



July 17, 2000

TO: Members Management Group  
FROM: Brian Allee  
SUBJECT: Draft 7/6/00 MMG Meeting Action Notes

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

## **MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP**

### **MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL**

**Thursday, July 6, 2000**

**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Eastern Washington University  
Spokane, WA**

### **DRAFT ACTION NOTES**

Attendees: Fred Olney, USFWS; Gary James, CTUIR; Robert Matt, CdAT; Bert Bowler, IDFG; Michele Beucler, IDFG; Lynn Hatcher, YIN; Ronald L. Peters, CdAT; Joe Maroney, KT; Deane Osterman, KT; Keith Underwood, STI; Steve Judd, CCT; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Joe Peone, CCT; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Frank Young, Neil Ward, Brian Allee, Kathie Titzler, Jann Eckman, Tom Giese, CBFWA/F.

On Phone: Susan Barnes, ODFW; Si Whitman, NPT; Bob Foster, WDFW; Theodora Strong, YIN; John Palensky, NMFS; Guy Norman, ODFW, Guy Dodson, SPT; Sue Ireland, KTI.

Obj. 1 = 55%; Obj. 2 = 20%; Obj. 3 = 10%; Obj. 4 = 2%; Obj. 5 = 10%; (the remaining 3% is CBFWA business)

**ITEM 1: FY 2001 Budget***9:00-11:45am*

Discussion: Tom Giese reviewed the assumptions and calculations used to estimate the funds available for FY 2001 fish and wildlife projects. Tom's estimate is based on BPA information from the Quarterly Review and assumes spending funds in the ESA and Contingency/Inflation Reserves, and that funds will become available as BPA closes the accounts on completed projects. Unspent (unaccrued) funds in these accounts will be de-obligated and will be available for re-allocation.

Tom reviewed the committees' budget recommendations for ongoing projects and recommended several modifications, including:

- funding a wildlife project that the Wildlife Committee, because of crediting issues, did not recommend;
- deferring new or work unlikely to be ready for funding associated with six anadromous fish projects.

**ACTION:**

- The MMG noted that work identified as "new" by the SRT's should be reviewed by the project sponsors and directed staff to send such projects out to sponsors for a brief opportunity to offer corrections to the list.
- Because of the uncertainties about the amount of funds available in FY 2001, including possible additions from MOA Capital, unspent under MOA, and from the requirements of the future Biological Opinions, the MMG decided that the "new" and "deferred" work should remain eligible for any additional FY 2001 funds. The MMG directed staff to rename the "New/Defer" column "Hold for Additional FY 2001 Funds." Resident Fish managers requested that their Tier 2 Fund/Fund proposals from FY 2000 also be included in this category.
- The MMG agreed to recommend that the Yakama riparian areas wildlife project be funded for \$800K as an anadromous fish project because of its benefits to fish, with the caveat that it must not receive any wildlife credits. The MMG noted that wildlife crediting issue was ready for policy guidance.
- The MMG directed staff to make the required changes and send the budget package out to the Members for consent mail approval with response due on Wednesday, July 12. Brian emphasized that any problems should be brought to his attention early in the review, and not be held until the last minute.

**ITEM 2: Rolling Provincial Review***1:00-2:00pm*

Discussion: Brian provided an overview of the "process." Frank Young presented the "Lessons Learned" over the past process:

- Poor quality;
- Insufficient review time;
- Product untimely;
- Unclear draft.

Frank suggested that the A/T's consider using a "professional writer" to put the plans together. CBFWA staff can't do it for each A/T. Frank said that many summaries have no objectives, mostly goals and tasks. The objectives have to be measurable and able to be accomplished. The ISRP will be holding us accountable so don't put in objectives that cannot reasonably be met by implementation of the proposed projects. Brian stressed the importance of the "fix it" loop. Part of the "fix it" loop will be to put one or two objectives in the summaries. The ISRP is also looking for the milestones and monitoring that is in each summary (how are you going to measure your success and track your progress). Keith said the main problem was "focus," merging fish and wildlife was a problem. The geographical area was too large – need "real" subbasins. Frank stated that the Hood and Fifteen-mile summaries (available at [www.cbfff.org](http://www.cbfff.org)) are examples of "good" subbasin summaries. Frank said the final subbasin summaries are due to CBFWA 8/11 and to the Council 8/16.

Neil Ward reviewed the recent *Tentative Rolling Provincial Review Schedule*. CBFWA will work with the contact person for subbasin team reviews.

