



November 1, 2005

TO: Members Advisory Group (MAG)
FROM: Tony Nigro, Chair and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Action Notes for the October 25, 2005 MAG Meeting

***Note: These Action Notes were approved at the 11/15/05 MAG Meeting.**

Members Advisory Group (MAG) Meeting
Tuesday, October 25, 2005
CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

Action Notes

The support material and reference documents for the 10/25/05 MAG meeting are posted at
<http://www.cbfga.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MMG&meeting=all>.

Attendees: Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; Phil Roger, CRITFC; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Dick Stone, WDFW; Lawrence Schwabe, BPT and CBFWA staff: Frank Young, Tom Iverson, Tana Klum, & Neil Ward

By Phone: Tony Nigro, Chair, ODFW; Dave Statler, NPT; Bill Towey, CCT; Paul Ward, YN; Lonnie Macy, CTWSR; Sue Ireland, KTI; Doug Taki, SBT; Chris Hunter, MFWP; Michele Dehart, FPC and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA

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

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

ACTION: The agenda was re-arranged to insure completion of the committee updates.

ITEM 2: RM&E Report Presentation at the November 15-17, 2005 NPCC Meeting

Brian Lipscomb reported that he had met with Roy Sampsel and Doug Marker to discuss RM&E coordination. They agreed that a joint CSMEP/PNAMP Workshop, planned for February 2006, should be conducted to develop a coordinated framework for regional RM&E. They also acknowledged that although the workshop presented an opportunity to collaboratively develop recommended guidelines for ISRP use in the review of RM&E project proposals for FY 07-09, it is unclear whether the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (NPCC) project solicitation schedule would allow that. A panel, comprised of CBFWA Members, BPA and NPCC staff will discuss this issue, along with the roles CSMEP, PNAMP and StreamNet play in RM&E planning and the expected deliverables from the February workshop, before the NPCC's Fish and Wildlife Committee on November 16, 2005. Frank Young reported that there is a joint CSMEP/PNAMP workgroup currently developing an agenda and logistics for the February workshop and coordination with Roy and Doug is needed ASAP. Brian stated that materials for the Council's meeting packet are due November 3 so there is not much time to prepare.

ACTION: Frank Young will take the lead in setting up a meeting between CBFWA, BPA and NPCC representatives and the joint CSMEP/PNAMP workgroup to coordinate the development of the February workshop. Frank will also coordinate the development of a materials for the Council's meeting packet for the November 16 RME presentation.

ITEM 3: 70-15-15 Report

Discussion: The NPCC has indicated that they intend to manage the Expense portion of the Fish and Wildlife Program per the 70/15/15 allocation among anadromous fish, resident fish, and wildlife projects. Lawrence Schwabe (Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC), Chair) presented a proposal by the RFAC that it believes would better allocate funds consistent with the 70/15/15 principle. RFAC recommended establishing placeholders for each project category (i.e., anadromous fish, resident fish, and wildlife) and that un-obligated funds be placed in each according to the 70/15/15 formula. Furthermore, the RFAC proposed that funds that are de-obligated from a particular project within each of the three categories (i.e., anadromous fish, resident fish, and wildlife) be assigned to that category's placeholder and subsequently used to fund within-year requests or new projects that have previously received favorable recommendations within that category. In addition, the RFAC proposed that the \$1,000,000 that the NPCC and BPA earmarked for "within-year adjustments" during FY2006 should be partitioned per the 70/15/15 objective.

ACTION: The RFAC, Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee, and Wildlife Advisory Committee Chairs will meet with Neil Ward and Brian Lipscomb to develop a proposal, for discussion at the next MAG meeting (November 15, 2005), that provides recommendations for managing the allocation and maintenance of funds, associated with the NPCC's Fish and Wildlife Program, per the 70/15/15 objective.

ITEM 4: Fish Passage Center

Discussion: This agenda item is a follow up to the October 4, 2005 Member meeting action for Brian Lipscomb and the Chair to develop a letter stating support for the Fish Passage Center and its importance to the region. Today's discussion broke out into two parts.

The first question is what is the purpose of the letter and who should it be sent to? The purpose of the letter is to describe the benefits and expertise the FPC provides to the fish and wildlife managers and call on the region to ensure it remains intact and functional. Since Congress is currently contemplating legislation that would prohibit

BPA from funding the FPC, the discussion focused on sending the letter to Northwest Congressional members. Federal agency representatives expressed concern regarding comment on federal legislation. They stated that if the letter is addressed to Congressional members, it is likely that NOAA Fisheries and USFWS will have to abstain from the letter due to federal law prohibiting lobbying on federal legislation.

The second part of the discussion focused on tracking the language in the rider and developing a contingency plan for how the FPC would be managed in case the language was not changed or removed. It was suggested that certain CBFWA policy representatives who are currently involved in efforts to preserve the funding, structure and functions of the FPC be recruited to work with Brian and Michele to describe options CBFWA could consider, if funding by BPA is prohibited by Congress. As a contingency, CBFWA could endorse a 120 day contract extension for the current FPC contract to insure that time is available to transition into a new landscape.

