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DATE: June 23, 2008
TO: Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee
FROM: Brad Houslet, AFAC Chair, and Dave Ward, CBFWA Staff
SUBJECT: June 18, 2008 AFAC Meeting Action Notes

AFAC Meeting
June 18, 2008
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. (PDT)
CBFWA – Portland, Oregon

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Dave Ward (CBFWA)
By Phone: Brad Houslet (CTWSR), Tom Rien (ODFW), Gary James, (CTUIR), Lynn Hatcher (NOAA), Ron Rhew (USFWS), Phil Roger (CRITFC)

Time Allocation:

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

ITEM 1: Approve Action Notes From June 5, 2008 AFAC Meeting

Discussion: The 6/5/08 AFAC Meeting action notes were reviewed and approved with one minor date correction under Lamprey updates.

ITEM 2: Continue Assignment from MAG Determining Relationships Between Subbasin Objectives and Basinwide Goals

Discussion: Lynn Hatcher advised that even though this is an interesting and useful exercise, there is sensitivity in the region regarding numeric objectives for both subbasins and the Columbia Basin as a whole. The AFAC acknowledged this sensitivity, but found it somewhat misplaced. The exercise is not intended to identify specific responsibilities regarding achieving objectives.

Phil Roger and Tom Rien pointed out that this exercise is worthwhile and important because:

- (1) The methodology is sound;
- (2) The product will help identify where objectives are missing or inadequate, or where information is missing; and
- (3) The results will facilitate an informed policy-level discussion on both subbasin and basinwide objectives.

The AFAC then discussed at length the best way to proceed. In general, the AFAC thought the work was proceeding well, but agreed upon a few changes to expedite and improve the product.

Actions:

- Dave Ward will continue to solidify the information on objectives for natural origin and hatchery origin fish returning to each subbasin. Dave will use HGMPs and other hatchery plans where appropriate for hatchery-origin objectives. For now, specific disposition of fish within

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Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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National Marine Fisheries Service

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

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subbasins will not be characterized.

- Ron Rhew will ask Henry Yuen to review and provide comment on the ocean harvest component.
- Phil Roger will ask Stuart Ellis to review and provide comment on the mainstem harvest component.
- Dave Ward will begin work on a companion spreadsheet showing current status for eventual comparison to the objectives spreadsheet.

ITEM 3: Predation Workshop

Discussion: Dave Ward briefed the AFAC on the predation workshop scheduled for September 23 in the Portland area. The workshop will be structured to (1) summarize what we know and don't know about predation on salmonids by non-native fish, (2) discuss what can be done, biologically and technically, to manage predation by non-native fish, and (3) discuss what is feasible, socially and politically, to manage predation by non-native fish.

The target audience for the workshop is technical and policy staff of fish managers and action agencies. The workshop is not intended for the general public. More information will be available in the near future.

ITEM 4: Lamprey Issues

Discussion: Dave Ward provided an update from a meeting organized by the USFWS to form a Lamprey Steering Committee. This committee will help the USFWS guide a range-wide Pacific lamprey conservation plan. The specific make-up of the steering committee was not decided at the meeting.

The process for the conservation plan will include formation of small groups based on specific expertise, interest, and geographic scope of lamprey management. The USFWS will host a workshop October 28-29, 2008 in Vancouver, which will include reports on progress by these small groups. Dave volunteered to be part of a group charged with organizing the workshop. Workshop results will be compiled into a draft conservation plan by spring 2009.

ITEM 5: Next AFAC Teleconference

The next AFAC teleconference is scheduled for June 23, 2008, at 9:00 AM PDT.