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April 26, 2000

TO: Members Management Group

FROM: Brian Allee 

SUBJECT: Summary of the April 24 Emergency MMG Meeting

**EMERGENCY MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP  
MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL**

**April 24, 2000**

**1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**CBFWA Office, Portland, OR**

**DRAFT ACTION NOTES**

**Attendees:** Bill Bradley, Theodora Strong (YIN); Ray Entz (KT); Earl Weber, Phil Roger (CRITFC); Ron Boyce (ODFW); Keith Kutchins (SBT); Elizabeth Gaar, Bob Bilby (NMFS); Brian Allee, Neil Ward, Tom Giese, Kathie Titzler and Tana Klum (CBFWA).

**Phone:** John Palensky (NMFS); Dave Fast, Lynn Hatcher (YIN); Bert Bowler (IDFG); Fred Olney (USFWS); Keith Underwood (STI); Bob Foster (WDFW); Sue Ireland (KTI); Dave Statler (NPT); Bruce Schmidt (StreamNet)

**Time Allocation:**

**CBFWA Members Coordination Contract\***

Objective 1. FY 2001 Project Renewal Process	0%
Objective 2. Rolling Province Review	0%
Objective 3. FY 2000 Project Adjustments	0%
Objective 4. Watershed and Subbasin Assessment and Plan	100%
Objective 5. Coordinate Program Amendments	0%

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

**ITEM 1: Funding for Member Participation in EDT Process**

**Disc:** The group discussed a handout "Statement of Work, Columbia Basin Technical Participation in Analytical Assessment of Provincial and Subbasin Plans" distributed just prior to the meeting. The proposal is a recommendation resulting from the

efforts to date of the CBFWA Collaborative Analytical Process (CAP) Workgroup. The CAP Workgroup is reviewing all of the analytical processes currently being considered for a variety of products throughout the basin (i.e., CRI, EDT, PATH, ICBEMP, etc.).

Brian Allee explained that the intention of the Northwest Power Planning Council (NWPPC) is to extend the EDT analysis by roughly \$350K, although CBFWA Members have not seen a NWPPC proposal to provide a consensus recommendation on. He said that in order to "ground truth" EDT, there is a need to provide resources for CBFWA manager's technical input. He said the NWPPC views EDT as part of the subbasin analysis and hopes to work collaboratively with the managers.

Some of the concerns and recommendations discussed by the MMG included:

- Resident fish and wildlife are not included in the CBFWA proposal.
- Bull Trout is the only resident species being analyzed in the EDT.
- CBFWA should consider using outside technical assistance for input.
- Council has not provided an explanation of the usability of EDT at the subbasin level.
- Managers need to be engaged throughout the entire process, including the review of the usability of all analytical tools (CRI, EDT, PATH, ICBEMP, etc.).
- Need to know who is being designated from the agencies so far...appropriate level of expertise?
- Concern about the timeframe. Three days (NWPPC proposal) not enough time to "ground truth" for each subbasin.
- Impossible to know what the EDT outcomes mean unless managers are comfortable with the assumptions being used.

Elizabeth Gaar said that NMFS' position will be that the CRI and EDT models are complimentary, therefore, the managers should recognize what is useful. She suggested the managers create for the NWPPC a list of needs and concerns for these models.

Phil Roger (CRITFC) recommended that the managers could create a list of concerns and needs once a work statement from the NWPPC was made available to the managers.

**ACTION:** There will be a meeting at CBFWA on May 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to further discuss the EDT as part of the CAP. The MMG agreed that Brian Allee would provide the following to the NWPPC Fish and Wildlife Committee (Fish 4) at their meeting April 25:

1. The EDT assessment should be considered in context of the subbasin assessments as one of the tools, but not the only tool. The CBFWA is working on a proposal to the NWPPC for approval at the May 10 Members Meeting in Portland for presentation to the Council at their meeting in Montana on May 16.

2. CBFWA requests a proposal with a Statement of Work from the Council on the EDT approach.
3. Is EDT ready for evaluation from the AFC, RFC and WC?
4. CBFWA Managers will define for the Council the term "validation."
5. CBFWA Managers need to evaluate EDT in terms of the management application in subbasin planning.
6. CBFWA Managers that have worked with EDT (Yakima, Klickitat, and Deschutes), say two to three days is not enough time to "ground truth" each subbasin.

**ITEM 2: Presentation of the Subbasin Assessment Template**

Bob Bilby (NMFS) provided the MMG with a status report from the Subbasin Assessment Team (SAT). He presented the current Subbasin Assessment Template, and reported that the group would be meeting again the first week in May. CBFWA members will be asked to approve the template at their next Members Meeting on May 10. A template will be sent to members for review prior to May 10.

**ITEM 3: Timing of the NWPPC's Proposed "Phase II" of the Amendment Process**

There was not enough time to discuss this item.