



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: January 29, 2007
TO: Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee
FROM: Doug Taki, Chair
SUBJECT: January 24, 2007 AFAC Teleconference Final Action Notes

Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and government agencies:

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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

AFAC Meeting
January 24, 2007
Portland, Oregon, CBFWA Office

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Final Action Notes

Attendees: Doug Taki (SBT), Brad Houslet (CTWSRO), Keith Kutchins (CTCR), Tom Rien (ODFW), Nate Pamplin (WDFW), Dave Statler (NPT), Dave Ward, Tom Iverson, Ken MacDonald, and Brian Lipscomb (CBFWA)

By Phone: Gary James (CTUIR)

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

ITEM 1: Program Amendments

Discussion: The meeting began as a joint meeting with the Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC). Tom Iverson and Brian Lipscomb provided background on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Program amendment process. Tom stepped the committees through the draft outline prepared by CBFWA staff and distributed to the committees.

Discussion was lengthy and included many questions from committee members. Tom was asked if the Members Advisory Group was enthusiastic enough to make this work (i.e., if the technical committees expend a lot of effort to develop a framework for biological objectives, will policy-level representatives reach consensus on moving it forward?). Tom and Brian answered that yes, the enthusiasm is sufficient, and that it is the committee's role to determine the technical feasibility.

Dave Statler pointed out that any monitoring and evaluation framework must have a relationship with CSMEP. We need to build on CSMEP efforts and learn from the CSMEP experience.

It was pointed out that there is no real template for non-ESA listed populations. Tom explained that this is our opportunity to build that framework. Brian emphasized the need for consistency, and that objectives need to include both quantity and quality. Can objectives at a particular geographic scale be put together to form an overall programmatic goal?

The AFAC left the RFAC to hold separate meetings; the AFAC discussed the details of a framework for identifying provincial-level biological objectives. The committee decided that the outline previously prepared by CBFWA staff was a good starting point. The committee confirmed that the Status of the Resource (SOTR) Project should provide the guidance for work on the program amendments, and that products should be relevant to the SOTR Project.

The committee developed a draft framework for building provincial-level biological objectives as part of the Program amendment process.

As a segue to Item 2, the committee discussed the need to agree on a list of anadromous fish populations to be used when setting objectives. Some members have expressed concerns about a draft list previously distributed.

ACTION:

- Dave Ward will translate the framework developed by the committee into a flow chart, and distribute the chart for comments. *Subsequent to the meeting and development of the chart, Dave developed a second chart that better represents the role of the SOTR in the process. Both charts will be distributed for comment*
- Dave will distribute a spreadsheet containing a number of potential lists of anadromous fish populations. Lists have been compiled by CBFWA, Technical Recovery Teams, CRITFC, and the Hatchery Science Review Project. Dave's document will attempt to facilitate comparisons among the lists, and will have populations arranged geographically rather than alphabetically.
- Committee members will review and comment on the framework flowcharts and the population lists prior to the next committee meeting.
- Committee members will review the Program amendment outline previously distributed, and will complete tasks associated with "confirming" existing information.

ITEM 2:

StreamNet Priorities

Discussion:

Dave gave a brief reminder of the direction from the Members Advisory Group to recommend long-term priorities for StreamNet and overall data management. Tom Rien and Nate Pamplin also provided an update from the first meeting of the Data Management Framework Subcommittee, which is charged with recommending short term priorities for StreamNet.

The AFAC's initial recommendations are that (1) agreement be reached on the list of anadromous fish populations in the Columbia River Basin, (2) priority metrics are the same as those important for biological objectives (abundance, productivity, distribution, diversity, harvest, and hatchery component), and (3) a pilot area for ensuring these data are warehoused should be an area in which recovery planning is taking place. One possible pilot would be the subbasins covered by the Middle Columbia steelhead recovery plan.

The AFAC also emphasizes the need for an explicit process for coordination and communication of this effort. The AFAC recommends that the Data Management Framework Subcommittee include representatives from StreamNet (not the entire StreamNet Steering Committee), CSMEP, and the SOTR Project.

- ACTION:**
- As per Item 1 above, committee members will review and comment on the draft list of anadromous salmonid populations.

ITEM 3: In-Lieu Analysis

Discussion: Dave briefly summarized the status of the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) *in-lieu* analyses. BPA has not yet produced a final analysis, but is expected to do so before the end of January.

- ACTION:**
- Dave will ensure that the final BPA analysis is distributed to committee members.
 - Committee members will review the BPA document, and begin planning potential responses.

ITEM 4: 2007 Work Plan

Discussion: Dave presented a draft outline of the 2007 AFAC work plan. Committee members added items to be addressed this year.

- ACTION:**
- Dave will distribute the draft work plan to committee members.
 - Committee members will review the work plan, and return comments, revisions, and additions to Dave.

ITEM 5: Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled as a teleconference for March 8th, 2007, 10:00 AM to Noon. Committee members are welcome to attend in person at the CBFWA office if they desire.

*Required work regarding the BPA *in-lieu* analysis may require a teleconference prior to March 8th*