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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

DATE: December 1, 2008
TO: Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee
FROM: Lynn Hatcher, Chair, and Dave Ward, CBFWA Staff
SUBJECT: November 25, 2008 AFAC Meeting Action Notes

AFAC Meeting
November 25, 2008
11:00 AM

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Portland, Oregon, CBFWA Office

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Dave Ward (CBFWA), Ken MacDonald (CBFWA)
By Phone: Lynn Hatcher (NOAA), Teresa Scott (WDFW), Alan Byrne (IDFG), Tom Rien, (ODFW)

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

ITEM 1: Approve Action Notes from November 4, 2008 AFAC meeting

Discussion: The AFAC approved the Action Notes as final.

ITEM 2: Assignment from Members Regarding Analysis of Relationships Between Subbasin Objectives and Basin-Wide Goals

Discussion: Dave Ward provided a brief update on the status of this assignment. Both WDFW and ODFW are in the process of having the draft product reviewed by district/regional staff. Dave sent an email in early November requesting final review by the CTUIR, CTWSR, NPT, and SBT. Alan Byrne requested a copy of the most recent spreadsheet so that he can become familiar with and review the product. Dave will solicit final review from the YIN and CTCR.

ACTION:

- Dave Ward will work with each AFAC member to ensure they complete a final review
- Dave and the AFAC will provide updates to the MAG and Members, with approval of the product scheduled for the January Members meeting.

ITEM 3: AFAC Review of NOAA Fisheries' Data Dictionary and Monitoring Guidelines

Discussion: Teresa Scott and Alan Byrne reported that their agencies are currently reviewing the documents but probably will not have the review complete until the end of December. Each state will be responding to NOAA. WDFW is meeting again on December 5; IDFG will likely be discussing the documents again during their December 10-12 meeting. Current themes identified (unofficial, based on conversation to date) include:

- General agreement with NOAA guidance and priorities and Data dictionary are a good exercise.
- NOAA should consider that methodologies will differ between agencies, regions and even over time with new technology. Should consider focusing on accuracy and precision of data and estimates not necessarily methodologies.
- Frustration that NOAA is re-inventing the wheel after CSMEP (and others).
- Developing confidence intervals, the ability to detect change, and fill “gaps” will be costly so how will costs, priorities and concerns over time required to get information be addressed.
- Agencies should be more than data collectors for NOAA - should be part of the entire process; planning, implementing, evaluating, and revising.
- NOAA's product only represents a subset of state management interests. M&E for listed species must be integrated with agency management responsibilities that are broader than ESA.
- The NOAA documents are not a regional RM&E plan as developed in the CBFWA amendments or the work plan for CSEMP as described in Amendment for Collaborative Systemwide Monitoring and Evaluation.

ACTION:

- AFAC members will continue their review.
- Dave will provide an update on the review to the MAG on December 3.

ITEM 4: Lamprey Technical Workgroup Reviews of Proposals for USACE Funding

Discussion: Dave Ward provided an update of the technical reviews provided by the LTWG. Reviews were generally favorable, with only a few minor questions.

(1) The AFAC discussed the most likely timing for the reviews to be approved for distribution to the USACE (January Members meeting),

in relation to when the reviews were requested (already past due). AFAC members believe that the reviews can be used for agency-specific comments now, and that late comments from CBFWA may still be useful.

- ACTION:**
- Dave Ward will check with the USACE to determine if comments are still useful now and as late as the end of January.
 - If comments are still useful, AFAC members will work towards submitting individual comments, and Dave will work toward getting CBFWA approval for the comprehensive set of comments.

ITEM 5: Next AFAC Teleconference

Discussion: The next teleconference will be scheduled for sometime between January 12 and January 16, 2009, dependent on schedules.