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DATE: May 12, 2006
TO: Members Advisory Group
FROM: Mark Bagdovitz, Acting Chair, and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Revised Draft Action Notes for the 04/25/06 MAG Meeting

***Note: These Draft Action Notes were approved as Final at the 5/16/2006 MAG Meeting.**

**Members Advisory Group Meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 2006
CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon**

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Draft Action Notes - Version 2

Attendees: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Dick Stone, WDFW; Tony Nigro, ODFW; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries; Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; Lonny Macy, CTWSRO; Trina Gerlack, CBFWA; Pat Burgess, CBFWA; Kathie Titzler, CBFWA

By Phone: Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Sue Ireland, KTI; Brian Marotz, MFWP; Dave Statler, NPT; Mary Verner, UCUT; BJ Keiffer, Spokane; Ray Enz, Kalispel; Joe Maroney, Kalispel; Virgil Moore, IDFG

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Action: The agenda was approved with the amendment to discuss Item 6 after Item 2. Dick Stone moved to accept agenda with amendments noted. John Palensky seconded motion.

ITEM 2: Update from Lynn DuCharme, Chair and Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS Vice-Chair on Sharing Chair Duties for the MAG Meetings

- Mark Bagdovitz apologized for the postponement of last week's originally scheduled MAG meeting. The meeting postponement was due to a mix-up in scheduling.
- Lynn and Mark provided an update on the sharing of Chair duties advising that Lynn has deferred the chairing of the MAG meetings to Mark due to the difficulty of facilitating the meetings from a distance. Lynn will continue to perform other duties as Chair.

ITEM 6: Update on the Mainstem Systemwide Review Process for FY07-09 – Tom Iverson, CBFWA**Recommended action:**

The MAG will likely take action at their May meeting to endorse a CBFWA recommendation for the Mainstem Systemwide group of proposals. The MAG could consider creating an ad-hoc committee to review the Mainstem Systemwide Review Team recommendations and creating a CBFWA work plan for consideration at the May MAG meeting.

- a. Functions Formerly Performed by Fish Passage Center - The MAG needs to assign AFAC to develop a list of criteria that the FPC proposals may be reviewed by, with the understanding that CBFWA needs to develop a consensus recommendation for these services.
- b. Coordination Funding for Fish and Wildlife Managers - Schedule a meeting of the project sponsors of the five coordination projects (CBFWA, UCUT, CRITFC, KT, and ST) to discuss an equitable resolution.
- c. Database Projects - The MAG needs to assign the AFAC to work with the Streamnet Steering Committee to establish what functions Streamnet and all database projects should provide during FY07-09.
- d. Bull Trout Projects - The MAG needs to assign the RFAC to develop a bull trout monitoring strategy, based on the proposed projects, for FY 2007-2009.
- e. Sturgeon Projects - The MAG needs to assign the RFAC to develop a recommendation on the suite of lower river sturgeon projects to be funded in FY 2007-2009.

Discussion: Tom Iverson provided an overview of the Mainstem Systemwide Review Team process and advised that the Mainstem Systemwide Review Team (MSRT) completed the review of 161 proposals. The proposals were prioritized into four categories: 28 projects were placed in the Core Program category (\$41M), 32 were placed in the High Priority category (\$20M), 55 were placed in the Recommended Action category (\$17M) and 21 were ranked as Do Not Fund (\$2.9M). Ten on-the-ground projects were deemed better suited to a local review and not prioritized by the MSRT (\$2.7M). Several projects were not given a final ranking, pending a review in special categories (i.e., fish passage monitoring, database management, and fish and wildlife manager coordination).

ITEM 6b: b. Coordination Funding for Fish and Wildlife Managers – The MSRT identified these projects as separate proposals with parallel paths. The project sponsors of the five coordination projects (CBFWA, UCUT, CRITFC, KT, and ST) scheduled a meeting for May 2, 2006 at 1:30pm at CBFWA office. **Discussion:** items will include:

1. What are the principles of fish and wildlife manager coordination for the Fish and Wildlife Program?
2. What are the funding and participation needs across the basin?
3. Is there criteria we can use to define a strategy to support all CRB fish and wildlife managers equitably?
4. How can the group make the proposals more cost effective?

