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DATE: August 29, 2006
TO: Members Advisory Group
FROM: Mark Bagdovitz, Acting Chair
SUBJECT: Action Notes for the 8/17/2006 MAG Meeting

Members Advisory Group Teleconference Meeting
Thursday, August 17, 2006
CBFWA Office, Portland Oregon

The support material for the 8/17/2006 MAG Teleconference is posted at:
<http://www.cbfga.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>

These action notes were approved as final at the 9/16/06 MAG Meeting.

Action Notes

Attendees: Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Lonny Macy, CTWSRO; Dave Statler, NPT; Bill Young, NPT; Tom Rien, ODFW; Michele DeHart, FPC; Pat Burgess, Jann Eckman, Trina Gerlack, Tom Iverson, Kathie Titzler, Neil Ward, Dave Ward, CBFWA

By Phone: Lawrence Schwabe, BPT; Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Paul Kline, IDFG; Wildlife Manager Scott Soult, KTI; Barry Berejikian, NOAA Fisheries; Doug Taki, SBT; Gwen Lankford, Sapphire Strategies

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Lynn DuCharme was not available to chair meeting so Mark Bagdovitz served as acting chair.

- ACTION**
- Dave Statler moved to accept agenda as presented.
 - Lonny Macy seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 2: Approve 7/18/06 MAG Meeting Draft Action Notes as Final

- ACTION**
- Dave Statler moved to accept 7/18/06 Action Notes as final.
 - Lonny Macy seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 3: Data Management Update – Tom Iverson

- StreamNet

Discussion: Tom Iverson advised that he sent out a “hold the date” email to potential key participants requesting attendance for an upcoming workshop to help define the scope of work for the FY 07-09 StreamNet project to support agencies and tribes and the Council’s Fish and Wildlife Program. The workshop is planned for September 20-21, 2006 at the CBFWA office in Portland.

Note: *In the course of this discussion, Mark Bagdovitz suggested during this meeting and for future meetings, that phone attendees press the # key on their telephone if they had questions or comments. This will signal the Chair to acknowledge them and give them an opportunity to speak at the first opportunity.*

ITEM 4: Status of the Resource Update and Presentation – Neil Ward

To view the prototype of the Status of the Resource website go to www.cbfwa.org/sotr

Discussion: Neil Ward directed the MAG to the Status of the Resource website and briefly ran through what information can be found utilizing this tool. Neil stated that the F&W Managers have been very helpful in supplying information for the site; however, there is still some information that is needed to fill the gaps. Neil advised that the starting point is Focal Species but will eventually expand to include Wildlife but with a different approach to reporting. The next step is capturing Habitat information; a topic of discussion in the near future.

ACTION

- Neil will provide a Status of the Resource presentation to the Members at the August meeting in Astoria.

ITEM 5: Review Draft CSMEP Summary – Frank Young

The draft Executive Summary that Frank references can be found under 8/17/06 Meeting at: <http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>

Discussion: Frank Young presented the *CSMEP FY 2006 Annual Report Executive Summary – Draft*. Frank stated that this is just a summary of the actual report which will be approximately 100 pages. Frank is seeking CBFWA's recommendations and endorsement conceptually as he continues to work on the report which will be completed by the end of September, prior to his retirement.

Tom Iverson suggested that Frank make a presentation to the Council on CSMEP. He advised that there's a Council F&W meeting on 8/31 but since that is the same day as the Members' meeting, the September 6th Council meeting in Astoria may provide an opportunity for the presentation.

Dave Statler advised that the report should be clear about how CSMEP is moving forward. What are the future plans for CSMEP? Discussion points to include are the Council's questions regarding CSMEP.

The *CSMEP FY 2006 Annual Report Executive Summary - Draft* can be found under the 8/17/06 Support Material at:

<http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>

- Frank Young will present this summary to the Members for discussion at the August meeting in Astoria.

ITEM 6: Review and Discuss Draft Project Priorities Response to NPCC & BPA

NPCC link to the province level review process descriptions and recommendations: <http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/budget/2007/province/stateprovdocs.htm>

Discussion: Tom Iverson stated that the technical committees are bringing this back to the MAG for one more review prior to presentation at the August Members' meeting in Astoria. Tom referenced the letter directed to Chairman Karier drafted by the CBFWA technical committees advising the Council and BPA of consequences if projects are insufficiently funded or not funded at all. Included with the letter is a list of critical projects at risk within the F&W program for FY 07/09.

