



June 27, 2000

TO: Members Meeting Group (MMG)

FROM: Brian Allee *BjA*

SUBJECT: Draft 6/8/00 MMG Action Notes

If there are no objections within five days, these actions will be considered approved.

**MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP
Meeting/Conference Call
Thursday, June 8, 2000
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
CBFWA Office, Portland, OR**

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Ronald L. Peters, CdAT; B.J. Kieffer, STI; John Palensky, NMFS; Chad Colter, SBT; Dave Statler, NPT; Bill Tweit, WDFW; Bob Foster, WDFW; Bert Bowler, IDFG; Ron Boyce, ODFW; Robert A. Matt, CdAT; Fred Olney, USFWS; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Joe Mentor, Jr., CBFWA Attorney; Jann Eckman, Brian Allee, Neil Ward, Tom Giese, Kathie Titzler, CBFWA/F

By Phone: Joe Maroney, KT; Michele Beucler, IDFG; Chris Hunter, MDFWP; Sue Ireland, KTI; Gary James, CTUIR

Obj. 1 = 10%; Obj. 2 = 15%; Obj. 3 = 10%; Obj. 4 = 15%; Obj. 5 = 10%; Charter = 30%

***Discussion:** Ron Boyce, requested that the EDT Validation issue be added to the agenda and discussed before lunch. Michele Beucler requested that the Wildlife Funding Request issue be moved from the afternoon to the morning so there would be a quorum available to take an action. This issue was scheduled to be discussed under the Committee Reports agenda item.

ACTION: The MMG agreed to the agenda requests. These draft action notes reflect the order in which the agenda items were discussed.

ITEM 1: Charter

9:00-10:50am

Discussion: Several MMG members expressed their concern about the consensus process and the way the consensus process is currently being used. Joe Mentor provided a menu of Charter amendment options (attached) that he developed based on input from the last MMG meeting and listed the consensus problems that the Members expressed:

- tribal Chair/Agency Directors don't participate
- lack of common vision about policy role of CBFWA
- consensus as hostage taking
- members represented by same people at every level
- blurring of technical and policy issues

Ron Boyce said that ODFW is very frustrated with the lack of group support currently being shown in the organization and that CBFWA is losing credibility. Phil Roger said that outside entities use consensus or lack of consensus as a weapon against CBFWA. Fred Olney said the decision making process at the different levels needs to be fixed. MMG expressed some support of a mediation process for dispute resolution – defining issues for resolution has merit. As for having the same representatives at each level, staffing is tight so that is necessary. ODFW thinks the different levels are necessary and the Members could hold special meetings only when all staffing has been done and the issue remains unresolved.

Joe Mentor recommended bringing the agreements made at the last strategic planning session to a closure – reiterate the consensus agreements and where the organization is going. Brian Allee asked for help in “fleshing out” the Charter menu options that folks want to offer as amendments to the Charter. Fred Olney recommended menu options 1, 2 and 4 as amendments to the Charter. An ad hoc group consisting of Fred Olney, Ron Boyce, Ron Peters, Bob Foster, Bill Tweit, Chad Colter, and Michele Beucler agreed to help Joe Mentor and Jann Eckman with this task.

Brian Allee also asked if there was any interest in having a training session on consensus, perhaps a one-day session after the August meeting. The MMG expressed an interest and support of this suggestion.

ACTION: The ad hoc Charter group will meet on 6/14/00 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at CBFWA to “flesh out” the amendment options.

ITEM 2: Program Amendment Comments

10:50-11:45

Discussion: Tom Giese reviewed the NWPPC schedule. Tom G. and CRITFC staff are writing a summary of amendment recommendations that are due to be

submitted on 6/20/00. The NWPPC will hold meetings on 6/27 in Hood River and 7/18 in Spokane to discuss amendments and will adopt final amendments on 10/10. Bert Bowler asked that the NWPPC set up meetings for public testimony in Hood River and Spokane. MMG felt we should request an extension to 6/28 for the close of the comment period.

