



May 17, 2002

TO: Members Management Group

FROM: CBFWA Staff

SUBJECT: Action Notes

**EMERGENCY**  
**Members Management Group**  
**Meeting/Conference Call**  
**Wednesday, April 24, 2002**  
**9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**CBFWA Office, Portland, OR**  
**Conference Line 1-877-784-3232 (passcode MMG)**

Draft Action Notes

**Attendees:** Doug Hatch, Paul Lumley, & Phil Roger (CRITFC); Tony Nigro (ODFW); Kathie Titzler, Frank Young, Tom Iverson, Jann Eckman, Neil Ward, Tom Giese, & Mary Marvin (CBFWA)

**By Phone:** Chad Colter (SBT); Fred Olney & Tim Roth (USFWS); Pete Hassemer (IDFG); Amos First Raised (BPT); Lynn Hatcher (YN); Gary James (CTUIR); Mary Verner (STI); John Palensky (NMFS); Ron Peters (CdA)

<b>Time Allocation:</b>	Objective 1. FY 2003 Renewal Process	40%
	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	40%
	Objective 3. FY 2002 Adjustments	20%

**Changes to Agenda** Mary Verner requested a new item be added to present an overview of the recent CBFWA workshop.

**ITEM 1: Funding for Construction and Equipment for the Project 200104600  
9:15-9:40 – “Collaborative Center for Applied Fish Science”**

Discussion: This project was reviewed and funding approved by the Anadromous Fish Committee on 4/22. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribe and CRITFC met on 4/23 to discuss how this facility will be used and funded. Building this facility will provide efficiencies and coordination with other genetic activities and centers. There is currently no exact placeholder dollar amount available from BPA, and the MMG expressed their desire to see an accounting of the actual funding available in the unallocated placeholder.

ACTION: The MMG approved forwarding this request to the Members for consent mail approval, and requested the letter include the following language: “To the best of our knowledge, the unallocated placeholder contains sufficient funds for this project. We would note, however, that responsible fiscal management requires a more specific accounting of these funds than is presently available and we again urge the council to work with BPA and the fish and wildlife managers to improve management of the unallocated placeholder.” The MMG requested that a “Budget Review” item be put on the next MMG meeting agenda and directed Tom Giese to present an assessment of the status of the placeholder budget at the May 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> MMG meeting.

**ITEM 2: Subbasin Planning Process**

9:40-10:15

Discussion: Tom Giese provided a detailed summary of the subbasin planning workshop. The letter was intended to inform the NWPPC in how the members wanted to be involved in subbasin planning and how CBFWA can help the members in that planning. The fish and wildlife managers agree to work through the Council’s subbasin planning process, particularly addressing the following issues:

- 1) planning on the local level;
- 2) planning on the regional and statewide levels – and work with co-managers at CBFWA to discuss/strategize issue responses;
- 3) comment on the draft subbasin plans as amendments.

Concerns were voiced that the current goal calls for 62 plans to be finalized within 2 years. It was felt by some that this might cause confusion and inadequate plans to be produced. Rather than protest this schedule, it was generally agreed that it would be better to request the Council explain to the region what its contingency plan is if subbasin plans are not completed on time. However, the Fish and Wildlife Program states that if plans are not completed on time, the previous plan will be used.

It was suggested that this issue be added to the May 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> MMG agenda for further discussion and to develop a letter to the Council that addresses the concerns expressed today. There needs to be more detail in the body of the letter to explain what is necessary to gain support and approval in the basin.

**ACTION** The MMG recommended that this issue be added to the May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> MMG meeting agenda and that an ad hoc committee be established to work with Tom Giese to develop a letter to the Council describing the concerns of the fish and wildlife managers and outlining what the managers would need from the Council to make subbasin plans meet their approval.

**ITEM 3: Regional HEP Team**

10:15-10:20  
Discussion

After reviewing the proposal for early implementation of the Regional HEP Team, the Wildlife Committee recommended to MMG that the proposal be reduced by \$35,000, for 2002 only, for a total budget of \$113,000 and that it be implemented immediately. The MMG was asked to approve a letter to the NWPPC requesting a within-year budget modification to the CBFWA contract to allow funding of this proposal for 2002.

**ACTION** The MMG approved the request and recommended that the draft letter go out to the Members for consent mail approval.

**ITEM 4: Workshop Overview**

10:20-10:37  
Discussion

Frank gave a summary of the M&E workshop. Earlier in the meeting, Tom Giese summarized the subbasin planning workshop. Frank will be meeting with Michele DeHart and Tony Nigro to develop a definition of the R, M&E efforts currently ongoing in the basin. Frank hopes to have a draft

**ACTION** Tom Giese will draft a consent mail letter regarding the Federal Lands issue. This letter will be sent to the MMG and the Members concurrently in order to reach agreement on the letter prior to the April 30 deadline.  
(not associated with previous item)

**ITEM 5: The next MMG meeting**

Will be held May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the CBFWA office in Portland. An agenda will be distributed by April 26.