Tom stated that OR and ID identified projects deemed high priority to F&W Managers but were projects that did not make the cut. WA budget is yet to be balanced so it was not included. WA is waiting for the final ISRP report. Tom stated that the letter evolved to embrace salmon recovery boards and captive broods, the later added by John Palensky.

Tom advised that the situation has changed somewhat which may require the letter's

nuance to be more flexible as the process moves forward. Go on notice stating that more funding is needed. The timing coincides with the Remand.

Tom asked where CBFWA wants to go with this? Do we get this out and offer up to engage with the Council to work on a realistic budget for the next three years?

Tom advised that BPA has modified their interpretation of their capital policy allowing capitalization for screening and passage projects.

Dave Statler acknowledged that there are some Members who are reluctant to ask BPA for more money without specific actions attached to the request.

ACTION

- Tom would like to see this moved before the Members for their approval at the August meeting with the letter revised adding a sentence acknowledging that process and the list of projects are not definitive. Dave Statler suggested that the MAG members review this and send their edits direct to Tom.

ITEM 7:

Northwest Power Conservation Council Amendment Process Discussion – Tom Iverson

- Review draft outline of PowerPoint presentation for August Members' Meeting
- Are the CBFWA Members in agreement with the current structure?
- 2010 Project Selection
- AHA Process

Discussion:

Tom Iverson apologized for not having a draft outline for the PowerPoint presentation but advised that that he will have the PowerPoint presentation prepared for the August Members' meeting.

Tom stated that there are several moving pieces that relate to this topic. At their August meeting, the Council approved release of an issue paper to adopt province level objectives through a Program Amendment process. The draft staff issue paper is available within the Council's agenda on their website, under agenda item 3. The Council staff identifies a data framework for Program objectives that would establish "population" level characteristics including adult abundance, hatchery influence, and life stage mortalities. For habitat potential they identify habitat productivity and capacity as it relates to the populations (very similar to the VSP parameters from the TRTs).

CBFWA recently adopted the strategy of developing the Status of the Resource Project (SOTR) based on a very similar data framework. If supported by the Members, the SOTR could be used to facilitate development of biological objectives and participation in the Council's amendment process. The SOTR could be used as the adaptive management tool for implementation of the Fish and Wildlife Program.

Tom stated that in order to facilitate use of the SOTR, the CBFWA members will be asked to re-align the data priorities within the StreamNet project to be consistent with the data needs for regional monitoring and evaluation. There is a workshop scheduled for September 20-21 at the Council offices to discuss modifying StreamNet's statement of work for FY 2007-2009. It is imperative that policy representatives from the agency and tribes attend the meeting to provide the leadership for the biologists and data managers to understand the regional needs that StreamNet should/could support.

Tom advised that it is very important for the MAG members to interact with the StreamNet steering committee to fully optimize data management for the Program. Council staff members and BPA representatives will also attend the meeting.

Tom continued stating that another regional process that is influencing data management and the adaptive management realm within the basin is the NOAA Fisheries, Jim Waldo facilitated, hatchery reform project (and Mitchell Act EIS). NOAA has requested assistance from the Council and BPA in supporting funding for the co-managers to participate. We are working with Council staff to possibly add this as a task that can be reimbursed through CBFWA's coordination funding.

Tom said that the CBFWA members will be asked for support using their coordination

funding for this purpose. If the CBFWA members engage in the hatchery reform effort, data may be acquired that can assist in developing biological objectives at the population and possible provincial level.

The SOTR can provide the data framework for managing data that can be used to support the next round of subbasin planning and eventually, the next round of project implementation. If used properly, CBFWA could recommend as an amendment to the Program, the use of the SOTR as the adaptive management tool that has evaded the Program to date.

ACTION Tom will finalize the PowerPoint presentation for the August Members' meeting in Astoria.

ITEM 8: The Salmonpeople Tour and Peter Donaldson – Jann Eckman

Within the meeting, this agenda item was moved to follow Item 9.