ACTION: MMG directed Tom Giese to:

- finish the summary of the recommendations
- draft a letter to Chairman Cassidy requesting an extension of the comment period and time for the fish and wildlife managers to present their comments at the June and July NWPPC meetings

Tom Giese will draft the letter this afternoon and ship out for comments in time for the letter to be sent to the NWPPC before their 6/21/00 meeting.

ITEM 3: EDT Validation

12:45-1:15pm

Discussion: Brian Allee gave a brief update on NWPPC's 6/6/00 meeting where the Council approved the NWPPC EDT proposal, the Coarse Scale Screening proposal, and Key Ecological Functions proposal. The NWPPC expressed interest in the CBFWA EDT proposal but requested clarification of:

- the budget by tasks
- the variances in tasks between the A/T submittals
- concern that it is an extension of PATH
- that this proposal is going to be used as a tool to obstruct the subbasin planning process

Some of the concerns that the NWPPC is asking for clarification of are the same as the concerns expressed by the Shoshone Paiute Tribe. Guy Dodson, SPT, was not available to discuss his objections, but Ron Boyce would like to get a meeting with the Shoshone Paiute Tribe to address these concerns and how they can be resolved so this proposal can go forward. The deadline to submit to the NWPPC is 6/21/00 in order to get on the 6/27/00 agenda.

ACTION: The MMG directed CBFWA staff to pull together the budget information and that Brian Allee set up a conference call for next week with Guy Dodson and the project sponsors to address Guy's concerns. Chad will call Guy tomorrow to get a time for a conference call.

ITEM 4: Wildlife Funding Request

1:15-1:55

Discussion: Michele Beucler explained the purpose of the letter. There are more habitat acquisitions than there is funding. If limited to the 14 million,

there will not be funding left to mitigate - it will just go to O&M. O&M has been increasing every year and the Wildlife Committee is trying to get the dialogue going. Michele Beucler said if the Shoshone Paiute Tribe would support this letter, it would indirectly benefit them. Fred Olney said the letter addresses only FY 2000 needs and recommended that Michele Beucler add language that would address the needs of FY 2001 and beyond. Bert Bowler suggested some additional language changes.

ACTION: MMG directed Michele Beucler to modify the letter and the CBFWA staff to forward the modified letter to the Members for consent mail approval.

ITEM 5: Provincial Review

2:15-3:05

Discussion: Tom Iverson stated that the summaries are due 6/23. The goals, objectives and strategies have been difficult to get through, as there are different points of view. The second meeting was a problem as Members were not coordinated about the process. Tom Iverson requested contact information for the next provincial review meeting on 7/25&26 in Kalispell.

ACTION: MMG staff to put together a tickler list for the Members of the products due and when. Staff also needs to help the Members balance the “old world” goals and objectives to the “new world” and make sure the lead agencies don’t “drop the ball.” Brian Allee will make contact with the concerned Members.

ITEM 6: Subbasin Assessment Template

3:05-3:20

Discussion: Tom Iverson said the final assessment template has been developed. Phil Roger expressed concern that this template is not going to meet the ESA requirements or meet the needs of resident fish and wildlife. Phil said this is not a technical effort at all and this template doesn’t meet the group’s charter. Tom Iverson will add the additional comments on the SAT and send to the Members for consent mail and then it will go to the NWPPC. Tom Iverson said the oversight group wants to apply this template model to a couple subbasins and see if it meets the NWPPC needs. He thinks it will be included in the Program as part of the subbasin plan. Robert Matt reiterated his Tribe's concern that the prioritization is not driven by this assessment.

ACTION: Discussion item only, no action taken.

ITEM 7: AFC, RFC, and WC Committee Reports

3:20-3:25

Discussion: Michele Beucler stated that the Wildlife Committee would be working on the budget.

ITEM 8: Next Meeting

3:25-3:30

Discussion: John Palensky indicated that currently the MMG meetings conflict with the IT meetings. Both fall on the first Wednesday of the month and both require almost the same people to participate.

ACTION: The MMG agreed to move their monthly meetings to the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for July 6th in Spokane and the Eastern Washington University.

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