



February 6, 2004

TO: Members Management Group (MMG)

FROM: Rudy Peone, Chair

SUBJECT: Action Notes for February 3, 2004 MMG Meeting

MEMBERS MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING
 Tuesday, February 3, 2004
 CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

Action Notes

Attendees: Rudy Peone, STI; Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; Paul Ward, YN; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Mark Bagdovitz & Maureen Smith, USFWS; Michele DeHart, FPC; Rod Sando, Jann Eckman, Tom Giese, Tom Iverson, Tana Klum, Kathie Titzler, Neil Ward, Frank Young, & Trina Gerlack, CBFWA

By Phone: Amos First Raised, BPT; Laura Gephart & Paul Lumley, CRITFC; Gary James, CTUIR; Peter Hassemmer & Mary Terra-Berns, IDFG; Keith Wolf, CTCR; Chris Hunter, MFWP; Joann Hunt, NPCC; Greg Sieglitz, ODFW; Mattie Allen, SPT; Mary Verner, UCUT; David H. Johnson, WDFW

Time Allocation:	Objective 1. Project Recommendations	42%
	Objective 2. Regional Issues	57%
	Objective 3. Annual Report	0%
	Other Business	1%

ITEM 1: CBFWA Comments on the 2003 BiOp Check-In Report

Discussion: Tom Iverson reported to the MMG that the Members approved sending the February 3, 2004 CBFWA comments on the 2003 BiOp Check-in Report to the Action Agencies.

Tom I. reviewed the discussion notes for the 2/3/04 CBFWA's comments on the BiOp Check-in Report that staff prepared for the Members who were requesting more information to clarify the CBFWA analysis. (The discussion notes were not sent with the 2/3/04 letter to the Action Agencies.)

ITEM 1 CBFWA Comments on the 2003 BiOp Check-In Report**continued:****Discussion:**

Tom reported that the only fair measure of BPA's accomplishments currently available was to review the dollars spent to evaluate the actual accomplishments within the Fish and Wildlife Program. The 2004 Implementation Plan included an implementation table which is another possible "performance measure" provided by BPA; but this table is inaccurate and did not represent the projects actually funded in FY02 and FY03.

Tom will revise the analysis when he receives BPA's new numbers for FY02 & FY03 actual expenditures.

CBFWA staff is also working on obtaining information from past BPA funded projects to develop a list of actual accomplishments within the Program for the past 20 years. It has been difficult to get annual reports from BPA, so that effort has been hindered. Keith Wolf suggested a recent report being developed in Washington that could help format the information and will provide copies of that report when it is available.

ITEM 2: Fish and Wildlife Program Implementation**Discussion:**

Tom Iverson gave an update on the Program Status Review (PSR) meeting and reviewed the handout of the current status of the FY 2004 BPA Expense Budget. The budget is a mess. There is no funding for Rescheduling Requests or Within Year Requests and no final decisions for correcting the budget errors. Possibly some projects may be moved to other categories or corrections may occur at the February 2004 Council meeting.

Rod Sando urged the MMG to be aware that the CBFWA contract is not fully funded and ½ million was cut out of the CBFWA staff and Members travel budget. The MMG discussed their options and decided that the best strategy is to prepare an analysis and presentation from the CBFWA Membership to BPA policy members and NPCC chair and vice chair.

ACTION:

The MMG assigned staff to meet with BPA and NPCC to explore BPA's position on correcting the budget. Tom I. will draft a detailed recommendation to include specific list of projects, corrections, and questions for review at the 2/24 MMG meeting. After MMG review and Members approval of the analysis CBFWA will arrange a meeting with the CBFWA chair and vice chair, BPA policy members, and NPCC chair and vice chair to build a record to include answers and reasons for their decisions. It's important that the analysis deliver a clear and specific message to the BPA and NPCC from CBFWA.

ITEM 3: F&W Funding Agreement (MOA II)**Discussion:**

Tom Giese and Tana Klum reported on the progress of the MOA II. The Tribes are working hard on the MOA issues, drafting principals, and planning their next steps. The Tribes are preparing products for the Tribal leaders at the ATNI meeting next week.

Tom G. reviewed the draft letter to BPA and NPCC regarding the need for MOA II and asked the MMG for direction. The MMG requested that Tom tone down the cover letter and include a detailed proposal outlining a process to develop a fish & wildlife cost estimate for the FY 2007-2011 rate case. The proposal should lay out the suggested schedule and agendas for meetings, milestones, and expected outcomes.

Tom G reviewed the draft white paper on the policy issues in the MOA II. The MMG discussion revealed a breadth of opinions on the aspects that the MOA II should address.

