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DATE: October 18, 2005
TO: Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee (AFAC)
FROM: Dick Stone, Chair 
for
SUBJECT: October 13, 2005 AFAC Meeting Action Notes

***Note: These action notes were approved at the 11/10/05 AFAC Meeting.**

AFAC Meeting
CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon
October 13, 2005

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Dick Stone (Chair, WDFW), Phil Roger (CRITFC), Dave Ward (ODFW), Bruce Schmidt and Mike Banach (PSMFC/Streamnet), and Tom Iverson (CBFWA)

By Phone: Pete Hassemer (IDFG) and John Arterburn (CCT)

Time	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Technical Review	%
	Objective 3. Presentation	%

ITEM 1: Election of Chair

Action: The AFAC elected Dick Stone, WDFW, as Chair and Dave Ward, ODFW, as vice-Chair for the next year. Dave Ward will become Chair in October 2006 and the AFAC will elect a new vice-Chair in September 2006.

ITEM 2: Review and Approve Agenda

Discussion: A draft AFAC charter was distributed to the committee prior to the meeting. Review and approval of the charter was added as Agenda Item 5. An update on Northwest Power and Conservation Council actions was added as Agenda item 3.

ITEM 3: NPCC Update

The NPCC met in Eugene, Oregon, this week. They approved moving forward with the FY 2007-09 Project Selection Process, contingent on their review and approval of the staff's General Guidance Document prior to project solicitation.

**Item 3
Discussion:**

Not many aspects of the solicitation were articulated well, but a summary of some of the components follows:

- 1) The NPCC starting budget is \$153 million in Expense and \$36 million in Capital.
- 2) The 70-15-15 allocation will apply only to Expense.
- 3) The NPCC is planning on \$11 million for BPA overhead funding, \$1 million for ISRP/ISAB placeholder, \$2 million for other placeholders (not defined at the moment), \$106 million for province allocations including projects like captive broodstock and mainstem on-the-ground projects like pikeminnow, and \$33 million for systemwide RME and coordination.
- 4) As projects are funded with Capital funds, corresponding Expense funds within a province will be redistributed across the basin.

Expect to see a project solicitation within the next two weeks with proposals due some time in January.

Lars Mobrand presented a concluding presentation for the NPCC's AHA Project. The model is available on line and data bases have been developed for almost every subbasin. Most of the individual data bases need validating by local managers. Lars demonstrated several "roll-up" tools that they have developed for presenting data once it has been validated. The NPCC did not make it clear what direction they would proceed now that the project is over. John Shurts presented a presentation on developing biological objectives for the Program. But again, there was little clarity in what direction the NPCC would move in this regards.

The AFAC engaged in a robust discussion regarding regional databases, which are clearly at the core to the AHA project, the NPCC amendment process, and the upcoming CBFWA status of the resource project. This conversation led into the next agenda item.

ITEM 4: Status of the Resource Report

Discussion:

Tom I provided background on the development of the Status of the Resource Report. The MAG has requested that the technical committees provide some input into the appropriate "building blocks" for developing a basinwide report. It is agreed that the population level is appropriate for developing a database. The parameters that are measured and collected for each population should match the NOAA TRT viability criteria (abundance, productivity, spatial distribution, and diversity). It is important to consider how the information will be presented and used when designing the database for collecting and managing the information. Also, it is important to consider what information already exists and whether different types of data can be used to answer similar questions in different geographic areas.

Phil Roger, CRITFC, provided two Powerpoint presentations (see <http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=AFC&meeting=all>) that he developed for the commission to demonstrate the ability to link deliverables from one process to be suitable and useful for other processes. Their information is GIS compatible in order to present the data in a user friendly way. CRITFC is currently building a database from the subbasin assessment data. It is imperative that the CBFWA effort work in collaboration with the CRITFC effort to save resources. CRITFC agreed that the building blocks are the population level.

The AFAC directed CBFWA staff to continue working on defining the database and provide several explicit examples of how the data would be presented and how the Status of the Resource Report may look and be used once it is completed.

Bruce S. raised several questions for staff to consider as they continue: Does this information exist elsewhere? How well defined is the data need? Do we know where the data reside? How will information be entered into the database? How will the data be maintained and updated over time? How will the data be used?

John A. asked if economic and social information were going to be incorporated into the report to demonstrate the value of the resource to particular areas. Tom I responded that it was not planned at this time.

ITEM 5: AFAC Charter

Discussion: The AFAC reviewed the charter and agreed with the suggested changes to delete wildlife from the purpose section of the charter. The committee also agreed that oversight of the Lamprey Technical Work Group should be included in that section. Finally, the committee agreed that language should be added in the procedures section to describe the election of the chair and vice-chair. If this language is acceptable to the full AFAC, it may be recommended that other committees also adopt this addition to their charters.

New language - Procedures (3): **The Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee shall have a chair and vice-chair to manage the meetings and operations of the committee. They will serve one-year terms, running from October to September of each year. Each October the vice-chair will automatically move to the role of chair and a new vice-chair will be elected. In the event that the vice-chair cannot move to the role of chair, both a chair and vice-chair will be elected. The positions of chair and vice-chair are open to all assigned AFAC representatives of a CBFWA member. Election of the chair and vice-chair will be based on the votes of the AFAC members present at the meeting during which the election is held or their proxies**

Action: The AFAC recommends that the MAG adopt the AFAC charter with the current changes (deleting “and wildlife” in the Purpose section and adding oversight of the Lamprey Technical Work Group) and to add a paragraph in the Procedures section that describes the election of the chair and vice-chair (see discussion for language).

ITEM 6: Next Meeting

The next AFAC meeting is scheduled November 10, 2005 from 9 am to Noon in Portland, Oregon at the CBFWA office.