ACTION: The MAG approved forwarding the CBFWA letter expressing support for the Fish Passage Center (Version 2, October 7, 2004) to the Members for final approval. The letter would be addressed to Northwest Congressional members. NOAA Fisheries and USFWS will add language to the letter explaining why they are not signatories.

The MAG requested that Brian L. and Michele D. work with appropriate policy level Members (Rob Lothrop, Bill Tweit, Ed Bowles, etc.) to explore possible options and consequences in case federal legislation is passed that prohibits BPA funding the FPC.

ITEM 5: CBFWA Committee Report

ACTION: Wildlife Advisory Committee Update-

The WAC met in Sand Point, Idaho and toured IDFG Albeni Falls mitigation projects. Costs have increased in this area from \$1,000 per acre to over \$69,000 per acre for native wetlands. The WAC discussed cost share and crediting. Most of the concerns were regarding out of place/out of kind mitigation. The next meeting is scheduled for late November with a tour of WDFW mitigation lands and continued discussion of the crediting issue.

Resident Fish Advisory Committee Update-

The RFAC is focused on completing the resident fish status template by early next spring. The RFAC has agreed on modified charter language, similar to the AFAC, and request that the MAG approve their charter. The RFAC has reviewed a recent exercise by the Pacific Northwest Utility Coordinating Committee (PNUCC) to prioritize projects in the Program. The PNUCC developed a list of the ten worst projects in the Council's Program. **An update with more background and detail will be provided at the next MAG.** The Coeur d'Alene Tribe has requested the MAG review a funding request for stocking their trout ponds. **The MAG agreed to have a presentation at their next meeting.** Finally, the RFAC is discussing adding some tasks to the CSMEP project to initiate work on regional monitoring issues for resident fish.

Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee-

The AFAC elected Dick Stone as their new chair and Dave Ward as their vice chair. The AFAC modified their charter to add oversight of the Lamprey Technical Work Group and the process for electing the chair and vice chair. The AFAC recommends that the MAG adopt their charter with those modifications. The AFAC is working on the Status of the Resource Report template and will continue refining the data base framework at their next meeting on November 10, 2005.

ITEM 6: ISRP Report

Discussion: The ISRP has recently released two reports for public comment. One is entitled “The Independent Scientific Review Panel Retrospective Report 1997 – 2005” and is available at <http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/isrp/isrp2005-14.htm> on the Council’s website. The other is a paper by the The Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) and Independent Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB) that identifies for the Council, Council staff, and regional managers, the critical uncertainties of supplementation, outlines monitoring data needed to evaluate supplementation, and provides options for coordinating projects throughout the basin to produce an experimental design sufficient to resolve uncertainties, as described in ISRP Report 2005-15, titled Monitoring and Evaluation of Supplementation Projects. The MAG agreed that we should review these as we engage in regional planning for RM&E and Coordination.

ITEM 7: Consensus Facilitation Workshop

Discussion: CBFWA held a consensus facilitation workshop in Spokane, Washington on October 18-19, 2005. Approximately 18 members attended the meeting. Brian taught the group several facilitation tools that may be used in CBFWA meetings to assist in developing consensus statements. Each of the MAG members that participated in the meeting summarized their experience from the workshop. The workshop was successful in allowing individual members time to interact with one another and re-establish relationships, which some members thought was as valuable as learning the consensus tools. The conclusion from the group was that the consensus tools that were presented are time consuming and labor intensive, but could be very productive in addressing difficult issues where consensus is sought. The participants are ready to apply the methodologies in a future MAG meeting.

ITEM 8: Regional Fish and Wildlife Plan

Discussion: Due to time constraints, the Members were unable to take formal action on the Regional Fish and Wildlife Plan at their last meeting. It was agreed that the committees should continue working on the data base framework that would support the eventual plan or report. The Resident Fish Advisory Committee has been moving ahead with a data matrix and believes they can complete the data base in early Spring. The Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee has roughly defined their populations of interest and expressed a desire to obtain biological data that is consistent with the NOAA Technical Recovery Teams approach to monitoring and evaluation. The AFAC will continue to develop their framework at the November 10 meeting. The Wildlife Advisory Committee has not resolved how best to report accomplishments for wildlife.

In a related note, the Council staff is considering how best to proceed with completion of the All-H Analyzer project to support the Program amendment process for capturing goals and objectives for the program. There is some discussion of possibly using CBFWA to assist with workshops, similar to the demonstration project, throughout the basin. This effort may line up well with the Status of the Resource Report that we are currently working on.

Phil Roger suggested that CBFWA staff should coordinate with CRITFC staff on the anadromous fish data. CRITFC is currently working on a project to assemble all of the subbasin assessment data. The MAG suggested that Tom Iverson work with CRITFC to develop a possible work plan for completing the AHA project through CBFWA.

ITEM 9: Next MAG Meeting Date/Location and Other Meeting Information

November 10, 2005 – Members conference call from 1 – 4 pm

November 15, 2005 - The next MAG meeting at CBFWA office.

Items for discussion:

- Report / RM&E to 11/15 Council Presentation
- Within year budget modification process
- Coeur d'Alene Trout Ponds presentation
- PNUCC project review presentation

The next NPCC Meeting is November 16-17, 2005 Coeur d'Alene, ID