Discussion: Jann Eckman began her discussion informing the MAG that Peter Donaldson is the son of Jack Donaldson, the founder of CBFWA. Peter is an educator and artist involved in Salmonpeople, a one-man show described as an outreach and education strategy in the salmon restoration arena, currently under a watershed theme. In the July 18th MAG meeting, the idea of sponsoring Salmonpeople was suggested by Brian Lipscomb, but at this time an endorsement is being considered instead.

The educational, community based theatre production is coming to Lincoln Hall in Portland in October. This showing will be by invitation only. Jann brought to the meeting a DVD of excerpts of the production but in the interest of time, it was decided that the DVD would be played at the end of the MAG meeting for those interested in seeing it.

- Jann advised that Peter Donaldson will provide a presentation to the Members at the August meeting in Astoria.
- Dave Statler suggested that an endorsement be provided in the form of a letter.
- Mark Bagdovitz suggested that someone from CBFWA should view the entire production prior to providing CBFWA's endorsement.

ITEM 9: Strategies for Implementation of NPCC Fish and Wildlife Program's Mainstem Amendments as it pertains to Fish Passage Oversight – Michele DeHart

Discussion: In follow-up to a discussion held in the last MAG meeting relative to selection of a Fish Passage Oversight Work Group, Michele DeHart began the discussion advising that the details of the CBFWA FPC was submitted with the mainstem systemwide proposals with a recommendation to fund with implementation of mainstem amendment as written; however, Council staff's recommendation to the Council is not the same as the MSRT recommendation. Michele stated that this confuses the issue.

Michele asked the question: should CBFWA just wait until a decision is reached through the 9th Circuit Court or should we begin strategizing the establishment of the Board and committee? If so, how would CBFWA want to set that up? What form would it take? Michele stated that Brian Lipscomb wants to be sure that CBFWA populates the committee.

Dave Statler stated that when Council established the Board that Larry Cassidy did not have the authority to establish or disestablish CBFWA's Board so the structure should still exist. We may need to resurrect the active nature of the existing committee and Board of CBFWA.

Michele stated that it is up to the MAG to decide. She is not suggesting, just raising the question if the mainstem language is actually implemented.

Dave Statler asked the MAG if there may be value in having CBFWA staff research the existing FPC Board structure, actually looking at specific documentation and how the new Charter relates to the existing Charter.

Mark Bagdovitz asked if CBFWA wants to respond to Council staff?

ACTION: Jann Eckman stated that she could provide a summary of the FPC Charter and could incorporate the information into the Charter discussion at the August Members' meeting opening up the issue for discussion by the Members.

ITEM 10: Update RM&E and Wildlife Mitigation Coordinator Position Interview Process – Jann Eckman

Discussion: Mark Bagdovitz provided this update stating that the subcommittee met on Wednesday. Mark advised that they have a total of eleven applicants. The subcommittee must whittle the qualified applicant list down to at least three final candidates for recommendation to the Executive Director, per the CBFWA Charter. Mark stated that they are behind the time line originally set because of scheduling conflicts but anticipate for interviews to take place after Labor Day.

ITEM 11: Review additional CBFWA Logo proposals – Gwen Lankford, Sapphire Strategies

Note: *Mark Bagdovitz suggested that in future meetings Gwen Lankford be moved to the beginning of the agenda warranting more time and attention to this very important topic.*

Discussion: Gwen directed the MAG to review the mock-ups that she provided. The mock-ups CBFWA Logos by Gwen Lankford, Sapphire Strategies – Draft can be found under the support material for today's meeting at

<http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>.

- Gwen explained that she incorporated the suggestions she received and requested comments from the MAG on the latest mock-ups. As it was a little difficult to see all the background detail depicting the areas covered on the overhead, Gwen advised that the original artwork will show finer detail. Gwen stated that the pdf's provided are initial mock-ups and not as clean and exact as the final artwork. The initial mock-ups are used to save expense until a consensus is achieved of the overall concept, then Gwen will provide clean renderings for review.

