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DATE: December 28, 2005
TO: Members Advisory Group
FROM: Dave Ward, Vice-Chair
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the 12/08/05 MAG Meeting

***Note: These Action Notes were approved as final at 1/18/06 MAG meeting.**

Members Advisory Group Meeting
December 8, 2005
CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

Action Notes

The support material and reference documents for the 12/08/05 MAG meeting are posted at <http://www.cbfgwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MMG&meeting=all>.

Attendees: Lonny Macy, CTWS; Dave Ward, ODFW; Ronald Peters, CdAT; Dick Stone, WDFW; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Pete Hassemer, IDFG; John Palensky, NOAA-F; Carter Stein, PSMFC; Frank Young, Jann Eckman, Brian Lipscomb, Kathie Titzler, CBFWA

By Phone: Lawrence Schwabe, BPT; Keith Wolf, CCT; Bill Hutchinson, IDFG; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Dave Marmorek, ESSA Technologies

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of the 11/15/05 Draft MAG Meeting Action Notes

ACTION: The agenda was reviewed and the items rearranged according to priority and time limits. The action notes are in the order that the items were discussed.

The MAG approved the 11/15/05 draft MAG action notes as written.

ITEM 3: Recovery Update – Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries

ACTION: This item was removed from the agenda as Rob Walton had a schedule conflict.

ITEM 2: “Shifts in Climate Trends” – A Presentation by Kyle Dittmer, CRITFC

ACTION: No action was taken. The presentation is located on the website and members can contact Kyle for information or with further questions.

ITEM 4: Status of the Resource Report - Review Draft Mock-up for the Columbia Gorge

ACTION: Neil presented the basic outline of the report and the material it will contain. The MAG is supportive of the effort and recommended that staff take the report to the Members to ensure we are on “track” and promote a unified direction of the regional benefit and service of the report.

ITEM 5: FY06 With-in Year Project Recommendations - Review List Prepared by the BOG

Discussion: Brian explained that CBFWA needs to bolster our web support and in order to do that we need to add an IT position. We are also requesting some funds for contracting with a public relations firm. We have submitted a within year funding request to get on the list of FY06 funding requests. We are working from the premise that all the within-year requests will get funded and are requesting MAG action to forward this request to the Members. Ron Peters stated that if it comes down to the CBFWA proposal competing with other on-the-ground proposals, that there may not be consensus to support the CBFWA within year request.

ACTION: MAG requested staff to draft a letter expressing support for funding all the within year requests and the rationale for that recommendation for Member review at their 12/14/05 meeting.

ITEM 6: Fish Passage Center - Discuss the Status of Efforts to Comply with the Congressional Directive

Discussion: Brian presented a sole source unsolicited project proposal to incorporate the functions into CBFWA. The proposal includes adding a resident fish position, a third party oversight group such as the Hatfield School of Government, and a technical advisory group. Brian feels that this proposal will help develop clear guidance on science and provide a mechanism to inform policy. Staff still needs to flesh out what that third party oversight means. Brian wants to recommend to the Members that they consider this proposal and support submitting it. The timeline is short. The proposal must be submitted by 12/31/05 and the transition completed by March 17, 2006.

ACTION: MAG directed staff to flesh out the proposal in more detail (particularly items 11, 12, & 13) and distribute it to the MAG for presentation to the Members.

ITEM 7: FY07-09 Project Proposals - Review and Forward Recommendations to the Members:

- **CBFWA**
- **CSMEP**
- **HEP**

ACTION: CBFWA :

MAG recommended staff build two proposals. One with just the work plan elements and another that includes the work plan and the FPC functions and to bring both of the proposals to the Members to consider at their 12/14/05 meeting.

CSMEP:

Ron Peters pointed out that the CSMEP proposal still does not have resident fish included. MAG recommended staff present the proposal to the Members on 12/14 for their conceptual approval and work on a schedule to address the resident fish issue.

HEP:

The proposal is being worked on and ODFW will help work on it. Some of the proposals may be ready for Members approval on 12/14, but some may be ready for approval only in concept.

ITEM 8: Review Expenditure Budget Increase Request from Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (CTWS) – Lonny Macy, CTWS – Forward Recommendation to Members

Discussion: Lonny Macy explained that the CTWS had a reduced budget in the first place and that they overspent their funds because he and other folks were hired to increase their active participation in the fish and wildlife issues.

ACTION: MAG approved forwarding this request to the Members with the recommended action to approve the funding.

ITEM 9: NPCC Draft Research Plan - Discuss Need and Support for CBFWA Review by 12-15-05 Deadline for Public Comment

Discussion: Brian said staff was meeting with Steve Waste tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. to discuss how this plan overlaps with CSMEP efforts. Once staff has had that meeting we can advise the Members at their 12/14/05 meeting how to respond to the proposal. Dick Stone commented that he feels the Council should remove the M&E part of the Plan. CSMEP is designing a plan to monitor the status of what is critical. The managers should be identifying the critical questions, not the Council. Brian stated that staff will try and find out what the collaborative process is.

ITEM 10: Next MAG Meeting Date, Time, and Location – Confirm December 20, 2005 from 9 AM-5 PM at CBFWA Office

ACTION: The MAG agreed not to meet on 12/20, decided to meet 1/9/06, but that date is now rescheduled for the January 18, 2006.

The remaining agenda items 10 - 13 were removed from today's agenda due to lack of time. If further direction or action is needed on any of these items, MAG recommended that they be added to the next MAG meeting agenda.

ITEM 10: CBFWA Funding - Discuss Opportunities to Diversify Funding Sources

ITEM 11: Cost-Sharing - Discuss Opportunities to Integrate and Leverage Funding from Various Sources

ITEM 12: 70/15/15 Allocation of Fish and Wildlife Program Expenditures – Discuss Status of Efforts to Achieve the Intended Balance Between Anadromous Fish, Resident Fish, and Wildlife Expenditures

ITEM 13: PNUCC Project Review – Discuss PNUCC Proposal to the NPCC for a Project Review Process