



August 7, 2000

TO: Members Management Group

FROM: Brian Allee

SUBJECT: Draft 8/01/00 MMG Draft Action Notes

**MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP
MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL
Tuesday, August 1, 2000
12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.
CBFWA Office, Portland, OR**

DRAFT ACTION NOTES

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

Participants: Ron Boyce (ODFW); Phil Roger (CRITFC); John Palensky (NMFS); Brian Allee, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, Frank Young, Tom Giese, Kathie Titzler and Tana Klum (CBFWA).

Phone: Michele Beucler and Bert Bowler (IDFG); Bob Foster (WDFW); Lynn Hatcher and Bill Bradley (YIN); Chad Colter (SBT); Ron Peters and Robert Matt (C 'dAT); Howard Schaller (USFWS); Mary Verner (STI); Charlie Holderman (KT); Gary James (CTUIR).

Time Allocation:

CBFWA Members Coordination Contract*

<i>Objective 1. FY 2001 Project Renewal Process</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>Objective 2. Rolling Province Review</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>Objective 3. FY 2000 Project Adjustments</i>	<i>50%</i>
<i>Objective 4. Watershed and Subbasin Assessment and Plan</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>Objective 5. Coordinate Program Amendments</i>	<i>20%</i>

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

Three items were added to the draft agenda: 1) an update on CBFWA's Coordination Funding, 2) a budget modification request from NMFS, and 3) a staff request to discuss the CBFWA response to the Amendment Process. The following actions reflect the order of the revised draft agenda.

ITEM 1: Coordination Funding

Disc: Brian Allee is concerned that CBFWA Members have thus far only billed the CBFWF for 13% of the obligated funds available this fiscal year for work funded through the coordination funding contract. He reminded the MMG that the Northwest Power Planning Council (NWPPC) may consider a recommendation to de-obligate this funding if the Members do not use it.

ACTION: Kathie Titzler, CBFWF Fiscal Administrator, will be coordinating and visiting with the accounting departments of CBFWA agencies and tribes to explain their budgets, their need to bill regularly, and to help with any problems or questions they may have.

ITEM 2: Oregon Water Coalition (OWC) - Update

Disc: Tom Iverson reported that the AFC had discussed a funding request from the OWC, however, the OWC has not submitted a proposal through any existing process for implementation. There is a possibility that the request could fall under the "innovative projects" category. A solicitation for innovative projects will be distributed within the next two weeks from BPA and a Council/CBFWA committee will likely be established to review those projects. The OWC could submit a proposal through that process and then be eligible for BPA funds if approved for funding through the criteria established for innovative projects.

Action: Tom Iverson will contact the OWC project coordinator to explain the procedure for getting their project into the process.

ITEM 3: Wapatox Power Plant Acquisition

Disc: Lynn Hatcher followed up on the AFC recommendation to conceptually support the Wapatox Acquisition as a potentially beneficial project to add to the list of high priority early actions to be considered by the NWPPC. Tom Iverson distributed a draft consent mail letter supporting the AFC's recommendation.

ACTION: The MMG agreed to send the draft letter to the Members for Consent Mail approval.

ITEM 4: CRITFC Kelt Rejuvenation Study

ACTION: As an assignment from the July MMG meeting, Ron Boyce reported that the FPAC review of this project raised no technical questions. The project will now be on the 8/16 AFC agenda.

ITEM 5: October Members Meeting

- Location

Disc: At the May Members Meeting, it was agreed that the meeting would be held in Pocatello, Idaho, at the Shoshone-Bannock reservation in Ft. Hall. At the July MMG meeting, IDFG suggested hosting the meeting in Boise at the Bogus Basin ski resort. Since the new IDFG Director, Rod Sando, will be the incoming Chair, it was Bert's thought that Boise would be a convenient location. This recommendation was made as an oversight to the May Members Meeting action notes, and Bert Bowler apologized to the group.

ACTION: MMG Chair Chad Colter would like the opportunity to discuss the issue with current CBFWA Chair, Lionel Boyer, and will get back to the MMG.

- Meeting dates

ACTION: The MMG confirmed that the dates of the meeting will be October 25-26.

- Tentative agenda items

ACTION: The MMG recommended adding three items to the current draft agenda.

1. Speaker to address the governor's Recovery Plan and the interaction between the recovery plans relative to each state.
2. A panel discussion between at least four NWPPC members and the federal fish and wildlife regional directors to discuss the BiOps.
3. Ask the new IDFG Director, Rod Sando, to discuss his experiences in regional planning in areas outside the Northwest, such as the Everglades in Florida and the Midwest.

ITEM 6: NMFS Request

Disc: According to John Palensky, there's approximately \$2.5M in the current ESA fund. John explained that the "Monitor and Evaluate Genetic Characteristics of Supplemented Salmon and Steelhead" (project # 198909600) is paramount in both the previous and new BiOps. Last year, it was agreed to reduce the project's funding to balance the budget. The current process is that BPA can authorize the use of ESA funds on their

own, but BPA seeks the endorsement of CBFWA and the NWPPC. Brian Allee added that since this request is "budget neutral," the MMG can forward a recommendation to the NWPPC without full Member Consent.

ACTION: The MMG agreed to send the letter distributed at the meeting, with some modification, to the NWPPC. Robert Matt abstained, and requested, for the sake of consistency with CBFWA procedure, this request be discussed first at the AFC, then referred to the MMG.

ITEM 7: CBFWA Response to the Amendment Process

Disc: Tom Giese reminded the MMG that on August 10, the NWPPC would release their draft Program for public comment (comment period is likely 45 days). There is an opportunity for Members to testify at the August 29-30 NWPPC meeting in Portland. It is likely that the NWPPC will expect final comments by their meeting in Eastern Washington on September 19-20, and adopt the Program at their meeting October 10-11 in Portland. Tom encouraged the MMG to compile (in addition to any individual comments), a set of consensus comments as a package. Several Members commented that the document they have seen is broad based and left open to subbasin planning, with the exception of the wildlife crediting issue.

ACTION: The MMG directed Tom to identify any substantive issues and alert Members prior to the August 29-30 NWPPC meeting in Portland. It was suggested that MMG members be available to testify at that meeting, with further discussion at the next MMG meeting September 7.

ITEM 8: Next Meeting

ACTION: The next MMG meeting will be September 7 at the CBFWA office in Portland.