




February 11, 2000

TO: Members Management Group
FROM: Brian Allee 
SUBJECT: Draft 2/2/00 MMG Meeting Action Notes

**MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP
MEETING AND CONFERENCE CALL**

February 2, 2000

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CBFWA Office, Portland, OR

DRAFT ACTION NOTES

Attendees: Lynn Hatcher, Theodora Strong, and Bill Bradley, YIN; John Palensky, NMFS; Sue Ireland, KTI; Bert Bowler and Michele Beucler, IDFG; Kelly Lillengreen and Robert Matt, CdAT; Chad Colter and Doug Taki, SBT; Fred Olney and Maureen Smith, USFWS; Ron Boyce, Susan Barnes and Nick Bouwes, ODFW; Dave Statler, NPT; John Platt and Phil Roger, CRITFC; Joe Peone, CCT; Bob Foster, WDFW; Haace St. Martin, BPT; Ray Entz and Deane Osterman, KT; Gary James, CTUIR; Brian Allee, Neil Ward, Tom Giese, Tom Iverson, Frank Young, Jann Eckman and Kathie Titzler, CBFWA/F

By Phone: Si Whitman, NPT; Keith Kutchins, SBT

Time Allocation:

CBFWA Members Coordination Contract*	
Objective 1. FY 2001 Project Renewal Process	15%
Objective 2. Rolling Province Review	0%
Objective 3. FY 2000 Project Adjustments	25%
Objective 4. Watershed and Subbasin Assessment and Plan	20%
Objective 5. Coordinate Program Amendments	40%

* Not all agenda items support the objectives identified in the coordination contract.

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Discussion: Kelly Lillengreen requested agenda item 9 be discussed prior to agenda item 4. Fred Olney advised that on agenda item 4, he would also be making a presentation.

ACTION: MMG approved agenda as revised.

ITEM 2: Report on the NWPPC Meeting

Discussion: Brian briefed the MMG on the following topics, as discussed at the 1/31/00 NWPPC meeting:

- Conservation Enforcement – the NWPPC is looking for a recommendation from CBFWA regarding the two CRITFC proposals.
- FY 2000 project approvals – NWPPC basically approved all projects except for CBFWA and the Dissolved Gas Project. Bob Lohn will work with CRITFC on the Dissolved Gas Project proposal.
- Subbasin Planning – NWPPC agreed that CBFWA was the right group to assist in the rolling provincial review and to coordinate with local land and water managers. CBFWA has a major role in the subbasin template development. There is a science group being put together with CBFWA scientists, NMFS scientists and ISAB member Pete Bisson to work on the template. This will be taken up again at the 2/23/00 NWPPC meeting in Portland.
- Program amendment process – the Amended NWPPC Program is scheduled for adoption August 31. The subbasin plans are to be amended into the Program as they are completed.

ACTION: Conservation Enforcement – the MMG directed staff to draft a letter to the Chair, NWPPC, recommending Tier 1 approval for the two CE proposals consistent with the agreed upon parameters from the 1/28 meeting. The letter is to be circulated to the Members for consent mail approval. If approved, the letter is to be sent to the NWPPC by February 16th.

ITEM 3: NWPPC Fish and Wildlife Program Amendments

ACTION: Due to the length of time spent on agenda item 2, this item was moved to the afternoon, to be discussed before agenda item 5.

ITEM 9: Resident Fish Committee Update

Discussion: Kelly Lillengreen presented the draft criteria for new and innovative projects as developed by the RFC and requested that the MMG approve sending the draft to the WC, and AFC for their review and comment.

ACTION: The MMG directed CBFWA staff forward the RFC's draft "innovative" project criteria to the WC and AFC to review and provide feedback in time to contribute to the CBFWA amendment process.

ITEM 4: The Consultation of Columbia Basin Fish & NMFS' Consultation Process

Information: Presentations provided by Fred Olney, USFWS and Jim Ruff, NPPC.

ITEM 3: NWPPC Fish and Wildlife Program Amendments

Discussion: Tom Giese presented his latest overview of the Draft Fish and Wildlife Program. His presentation generated a plethora of questions, comments, opinions, and concerns (general and legal). Tom stated that he was taking this material to the next Amendment Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for February 11th for their consideration.

ITEM 5: Subbasin Planning

Discussion: Tom Iverson illustrated the two concurrent processes presently underway, the interim review process and the subbasin planning process. The MMG also discussed the subbasin template and the need to put together a science team to put the analytical tools in the template.

ACTION: MMG directed the ad hoc Subbasin Planning Work Group to

- work with the NWPPC to define interim process by 2/16;
- establish a science team for subbasin template and develop analytical approach for subbasin planning (mid-week);
- create budget allocation and work plan for coordination funding by 2/16.

ITEM 6: Presentation of Preliminary Draft Research, Monitoring & Evaluation Plan

Discussion: Phil Roger briefly summarized the draft document "A Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation Plan for Restoring Fish and Wildlife Resources in the Columbia River Basin." Phil requested MMG review the document and provide comments directly to him.

ITEM 7: Presentation of the Proposed Process, Forms and Instructions for FY 2001 Ongoing Projects.

Discussion: Tom Iverson briefly summarized the presentation that Doug Marker presented to the NWPPC at their last meeting. A small work group has developed forms to be used for a review of all ongoing projects' FY 2001 budgets. The review will be similar to last year's project review process,

with emphasis on balancing the budget and less emphasis on the technical merits of the projects. Since the projects were heavily scrutinized in the FY 2000 process, only projects with a significant change in scope or budget will be reviewed for technical merit. The forms and instructions were sent out for Member review and have been updated accordingly. The process for reviewing these forms will be developed over the course of the next few weeks and the Members will be updated at the next MMG.

ITEM 8: Anadromous Fish Committee Update

Discussion: Most of the agenda items at the last meeting of the AFC were updates from the Subbasin Planning Work Group, the Amendment Advisory Committee, and the NWPPC FY 2000 Decisions. The regular schedule for AFC meetings has been changed to the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

The AFC formed a small work group to discuss a successor to PATH. The NWPPC has set aside funds for a similar process as PATH, but with a newly directed mission. That work group has met a few times and will distribute a draft document proposal for a Collaborative Analytical Work Group within the next few weeks. RFC and WC input is needed and anyone interested in participation should contact Tom Iverson.

The agenda for the next AFC will include: 1) Warm Springs Tribe Funding Request, 2) Report from the collaborative analytical work group, 3) Review RFC “innovative project proposal identification criteria”, 4) Discussion of the RME report and a presentation on NMFS All H’s Paper.

ITEM 10: Wildlife Committee Update

Discussion: Michele Beucler requested MMG direction on the role of the WC under the new Charter relative to MMG. Should the WC be developing work plans for MMG review and approval? What are the limits of the WC’s involvement in policy issues? For example, the WC is currently engaged with NWPPC and BPA in negotiations on the policy for wildlife crediting. Is this an appropriate activity for the Committee?

ACTION: MMG directed the WC to continue to operate as they are and if there is an issue that they need a decision from the MMG, to describe the issue and elevate it for MMG consideration.

ITEM 11: Charter Update

Information: Brian Allee distributed a memo from Joe Mentor outlining his approach for amending the Charter incorporating the revisions to the management structure, administrative decisions and consensus decision making

definition. Goal is to have a draft available for review in time for the 3/1/00 MMG meeting.

ITEM 12: Next MMG Meeting

ACTION: The next MMG meeting will be held March 1, 2000 at the CBFWA office in Portland, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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