Ray Entz, KT is open and willing to meet to find a more cost effective way. He stated that all projects should be ranked on their merits.

BJ Keiffer, ST stated that Spokane Tribe needs the funding to cover the costs to attend regional meetings.

Action: Ron Peters moved that the CBFWA Members participate in a meeting with UCUT, CRITFC, KT, ST and CBFWA staff to discuss funding principles. Ray Entz, KT agreed if the meeting was in a timely manner, if not let the projects stand on their merits. Dick Stone seconded motion.

They scheduled the meeting/teleconference for May 2, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. at the CBFWA office with the project sponsors of the five coordination projects (CBFWA, UCUT, CRITFC, KT, and ST) to discuss an equitable resolution to finding the most cost effective approach to provide coordination services and travel support for F&W managers to regional meetings.

- Item 6a, c, d, e** The MAG held a lengthy discussion regarding whether or not an ad hoc committee to review the MSRT recommendations is necessary since the MSRT process already reviewed and ranked the proposals and the ISRP process will rank the projects based on technical merit.
- Discussion:** The MAG did not support the CBFWA mechanism to provide prioritization to these groups of proposals. Instead, an ad hoc committee of the MSRT with Tom Iverson as the facilitator for the group will proceed as needed for recommendations.
- ITEM 3:** • Approve 1/18/06 and 3/21/06 MAG Meeting Draft Action Notes as Final.
- Action:** Mark Bagdovitz moved to approve 1/18/06 and 3/21/06 MAG Meeting Draft Action notes. Lonny Macy seconded motion.
- ITEM 4:** **FY06 Budgets for Members' Participation** – Kathie Titzler, CBFWA
- Approve Kootenai Tribe of Idaho request to restore their participation funding level to \$12,000 for the FY 2006 contract.
 - Approve Idaho Department of Fish Game request for their meeting participation funding budget be \$20,000 for FY 2006 contract.
 - The Reserve Account balance would be \$34,166 after these requests are approved.
- Action:** Dick Stone moved to accept budget amendments as presented. Tony Nigro seconded motion.
- ITEM 5:** **Charter Discussions** – Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
- CBFWA Charter
 - Request volunteers to finish the charter edits
 - Review/Revise Fish Passage Advisory Committee (FPAC) Charter
- Discussion:** Brian advised that the Members direct the MAG to formulate a subcommittee to affect CBFWA Charter edits focused at language inconsistencies. The Fish Passage Center's contract is in place until 11/30/2006. The FPAC Charter needs to be reviewed to ensure that it is up-to-date, operational, and in alignment with the CBFWA Charter. Brian solicited volunteers from the MAG to complete these projects.
- Action:** Dick Stone, Tony Nigro, Mark Bagdovitz, Ron Peters, and Dave Statler volunteered to review and update the CBFWA and FPAC Charters.
- ITEM 6:** **Update on the Mainstem Systemwide Review Process for FY07-09**
- Action:** This item was discussed after Item 2.
- ITEM 7:** **Review and Discuss Draft Statement of Work for Public Relations Assistance** – Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
- Action:** Ron Peters moved to fix the typo and refer Statement of Work and PR Contract to Members for approval accompanied by a sole source explanation. Dick seconded motion.
- ITEM 8:** **Discussion of the AFS Science Review for ATNI** – Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
- Action:** Virgil Moore moved to request Brian Lipscomb to draft a letter responding to Keith Wolf's, letter for Members' final approval clarifying CBFWA's assisting ATNI in the role of facilitator and clarifying responsibility between ATNI and AFS for approving the review of the 2000 BiOp and the 2000 FCRPS BiOp on remand. Tana Klum will prepare a history document for the record and review at the May 3, 2006 Members Teleconference. Tony seconded motion.
- ITEM 9:** **NPCC's Response to the CBFWA letter to Chairman Karier on M&E** - Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
- Discussion:** Brian Lipscomb stated that the NPCC's response to the parallel processes of the Rolling Issue Paper and the M&E Plan was in form of action taken at the April NPCC Meeting when the Rolling Issue Paper was combined into the M&E Plan.

