



November 28, 2000

TO: Members Management Group (MMG)

FROM: Brian Allee

SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes from the November 21, 2000 Meeting

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

**MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP
MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL**

November 21, 2000

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

CBFWA, Portland, OR

DRAFT ACTION NOTES

Attendees: Phil Roger, CRITFC; Ron Boyce, ODFW; Doug Taki and Chad Colter, SBT; Guy Dodson, Sr., SPT; Darrel Eastman, BPA; Fred Olney, USFWS; Theodora Strong, YN; John Palensky, NMFS; Michele DeHart; Brian Allee, Kathie Titzler, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, Frank Young, Tom Giese, and Tana Klum, CBFWA/F.

By Phone: Gary James, CTUIR; Patty O'Toole and Terry Luther, CTWSRO; Ray Entz, KT; Mary Verner, BJ Kiefer, and Keith Underwood, STI; Dave Statler, NPT; Bob Foster, WDFW; Bert Bowler, IDFG; Lynn Hatcher, YN; Sue Ireland, KTI.

Discussion: The MMG revised the order that the agenda items were discussed and added five items. The draft action notes are in the order of the original agenda with the additional five items following.

Obj. 1 = 73%; Obj. 2 = 3%; Obj. 4 = 2%, CBFWA business = 7%

ITEM 1: Approve Reinstatement of FY 2001 Project Funds

Discussion: Tom Giese provided an update from the November 14th Quarterly Review, highlighting estimated unobligated funds in each CBFWA committee area. Tom also asked for input on a letter to NWPPC Chair, Larry Cassidy, that would ask the NWPPC to approve the reinstatement of FY 01 funds to the projects listed on a table attached to the letter.

ACTION: The MMG recommended adding to the letter that additional funding requests may be submitted as project needs surface and noted that the managers also intend to utilize the flexibility of the "10% rule" with BPA COTRs.

Tom will revise the letter to reflect the above and other recommended edits to the letter, and will send the letter and project table to the Members for Consent Mail on Wednesday November 22, with a due date for objections November 28, for inclusion in the NWPPC's briefing packet.

Tom will also work with Doug Marker (NWPPC), and on a project-by-project basis, will note any project concerns by NWPPC staff, then will email the project sponsor to work through the concerns.

This will be an agenda item on the NWPPC's Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting in Portland on December 5, and will be reviewed by the full Council on December 6.

ITEM 2: Review and Approve Budget Comments

Action: Ron Boyce will provide edits by 11/22 to the letter Tom Giese provided the MMG (item 2 in briefing packet). Ron would like to add innovative and high priority projects (as per the process agreed to in Item 5), articulate the need for additional agency/tribal staff funding to participate in the Rolling Provincial Review, and not be as specific in the research portion of the letter. CRITFC comments are also needed and Tom will work with Rob Lothrop to get them.

The letter will then be circulated to the MMG 11/22 with comments back to Tom by 11/27, and sent for Member Consent Mail 11/27 with a due date of 12/4.

This will be an agenda item on the NWPPC's Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting in Portland on December 5, and will be reviewed by the full Council on December 6.

Brian Allee will work with Chairman Sando and other members to ensure representation at the 12/5-6 NWPPC meeting.

ITEM 3: Within Year Budget Request

Discussion: CTWSRO's budget request of \$25,000 was sent for Consent Mail October 27 and objected to by the Kalispel Tribe. Ray Entz, Ron Boyce, Patty O'Toole and Terry Luther agreed that the following actions will be included in the letter that will be forwarded to the Council for consideration.

ACTION: If habitat units are applied to these projects in the future, they will be credited to the Oregon Wildlife Coalition balance; and,

BPA should provide a change of scope to any existing Warms Springs contract occurring in the John Day Basin to facilitate this request.

Tom Iverson will make the changes to the letter and circulate to ODFW, CTWSRO, and KT prior to the letter being sent to the NWPPC.

This will be an agenda item on the NWPPC's Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting in Portland on December 5, and will be reviewed by the full Council on January 16-17 in Vancouver, WA.

ITEM 4: CBFWA Integrated Funding

ITEM 4a: FY 2000

Discussion: WDFW and ODFW expressed concerns that they had already spent a majority of their integrated funding during the Rolling Provincial Review in the Gorge and Inter-mountain provinces. They are worried about adequate funding to complete the Plateau Province, now underway. Lynn Hatcher agreed that thus far the process is extensive and time consuming.

Kathie Titzler stated that the current contract ends January 31 and that all billing must be in to CBFWA by the end of February. She also noted that the NWPPC's cut to the FY 01 CBFWA budget is less than 10% and falls under the "10% rule," but that the COTR would have a difficult time justifying a need to provide additional funding if the members have not billed enough to show that the integrated funding has been used.

