

DATE: September 1, 2005
 TO: Members Advisory Group (MAG) formerly know as the Members Management Group (MMG)
 FROM: Tony Nigro, Chair
 SUBJECT: Action Notes for the August 30, 2005 MAG Meeting

If there are no objections within 8-days, these actions will be considered final.

Members Advisory Group (MAG) Meeting
 August 30, 2005
 CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

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Action Notes

Attendees: Tony Nigro, ODFW; Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; Lonny Macy, CTWSRO; Dave Statler, NPT; Tim Dykstra, SPT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Dick Stone, WDFW and CBFWA staff: Brian Lipscomb, Tom Giese, Kathie Titzler, Tom Iverson, Tana Klum, Neil Ward, and Frank Young

By Phone: Lawrence Schwabe, BPT; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Gary James, CTUIR; Marc Porter, Essa; Sue Ireland, KTI; Chris Hunter, MFWP; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries

Time	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Technical Review	0%
	Objective 3. Presentation	0%

ITEM 1: Introductions and Agenda Approval

Tony Nigro chaired the meeting and the draft agenda sent on August 19, 2005 was approved.

ITEM 2: August 2 & 3 and August 29, 2005 Members' Meetings

Discussion: Brian Lipscomb briefly reviewed the actions taken by the Members of CBFWA at their meetings on August 2 -3 and August 29, 2005:

- Adopted revisions to the CBFWA Charter clarifying that committees are advisory only and abolishing "consent mail" decision-making;
- Adopted revisions to the CBFWA organization chart;
- Committed to participation in a work shop consensus; and,
- Committed to reviewing the success of these changes at their February 2006 meeting.

**Item 2
discussion
continued:**

In the ensuing discussion, the F&W managers and staff (many of whom participated in the Members' meetings) made the following points.

- The effect of these actions is to re-establish the Members' Management Group (MMG) as the Members' Advisory Group (MAG) changing the participants from policy Members (or their representatives) to appointed non-policy representatives.
- The MAG cannot establish new committees but only recommend that the Members establish committees to meet identified needs. However, the MAG and other advisory committees can still set up temporary work groups to assist them in carrying out the committees' functions.
- The chairs of the standing technical committees are to report regularly to the MAG on committee activities.
- The abolition of the "consent mail" process is expected to result in require more direct contact by MAG participants and CBFWA staff with the Members.
- The Members will conduct a review of CBFWA operations and performance under the newly modified charter at its February 2006 meeting to examine the effectiveness in correcting problems.
- The Members made several assignments, including that MAG should develop a two- or three-day work shop on "consensus" and committee chairs should develop a common template to be used in developing committee charters and examine the role of consensus in committee operations.

Tom Iverson (CBFWA) reported on the Members' action directing the MAG to develop a work plan for completing a "regional F&W management plan." Iverson also provided a draft work plan developed by an MMG work group on allocation (attached). The MAG participants had a spirited and informative discussion of what such a plan might consist and the role of CBFWA in developing one.

ACTIONS:

1. The MAG scheduled a meeting of the technical committee chairs (Dave Statler, AFAC; Lawrence Schwabe, RFAC; Dick Stone, WAC; Dave Wills, FPAC; and, Tony Nigro, chair of the MAG) on Wednesday September 21, 2005 from 9:00 AM until Noon at the CBFWA Office in Portland. The purpose of this work group is to develop a recommendation for a common, standardized template to be used in developing the charters for all of the CBFWA technical committees for consideration at the September 27, 2005 MAG meeting. CBFWA staff will circulate a comparison of the committee charters prior to the meeting.
2. The MAG formed a work group, including Mark Bagdovitz, (USFWS), Chris Hunter (MDFWP), Lonny Macy (CTWSIRO), John Palensky (NOAA-F), and Brian Lipscomb (CBFWA), to develop a draft agenda and dates in October for a two-, or three-day workshop on the application of consensus and report back to the MAG at its September 27, 2005 meeting. The purpose of the workshop is to help fish and wildlife managers and CBFWA staff to reach a common understanding of what is consensus, how it may be achieved, methods and tools to pursue it, and how it applies to CBFWA operations.
3. The MAG agreed to meet on Wednesday September 21, 2005, from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM at the CBFWA office in Portland. The main agenda item will be to continue the MAG discussion of what is a regional F&W management plan and how CBFWA might develop one in the context of meeting Objective 3 (Project Review and Management Decisions) and Objective 4 (Develop and

Adopt a Decision and Policy Framework) of the CBFWA “New Directions” Work Plan. CBFWA staff will circulate materials to support this discussion.

ITEM 3: CSMEP Interaction and Policy Guidance

Discussion: Frank Young reported on behalf of the Comprehensive Systemwide Monitoring and Evaluation Project (CSMEP) that it intends to release a working draft of study designs for Tier 1-3 questions by February 2006. Young noted the need to document policy involvement with the work that CSMEP is doing.

ACTION: The MAG requests that Members review the example CSMEP matrix of priorities completed by the IDFG (attached) and return their priorities, particularly as they differ from those indicated by IDFG, before the October 18, 2005 MAG meeting.

ITEM 4: CBFWA Committee Reports

Discussion: Dick Stone, chair of the Wildlife Advisory Committee (formerly Wildlife Committee), reported that the committee has focused recently on the issue of accounting for credit purposes for BPA wildlife mitigation efforts. MAG members cautioned that BPA staff should not be left with the impression that these committee discussions constitute “consultation” with the F&W agencies and tribes. Dick assured the MAG that all recommendations on the crediting issue will be handled through MAG and the Members.

Dave Statler, chair of the Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee (formerly the Anadromous Fish Committee), reported that the committee did not meet in August but was interested in informing fish managers about the NPCC “All-H Analyzer” (AHA) model and how it is being used. He also noted that the AFAC Lamprey technical work group will examine anadromous fish proposals submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers’ Anadromous Fish Evaluation Process (AFEP).

Clint Muhlfeld, out-going chair of the Resident Fish Advisory Committee (formerly the Resident Fish Committee) and Dave Wills, chair of the Fish Passage Advisory Committee did not participate in the MAG meeting and no reports from these committees were made.

ACTION: No action taken.

ITEM 5: Next Meeting and Other Business

ACTION: The MAG will ordinarily meet on the third Tuesday of each month; however, this month it will meet on September 27, 2005 and hold a special session on Wednesday September 21, 2005 to continue its discussion of a regional F&W management plan (see ITEM 2, ACTION 3, above). Subsequently, MAG will return to its regular schedule and meet on Tuesday October 18, 2005.

Tony Nigro, the chair of the MMG, will resign effective September 27, 2005, opening the way for the MAG select a chair as its first piece of business at its September 27, 2005 meeting.