ACTION:

- Mark Bagdovitz gave his thumbs up on the new design.
- Ron Peters requested a correction be made to the Member listing for the Coeur D'Alene Tribe. The "of Idaho" should be removed as it is no longer recognized by the Coeur D'Alene Tribe.
- Dave Statler stated that the same applies to the Nez Perce Tribe and requested the "of Idaho" be removed from the name. Dave Statler suggested that Gwen recheck the coverage area on the background of the logo.
- Incorporating Nevada into the background coverage area was mentioned but it was confirmed that Nevada did not need to be added.
- Gwen reminded everyone that a logo is a signature, not a meaning in and of itself. The true meaning comes from how you use it and what you put on it.
- Gwen will provide clean renderings of the mock-ups presented before the MAG today to the Members at the August Meeting in Astoria.

ITEM 12: McMorris Discussion – Tana Klum

Discussion: Tana Klum provided a summary of the issues regarding BPA Power Allocation and the effect on Fish and Wildlife. Tana provided documents for review. The following documents are posted for review on the CBFWA site at:

<http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>:

- Summary of BPA Power Allocation Proposal: soliciting comments by September 29, 2006.
- *BPA Power Allocation will affect Fish and Wildlife and Tribal Utilities:* This is a summary by Ed Sheets of the highlights of the BPA proposal. August 15, 2006
- *Testimony of Nancy Hirsh, NW Energy Coalition:* Before the US House of

Representatives Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Resources Oversight field hearing on “Electricity Costs and Salmon: Finding the Balance” July 7, 2006.

- *Testimony of the Honorable Rebecca Miles, on behalf of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission:* Before the Water and Power Subcommittee of the House Committee on Resources United States House of Representatives Field Hearing on “Electricity Costs and Salmon: Finding the Balance” July 7, 2006.
- *Can BPA afford Salmon Recovery?* A Report by the Yakama Nation August 9, 2006

ACTION: Tana will provide an informational presentation to the Members at the meeting in Astoria.

ITEM 13: Review Summer Members’ Meeting Agenda

- ACTION:**
- Tom Iverson suggested that the MAG Members review the agenda looking at which items are most important for their own policy level attendees.
 - Dave Statler suggested that all action items be moved to the start of the meeting.
 - Jann advised that the presentation by Peter Donaldson must remain on the second day due to Peter’s schedule.
 - Lynn DuCharme reminded the MAG of Ron Trahan’s request to state action items clearly on the agenda.
 - Mark Bagdovitz requested more detail for the afternoon of 8/31. Jann stated that she will follow-up and provide more detail.

ITEM 14: September 6, 2006 Members’ Teleconference Agenda

Discussion: The September 6, 2006 Members’ Teleconference is postponed.

ITEM 15: CBFWA Committee Updates

WAC: Frank Young stated that no one is interested in taking the WAC Chair seat. The overall interest is low with regard to WAC committee participation. The general agreement is that without a specific assignment from the MAG, there is no real interest for the committee members to meet. A tour of the Nez Perce pre-com land was planned but has been cancelled.

RFAC: Lawrence Schwabe advised that the group met at the end of June and that he has nothing new to report since his last report to the MAG. He said that the RFAC meet when topics arise that require discussion. Neil Ward is currently working on the Bull Trout issue. No meeting has been scheduled at this time.

AFAC: Dave Ward advised that the committee chair retired (Dick Stone), the vice-chair (Dave) is now at CBFWA. The former and current chair will brainstorm the AFAC’s last meeting action to assign new coordinator to select a date and call meeting.

- ACTION:**
- Frank Young requested that a review of the WAC committee issues be placed on the MAG agenda. Mark Bagdovitz stated that if there are issues within the committees that those should come before the MAG for discussion. Mark requested that a review of the function of all the CBFWA committees’ be put on the agenda for the September 19th MAG meeting.

Note: *Prior to the adjournment of the meeting, Doug Taki asked if the next MAG meeting could be held in the afternoon of 9/19 from 1:00-4:00. It was agreed that the time change would be satisfactory.*

FYI ITEM: Members and MAG Meeting Information:

Next regular monthly MAG Meeting is September 19, 2006. *The time for this meeting will be from 1:00-4:00 p.m.*

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 30-31, 2006 in Astoria, Oregon.

Meeting adjourned.