



February 26, 2001

TO: Members Management Group (MMG)
 FROM: Brian Allee *Brian Allee*
 SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes from the February 14 Meeting

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

**MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP
 MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL
 February 14, 2001
 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 CBFWA Office, Portland, OR**

DRAFT ACTION NOTES

Attendees Ron Boyce, ODFW; John Palensky, NMFS; Fred Olney, USFWS; Michael Lambert, CTWSRO; Dave Statler, NPT; Brian Allee, Neil Ward, Frank Young, and Tana Klum, CBFWA. Afternoon session: Greg Delwiche and Patricia Tawny, BPA; Bob Heinith, CRITFC; and Jim Ruff, NMFS.

By phone Carl Scheeler and Carl Merkle, CTUIR; Theodora Strong, YN; Brian Marotz, MDFW&P; Amos First Raised III, BPT; Chad Colter, SBT; Bob Foster, WDFW; Sue Ireland, KTI; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Ken Rutherford, ODFW; Mary Verner and BJ Kieffer, STI; Guy Dodson, SPT.

Time allocation	Objective 1. FY 2001 Renewal Process	27%
	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	0%
	Objective 3. FY 2000 Adjustments	3%
	Objective 4. Template for watershed and subbasin assessment and plan	12%
	Objective 5. Coordinate program amendments	55%
	CBFWA Business	3%

ITEM 1: High Priority Projects

Discussion: This item was listed in the agenda as an action item, but it actually was to approve sending to the Northwest Power Planning Council (NWPPC) a document of CBFWA approved comments in response to the comments provided to the NWPPC by the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP). The discussion included:

- Brian said that the lack of consensus on the law enforcement project (#23084), had been resolved.
- Some editorial recommendations to the report were made.
- John Palensky said NMFS will be sending comments by the 2/26 deadline to include CBFWA recommendations that may support additional BiOp applicability and other areas/projects for which no proposals were submitted.
- The CBFWA comments do not reflect any comments possibly submitted by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), as it appeared there were none available at this time.

ACTION: CTUIR will send comments today on project #23084. Editorial comments will be sent to Brian by the morning of 2/15.

ITEM 2: Update on Subbasin Planning

- ACTION:
- After a short discussion, the MMG agreed to form an ad hoc group to meet and draft a letter requesting that the NWPPC meet with CBFWA members at the next Members meeting April 11-13 in Toppenish, Washington.
 - At the same meeting, the ad hoc work group will add specifics to another letter initiated by Mary Verner regarding fish and wildlife funding needs.
 - The ad hoc work group, consisting of Dave Statler, Fred Olney, Mary Verner, Elizabeth Gaar, Ron Boyce, Bert Bowler and Brian Allee, will meet 2/16 at 9 a.m. at CBFWA.
 - Both letters will go out for member Consent Mail and will be included in the NWPPC briefing packet on 2/27 for consideration at the NWPPC meeting on March 6-7 in Portland.

ITEM 3: WDFW Within Year Budget Request - Project #200001800, "Lake Roosevelt Kokanee Net Pen Project"

ACTION: Approved for Consent Mail and will be sent along with the letters under Item 2, to the NWPPC to be included in the 2/27 briefing packet.

ITEM 4: Update on April Members Meeting

ACTION: The MMG agreed to host the Members meeting in Toppenish, Washington on April 11-13, 2001. CBFWA staff will circulate a draft agenda for review and member input next week. Staff will also look into the possibility of a tour of the Yakama Nation's hatchery facility on April 13.

ITEM 5: Briefing on the Operation of the Hydrosystem

Discussion: Bob Heinith provided a 2/1 letter from CRITFC to the action agencies titled “Federal Management of the Federal Columbia River Power System for the 2001 Salmon Migration”, and a 2/14 CRITFC draft “Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission 2001 River Operations Plan.” Bob went through the report in detail and said that although the plan was draft, the CRITFC Commission was expected to review it within the next day or two.

Greg Delwiche (BPA), lead the MMG through a presentation he had been giving the previous week around the region titled, “2001 Power and Operations Outlook.”

To receive a copy of either of these presentations, please call Bob Heinith at CRITFC (503) 238-0667, or Greg Delwiche, BPA, Vice President of Generation Supply at (503) 230-4090.

Although Jim Ruff (NMFS) did not bring a formal presentation, he did say that the issue is complicated because the BiOp is recent, there is a power emergency, and the region is amidst one of the worst run off years on record. He said NMFS is looking to the region for input.

Although discussions in the near future will take place in weekly Implementation Team/Technical Management Team meetings (IT/TMT), Bob Heinith said the NMFS/federal agency forum has not worked for the four lower river Tribes and recommended a forum such as CBFWA to address this issue.

ITEM 6: (Added Item) February 9 Memo from NWPPC Regarding the Mainstem

Discussion: Ron Boyce recommended that the MMG engage in the NWPPC’s 2/9 issue paper requesting comments as to the timing of adding a plan for the Mainstem hydrosystem of the Columbia and Snake rivers as an amendment to the Fish and Wildlife Program.

Action: Brian will ask FPAC to prepare a technical review of the 2/9 issue paper and provide that recommendation at an emergency MMG meeting February 21 at 1 p.m. at CBFWA.