ITEM 10: Discussion of the Status of the Resource Report – Brian Lipscomb & Neil Ward, CBFWA

- How does it relate to the Council Chairman's initiatives on data management?

Action: Brian Lipscomb, Amy Langston, and Neil Ward will present the Status of the Resource final mock-up to the Council next week to clarify how this report relates to Chairman Karier's initiatives.

ITEM 11: Update of CBFWA Interaction with and Participation on the Budget Oversight Group - Tom Iverson, CBFWA

The Members approved the CBFWA staff's new participation role in the BOG as defined below:

- 1) Staff would attend all BOG meetings and track the within year requests (current);
- 2) Staff would insure that all within year requests are posted online and that review information is kept current (new);
- 3) Staff would contact all project sponsors by email prior to BOG, Quarterly Review, and Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) meetings where their project is scheduled to be discussed (new);
- 4) Staff would contact projects sponsors if the status of their request changes at any time; and,
- 5) Staff would be available by phone for questions from projects sponsors and would be available to attend meetings with Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) staff and NPCC staff at the project sponsor's request (current).

Discussion: During the last Members' meeting, the five defining points were approved; however, the MAG questioned Tom Iverson's responsibility of interaction with non-CBFWA project sponsors.

Action: Tony Nigro moved that this item be reviewed with the Members at the May 3, 2006 meeting for clarification relative to Tom Iverson's interaction with non-CBFWA project sponsors. Ron Peters seconded motion.

ITEM 12: Update on Recruiting the Vacant Anadromous Fish Management Coordinator Position – Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA

Brian Lipscomb advised group that five applications have been received for review by the AFMC position subcommittee. Brian Lipscomb requested permission from the MAG to authorize the subcommittee to extend the posting as necessary to ensure a qualified pool of candidates.

Action: Tony moved to authorize subcommittee to extend position posting as necessary with follow-up communication provided to the Members at the May 3, 2006 meeting. Dick Stone seconded motion.

ITEM 13: Update HEP Wildlife Crediting Discussion – Dick Stone, WAC Chair

Dick Stone will meet with Wildlife Advisory Committee to review the HEP Wildlife Crediting report in June.

Action: This item was rolled forward to the June 2006 MAG meeting.

ITEM 14: CBFWA Committee Updates

Dick Stone advised that the AFAC's upcoming agenda will include reviewing Mainstem Systemwide Projects.

Neil Ward advised the MAG that the RFAC is planning a 3.5 day retreat at the end of June to review projects. In addition, the group has a Bull Trout workshop planned, similar to the successful White Sturgeon workshop which took place in March 2006.

Neil announced to the MAG that he learned that the ISRP review of projects would be complete by June 1, 2006 allowing two weeks prior to the provincial review scheduled for June 16, 2006.

ITEM 15: Set Agenda for Members May 3, 2006 Teleconference at the UCUT Office, Spokane, WA

Action: May 3, 2006 Members' Meeting Agenda items include:

- Approve draft Action Notes from April Members Teleconference
- Update on Council Action on R M&E
- Present Sapphire Strategies for Public Relations contract
- Draft letter to AFS clarifying CBFWA position regarding ATNI
- BOG liaison role clarification
- Update on AFMC Position
- Approve draft invitation letter to Kalispel and Spokane Tribes to rejoin CBFWA

FYI Item: Members and MAG Meeting Information:

- Monthly MAG meetings will continue to be the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- The MAG will set an agenda for the Members monthly meetings during their monthly MAG meetings.
- Monthly Members Teleconferences are scheduled for the **1st Wednesday** of every month in 2006 from **1:00pm to 4:00pm**.
- The Summer Members Meeting is scheduled for August 23-24, 2006 in Boise, Idaho.

Meeting adjourned.