



April 24, 2001

TO: Members Management Group (MMG)

FROM: Jann Eckman *Jann Eckman*

SUBJECT: Draft 4/16/01 MMG Action Notes

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

**MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP
MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL**

April 16, 2001

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CBFWA Office, Portland, OR

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Roy Sampsel, CRITFC; Ron Boyce, ODFW; Tom Giese, Tom Iverson, Brian Allee, Jann Eckman, Kathie Titzler, CBFWA/F

By Phone: Guy Dodson, SPT; Bert Bowler, IDFG; Amos First Raised, BPT; Sue Ireland, KTI; B.J. Kieffer, ST; Fred Olney, USFWS; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Theodora Strong, YN; Joe Peone, CTCR; Bob Foster, WDFW; Brian Lipscomb, SKT; John Palensky, NMFS; Gary James, CTUIR; Brian Marotz, MDFWP

Time	Objective 1. FY 2001 Renewal Process	70%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	25%
	Objective 3. FY 2000 Adjustments	0%

ITEM 1: CBFWA FY 2001 Budget

Discussion: Brian Allee provided an update on the CBFWA FY01 additional funding request to the Northwest Power Planning Council (NWPPC). He said the NWPPC staff feels they need to send a different signal on what they need or want out of subbasin summaries because the money isn't there. Ron Boyce said we should not revise the costs of the subbasin summaries; their importance is being diminished and turned into a dollar issue and we shouldn't diminish the importance of the planning process.

Discussion continued:: Carl Scheeler said we already went down this path and the NWPPC wasn't amenable to that strategy, we should tell them that these are the ways we can do it using less money and you will get a less product. RB thinks that will put these subbasins into a funding disadvantage so we need to see what can be done with the money available. He would not support doing an abbreviated subbasin summary, because there is almost the same amount of work involved. He asked why we couldn't slip the schedule. Tom Giese said that to slip the schedule wouldn't matter; the issue is that they don't want to pay the money, so how do you want to influence NWPPC's decision. RB said that if this is just a dollar issue, we should have this discussion at Fish 4 before we look at options. Brian Lipscomb said it seems that this is an issue of how to implement the amendment and we don't know what they want. They develop the template, we do it and NWPPC says too much, not enough money. BL said he thought the workshop was to address this process. BA said NWPPC doesn't have a disagreement with the product but feels that we can't manage our money. For us to make an argument that we are out money when our contracts started 2/01/01, will be a problem – feeds into Larry Cassidy's argument that the CBFWA can't handle their money. BA said it would be helpful to know what we think we are going to spend in each subbasin. We know what the budget is by agency and subcontractor but not by subbasin. If we are going to tell the NWPPC what it costs by subbasin, MMG needs to redo their budgets by subbasin and current needs. RB said that we can easily show what we were given and what we have spent, and there is no doubt there is not enough money. BA said if we can get this information in place that whatever scenario the NWPPC will present in Spokane, we can have this information available. We should have 1) actual costs for completed subbasins; 2) projected costs for subbasins (based on budget records); 3) a brief narrative justification of costs (i.e., why one subbasin costs \$100K and another costs 10K). This information will need to be submitted to Kathie Titzler by Thursday (4/19). RB reiterated that we are not interested in redefining the subbasin summaries but redefining the schedule and our presentation must be predicated on having this information. BA said he has a meeting with Bob Lohn tomorrow and if things change, he will let MMG know.

ACTION: MMG will meet on the afternoon of April 23rd to review the budget information and make a decision on what to present. MMG will review the draft letter and provide comments so we can get this letter of support in the NWPPC's packet on Wednesday morning. If this is not possible perhaps we can bring it to the meeting. John Palensky will try and get U S Fish & Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) comments into CBFWA.

ITEM 2: Trust Building and Subbasin Planning Workshop

Discussion: BA reviewed the action taken by the Members on this issue at the Members Meeting. First hold the trust building session on how to work together and get over barriers that have caused problems in the past. Next, review all the current processes and develop a collaborative recommendation to the NWPPC, so we can influence the NWPPC on defining the “rock” and process it in time for the NWPPC to make a decision by or on June 5th or 6th. The workshop can be held on May 2nd, 3rd & 4th or May 9th, 10th & 11th. BA said that we might be fast tracking this too much but need to influence the NWPPC’s June decision. BL said he has a conflict resolution person who is excellent at getting the barriers down and then do trust building. His name is Bob Chadwick. Bob could do the conflict resolution portion and then the other person recommended by Rod Sando could do the trust building.

ACTION: MMG directed BA to 1) call Mr. Chadwick tomorrow (and include BL on the phone) and check on his availability; 2) confirm with Bob Lohn on the commitment of the NWPPC before they move forward on their subbasin planning decision.

ITEM 3: Fish Passage Center (FPC) – NWPPC’s Decision to Establish a Policy Oversight Committee for the FPC

Discussion: RB said this item is on the NWPPC’s Fish 4 agenda. Representatives on the oversight committee would include an upstream state and tribe, a downstream state and tribe, the NMFS and the NWPPC members and, evidently Bob Lohn is developing a Charter for this committee. Washington Department Fish & Wildlife, NMFS, and Oregon Department Fish & Wildlife made severe comments on this recommendation when they commented on the NWPPC’s amendment recommendations. Fred Olney said the FPC really provides a service for the A/Ts and wasn’t sure the NWPPC had the authority to dictate who was on this oversight group. Roy Sampsel stated that the NWPPC could form any advisory or oversight body they wanted but wondered what oversight or recommendations to Bonneville Power Administration the NWPPC was attempting to provide.

ACTION: MMG requested BA request a time slot on the Fish 4 agenda to discuss this issue and RB will discuss this with John Brogoitti.