The MMG requested more information and discussion time to make the best decision. Paul Lumley requested the MOA be an active priority issue because BPA won't sign unless the Tribes, States, and Federal F&W managers are in agreement.

The MMG requested that Tom G. provide an example of a draft MOA after the ATNI meeting for presentation at the 2/24 MMG meeting.

ITEM 4: Subbasin Plans

Discussion: Tom G reported that the "Integrating Subbasin Plans" workshop has not been scheduled yet. The NOAA Fisheries staff is holding internal discussions to help define what a recovery plan should contain and how the TRT's are addressing the integration of subbasin plans into recovery plans.

Tom presented a handout on strategies for estimating future F&W costs for the FY 2007-2011 BPA rate case. The MMG requested that Tom G identify the assumptions used to develop the CBFWA Ten Year F&W Budget from 1998 and indicate how they might be brought up to date. He should report back to the MMG on 2/24 prior to setting up a joint work group with the NPCC and BPA staff. MMG representatives interested in helping should contact Tom Giese at tom.giese@cbfwa.org or phone 503-229-0191.

ITEM 5: Summer Spill Committee

Discussion: Tony Nigro distributed the 1/23/03 Full Spill Committee meeting notes for review and discussion. He reported that the authors will be responding to the comments received and sending the revised proposals to the Spill Committee by 2/11/04. The Spill Committee will finalize the Summer Spill Evaluation proposal package at the 2/17/04 meeting for distribution to the Regional Executives.

The Offset Measures are posted on the TMT/IT web page at <http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/tmt/agendas/2004/0204.html> for review. Comments are due by 2/13/04. The Offset measures will be discussed at the TMT and IT on 2/4 and 2/5 meetings. John Palensky reported that no oppositions have been received and asked that the States and Tribes provide input on the adequacy of proposed Offset measures and the SIMPAS analysis. Decisions will be made by the Regional Executives.

A decision will be made in March 2004 on whether Libby/Hungry Horse

operations in summer 2004 will be changed as described in the Mainstem Amendment to the Fish and Wildlife Program. MDFWP is responding to comments from the ISRP Review of its proposal to evaluate effects of changed operations on resident fish (posted at <http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/isrp/isrp2004-3.htm>). ODFW has reviewed the Hungry Horse & Libby Dams, Montana proposal and sent their comments to the MDFWP. The ODFW and MDFWP will meet to revise the proposal and forward the revision to the RFC for review and comment. Send comments to Brian Marotz at bmarotz@state.mt.us.

The FPAC is preparing a proposal to evaluate effects of the Libby/Hungry Horse evaluation on anadromous fish. The proposal likely will be similar in approach to the spill evaluation proposal.

ACTION: The MMG instructed staff to request a time extension from the IT/TMT and the Federal Executives. Also, prepare a draft cover letter for the FPAC comments on the SIMPAS analysis and Offset measure package for an expedite Members consent mail process. The NOAA Fisheries and USFWS have removed themselves from signing the joint statement from CBFWA.

ITEM 6: CSMEP and PNAMP

Discussion: Frank Young reminded the MMG that the CBFWA comments on the Federal RME Plan are out for MMG & Members concurrent consent mail approval and objections are due Friday by noon. The comments must be finalized and submitted to NOAA and BPA by February 6.

Frank pointed out that the draft white paper of the relationship of the CBFWA CSMEP to other research, M&E and data management efforts in the Columbia River Basin is posted on the CSMEP web page at <http://www.cbfwa.org/rme.htm>.

ITEM 7: Invoices

Kathie Titzler reminded the MMG that contracts expired on 1/31/04 and to send their invoices in by February 29, 2004 for reimbursement.

ITEM 8: CBFWA Technical Conference

Peter Hassemer reported that contractors were hired and are working on collecting data to provide a product for the mid-March 2004 Technical Conference. The meeting logistics will be available the second week of February after meeting with the contractors.

ITEM 9: Next Meeting

The next MMG meeting is confirmed for Tuesday, February 24, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon.

Informational Item:

Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS reported that the Service awarded over \$1.6 million to eight tribes in the Pacific Region. Three of the eight Tribes to receive grants were Nez Perce Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama

Nation. This is the first of three tribal programs and Mark urges other Tribes to apply for future grants. The news release is located at <http://pacific.fws.gov/news/Tribal%20Grants%20NR.PDF> or contact USFWS.

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Item:**

Rod Sando, CBFWA reported that the Wildlife Forever organization is cooperating with fish and wildlife managers in the Northwest Region to sponsor two Bull Trout proposals one for WA & OR and one for ID and MT. Contact Rod Sando or Neil Ward for information at 503-229-0191.