Because the Rolling Review causes some entities to need more funding while others wait for their province to be reviewed, some entities have a current surplus while others do not have enough to continue.

ACTION: The managers will provide Kathie Titzler with an estimate of contracted funds that they do not expect to spend prior to January 31, 2001. These funds will be reallocated equally among the parties requesting additional funds.

ITEM 4b: FY 2001

Discussion: There was a proposal made to hold a percentage across the board for reallocation. Ron Boyce stated the need to for a detailed discussion among the members as to who exactly will be assigned to what during the review of future provinces.

ACTION: CBFWA staff will set up a meeting for November 30 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at CBFWA for all interested MMG to participate in an FY 01 ad hoc work group. The charge is to develop 1) allocation for FY 01 and 2) rationale for briefing points to the Council on 12/5-6.

This will be an agenda item for the NWPPC's meeting in Portland December 5-6.

ITEM 5: Innovative/High Priority Project Review ad hoc Work Group

Discussion: Tom Iverson led the MMG through the NWPPC/ISRP schedule for reviewing projects in both of these categories and the MMG agreed that the categories needed to be kept separate.

Innovative: Projects were due to the NWPPC November 1. ISRP will deliver their findings December 15. There are 66 innovative projects and CBFWA would need to complete its review by January 15.

ACTION: Tom Iverson will send a memo to the committees outlining the review. Attached to that memo, will be abstracts for all of the projects (full proposals are available on the CBFWA website). CBFWA staff will assign the projects to the appropriate committees. Tom will then distribute the ISRP's findings when they are available December 15. As per the criteria outlined in a November 15 memo from Tom Iverson, the committees will provide a management review, and recommendations will be reviewed by the MMG at their meeting the week of January 8. MMG will review and approve the recommendations at a meeting during the second week of January. Following Consent Mail, CBFWA will provide recommendations on the innovative projects to the NWPPC by January 17, 2001.

High Priority: These proposals are due to the Council on December 15. CBFWA Staff will categorize proposals by "System-wide", "Mainstem", and "Subbregional." The MMG also agreed to add "Land and Water Acquisitions," however it is unclear as to how they will fit.

ACTION: Tom Giese will develop a process to review the proposals Between December 15 and February 1, the committees will review the proposals according to the Council-defined criteria listed in the November 13 solicitation letter from Council staff. CBFWA staff will then distribute the ISRP's findings to the MMG when they are available February 1. Interested MMG members will form a committee to provide a management review and respond to the ISRP report. Recommendations will be reviewed and approved by the MMG during the first week of February and sent for Member Consent Mail approval the second week of February.

CBFWA recommendations are due to the Council February 15, and all public comments are due February 28.

ITEM 6: Briefing on ESA Implementation Meeting 11/20 (new item)

Discussion: Brian Allee, John Palensky and Fred Olney attended the meeting and briefed the MMG. Other participants included Council staff and representatives of the federal agencies. The NMFS BiOps will be available December 15, and this very preliminary meeting was held to open discussion in advance of the implications of the integration of the BiOps with the NWPPC's Fish and Wildlife Program. Although there was much discussion, it was reiterated that the meeting was very preliminary. There will be another meeting at the NWPPC from 8 a.m. to Noon on December 8.

ITEM 7: Watershed Legacy (in Memory of Jack Donaldson)

Discussion: Brian Allee stated from the handouts provided by Peter Donaldson that 1) EcoTrust is the organization that will accept donations in memory of Jack from interested members, 2) CBFWA staff proposes using Members dues to help defray the costs of the December 18 tribute to Jack which will be held at the World Forestry Center in Portland, 3) make a contribution to Watershed Legacy project and 4) there is a volunteer effort underway to assist in locating additional funding sources for the Watershed Legacy project.

ACTION: Spend up to \$1,500 from Members dues and write a tribute letter from the Members to Jack's family (up to \$500 for the room rental and \$1,000 seed money for the project).

ITEM 8: Mainstem Project Review

Discussion: As per a request from the AFC, Michele DeHart, Ron Boyce, John Palensky, Jim Neilsen, and Phil Roger have participated as the ad hoc group charged with developing a proposed procedure for the Mainstem "Province" in the Rolling Provincial Review.

A letter is being drafted by the group and will be available for MMG review in advance of the December 7 MMG meeting where it will be discussed.

ITEM 9: Subbasin Planning

ACTION: This item was deferred to the December 7 meeting.

ITEM 10: Next Meeting

ACTION: The MMG discussed agenda items for the next meeting. A draft will be sent out November 22.

The meeting will be held at CBFWA or a larger facility due to the afternoon session, during which NMFS will discuss the comments to the BiOps and what changes have been incorporated. Brian Allee encouraged the MMG to enlist policy representatives to participate in this discussion.