travel within existing lamprey projects for participation in the regional group. USFWS would like the technical workgroup to meet prior to the end of this calendar year. For questions, contact Tim Whitesel or Jen Stone at 360-696-7605.

ACTION: The AFC will discuss the attached charter at the next meeting and determine the appropriate steps to formalizing a Lamprey Technical Workgroup within CBFWA.

ITEM 5: Project Presentations and Reviews

Discussion: Through the Rolling Provincial Review, the AFC reviewed and recommended projects for funding based on the scientific soundness of the proposal and the benefits that would be realized by implementing the work. The next logical step for the AFC is to provide oversight (i.e., professional review of results) during the implementation of these projects. By providing an annual project review, the AFC will be better prepared to review future requests that would be associated with the projects as well as provide professional advice. As a result, the AFC agreed to initiate project performance reviews at which project sponsors would present project results as they relate to the objectives/tasks that were reviewed and approved by the AFC during the Rolling Provincial Review. Upon completion of these reviews, the AFC will in a position to provide an annual report on project implementation achievements and progress towards meeting stated objectives/tasks as well as expected future actions.

For these reviews to be successful and provide useful information to the project sponsors, the reviewers must review the proposals (available on the CBFWA website) and be familiar with the activities that the sponsors are implementing. The reviews are intended to be constructive and helpful and should be viewed as an informal, professional mid-phase audit of project activities.

Abstracts and PowerPoint presentations for each project are available at the CBFWA website (link?). The following projects were reviewed:

Project 199604200: *Restore and Enhance Anadromous Fish Populations and Habitat in Salmon Creek - CCT*

Project 200001300: *Evaluate an Experimental Reintroduction of Sockeye Salmon into Skaha Lake – CCT*

Project 200302300: *Chief Joseph Dam Hatchery – CCT*

Project 200000100: *Improvement of Anadromous Fish Habitat and Passage in Omak Creek – CCT*

Project 200000200: *Final Phase of the Chumstick Culvert Replacement and Habitat Restoration Enhancement – Chelan County*

Project 199604000: *Evaluate the Feasibility and Risks of Coho Reintroductions in Mid-Columbia - YN*

ITEM 6: Next Meetings

Discussion: The next AFC meeting is scheduled for **November 12, 2003** at the CBFWA office, Portland OR.

- Possible agenda items include:
 - 1) CBFWA role in FY 2004 budget management;
 - 2) Lamprey Work Group Discussion; and
 - 3) Update on FY04 Start of Year budget and Fish and Wildlife Program implementation rules and process.
- Please send in additional agenda items to Tom Iverson.

The second Anadromous Fish Project Implementation Review is schedule for **January 27-28, 2004** in North Bonneville, WA. See the attached draft agenda.