**ACTION:** CBFWA staff will combine the two provincial review schedules and post it on the web.

**ITEM 3: FY 2000 Funding Requests**

2:00-2:25pm

1) Wildlife Consent Mail Letter

**Discussion:** This letter has gone through the consent mail process and will be on the NWPPC 7/18/00 meeting agenda

**ACTION:** A small group consisting of Fred, Michele, Bert and Ray Entz will meet and develop the presentation/discussion strategy for this item. The MMG reminded Brian to make sure this item is on the NWPPC's agenda.

2) Shoshone Paiute Tribes request for project #20094

**Discussion:** Guy explained this request and why it should be funded. Some concern was expressed as to whether this request had received full RFC support or not. The conference call that was held to discuss this request was held on short notice and participation was limited. Other RFC members felt this project should be considered along with other Tier 2 projects. MMG said that in order for them to consider this request, they must have a RFC recommendation.

**ACTION:** MMG directed that this funding request go back to the RFC to be considered along with the other Tier 2 projects for a committee recommendation. Neil will set up an RFC emergency meeting during the week on 7/10/00 to discuss this issue.

3) AFC consent mail letter for project number 9703500

**Discussion:** Gary presented this funding request. It has been reviewed and approved by the AFC and is before the MMG for consideration.

**ACTION:** The MMG approved forwarding this request to the Members for consent mail approval.

**ITEM 4: EDT Proposal**

*2:25-2:30pm*

**Discussion:** Brian discussed the current status. There is a meeting scheduled of the ad hoc core EDT group to develop a strategy to get this on the NWPPC agenda for action.

**ITEM 5: Program Amendments**

*2:30-3:05pm*

**Discussion:** Tom Giese stated that the best way for the fish and wildlife managers to get input into the new Program is to work with the NWPPC staff, as they are writing the Program. There are certain agenda topics that he has selected as topics for the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting such as:

- 1) loss assessment and crediting issues;
- 2) biological objectives and standards for the hydrosystem;
- 3) implementing wildlife projects;
- 4) resident fish substitution policy;
- 5) high priority actions;
- 6) NWPPC's priority matrix that would guide fish and wildlife management and be used to prioritize projects.

On 8/10 the NWPPC will have a draft Program out. They have to have a public hearing in each state, and fish and wildlife managers need to have a strategy. Lynn proposed we should write a letter to the NWPPC listing possible agenda items and state that we are looking forward to coming before them to testify on the draft Program.

**ACTION:** MMG to get agenda items for the 7/18 NWPPC meeting to Tom Giese by early next week.

**ITEM 6: MOA**

**ACTION:** This item was combined with agenda item 1.

**ITEM 7: Subbasin Assessment Template**

*3:05-3:15pm*

**Discussion:** Robert voiced his concern that this document did not contain enough resident fish and wildlife information. Lynn indicated that the document is generic enough to include resident fish and wildlife needs. Robert recommended redrafting the language to state how and when the resident fish and wildlife input will be incorporated.

**ACTION:** MMG agreed to the language revision and directed the CBFWA staff to forward the revised letter and template to the Members for consent mail approval.

**ITEM 8: Charter**

**ACTION:** This item was removed from the agenda as there was nothing to report at this time.

**\*Note:** *Due to the travel schedule of Bert Bowler, CBFWA Vice Chair, the remaining agenda items were taken in the following order.*

**ITEM 11: Fall Members Meeting**

*3:15-3:25pm*

**Discussion:** Bert said that IDFG has a new director, Rod Sando. He would like to hold the Fall Members meeting in Bogus Basin, ID and have his new director attend as well as all the other agency directors and tribal chairs. He requested that MMG develop an agenda consisting of "high profile" items and get the meeting on the directors/chairpersons schedules. Bert will check on the available meeting dates at Bogus Basin in October and let Brian know.

**ACTION:** MMG requested the host director draft a letter to all the other agency directors and tribal chairs inviting them to the meeting. MMG will provide "high profile" agenda items to Brian.

**ITEM 10: MMG Consensus Building Retreat**

*3:25-3:30pm*

**Discussion:** Brian discussed the upcoming consensus building retreat. The consensus training and team building sessions are scheduled for August 3 & 4, 2000, at the Kah Nee Ta Resort in central Oregon. Donna Silverberg and DS Consultants have been contracted to provide the training session. For practical training purposes, class size should be limited to the MMG members (19), Committee Chairs (3) and Vice Chairs (3), and limited CBFWA staff.

**ACTION:** MMG will contact Cheron to let her know who will be attending.

**ITEM 9: RFC, WC, AFC Committee Reports**

*3:30-3:35pm*

**Discussion:** WC has gone through the budget exercise and is taking the month of July off. AFC has a meeting next week. RFC has a conference call next week.