



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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**Coordinating Agencies**

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

**DATE:** July 25, 2008  
**TO:** Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee (AFAC)  
**FROM:** Brad Houslet, AFAC Chair, and Dave Ward, CBFWA Staff  
**SUBJECT:** July 23, 2008 AFAC Meeting Action Notes

AFAC Teleconference  
Portland, Oregon  
July 23, 2008

## Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** Dave Ward (CBFWA)  
**By Phone:** Brad Houslet (CTWSR), Tom Rien (ODFW), Gary James, (CTUIR), Lynn Hatcher (NOAA), Ron Rhew (USFWS), Tim Cummings (USFWS), Bob Heinith (CRITFC)

<b>Time Allocation:</b>	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
	Objective 2. Technical Review	%
	Objective 3. Presentation	%

**ITEM 1: Approve Action Notes From June 18, 2008 AFAC Meeting**

**Discussion:** Action notes were reviewed and approved with one minor correction.

**ITEM 2: Review Draft Spreadsheet Summarizing Relationships Between Subbasin Objectives and Basin-Wide Goals**

**Discussion:** Dave Ward briefed the AFAC on the sources of (1) subbasin objectives, (2) the basin-wide goal of 5 million adult salmon and steelhead, and (3) harvest and other "loss" rates used to expand the subbasin objectives to basin-wide numbers. Tom Rien noted that the appropriate rate for losses to pinniped predation below Bonneville Dam should be the expected rate after implementation of the BiOp, rather than the current estimated rate. The AFAC agreed that this would be consistent with the logic of other spreadsheet inputs.

Phil Roger of CRITFC sent some preliminary comments on the spreadsheet and briefing paper. Potential concerns included methods for calculating harvest rates and mortality, and the implications of the results. The AFAC agreed that further discussion of these issues is needed before the briefing paper and spreadsheet are reviewed by the Members.

**Actions:**

- Dave Ward will revise the spreadsheet according to suggestions, including changes to the loss rate below Bonneville Dam.
- The AFAC will hold a short teleconference prior to August 1 to discuss concerns raised by CRITFC.

**ITEM 3: Predation Workshop**

**Discussion:** Dave Ward briefed the AFAC on the predation workshop now scheduled for September 24, 2008 at the Oregon Zoo. Dave encouraged attendance by both technical and policy staff of fish managers.

**ITEM 4: Lamprey Issues**

Tim Cummings provided a brief overview of the USFWS lamprey conservation initiative. Bob Heinith then gave a brief overview of the tribal lamprey restoration plan posted on the CRITFC website and open for comment. The USFWS has requested that the Columbia Basin Lamprey Technical Workgroup draft a “white paper” on lamprey translocation and propagation. Bob pointed out that these activities are already included in the restoration plan.

The AFAC decided that rather than start with a white paper, it would be best to ask members of the Workgroup to provide technical comments on the translocation and propagation sections of the restoration plan. The comments can be put together for approval by CBFWA prior to being submitted to CRITFC. A white paper may or may not be warranted, pending comments received. Dave Ward pointed out that overall, the restoration plan is consistent with recommendations submitted by CBFWA to the Council; however, specific technical comments were likely appropriate. Gary James provided guidelines for translocation and propagation developed by the Workgroup in 1999.

- Actions:**
- Dave Ward will forward the 1999 guidelines on translocation and propagation, and the link to the restoration plan, to Tim Cummings.
  - Tim will solicit comments from Workgroup members.
  - Dave and Tim will work together to package the comments for review and approval by CBFWA.

**ITEM 5: Next AFAC Teleconference**

Two AFAC teleconferences were scheduled:

- July 31, 2008, at 9:00 AM PDT
- August 11, 2008 at 1:00 PM PDT