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TO: Members Advisory Group
FROM: Mark Bagdovitz, Acting Chair & Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Action Notes for the 9/6/2006 Special MAG Meeting

Members Advisory Group Teleconference Meeting
Wednesday, September 6, 2006
CBFWA Office, Portland Oregon

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

These action notes were approved as final at the 9/19/06 MAG Meeting.

Action Notes

Attendees: Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Laura Gephart, CRITFC; Jaime Pinkham, CRITFC; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Michele DeHart, FPC; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries; Lynn Palensky, NPCC; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Brian Lipscomb, Pat Burgess, Trina Gerlack, Tom Iverson, Tana Klum, Kathie Titzler, Neil Ward, CBFWA, Laura Gephart, CRITFC; Jaime Pinkham, CRITFC; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Michele DeHart, FPC; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries; Lynn Palensky, NPCC; Tony Nigro, ODFW

By Phone: Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; Bill Towey, CTCR; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Lonny Macy, CTWSRO; Bill Hutchinson, IDFG; Dave Statler, NPT; Gwen Lankford, Sapphire Strategies; Doug Taki, SBT; Mary Verner, UCUT

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 attend the meeting so Mark Bagdovitz served as acting chair. Tom Iverson suggested that the FYI items for 9/19/06 MAG meeting be modified to add a Hatchery Process presentation by Jim Waldo, suggesting CBFWA participation.

Note: *As initiated in the last MAG meeting, 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.*

ACTION

- John Palensky moved to accept agenda as modified.
- Phil Roger seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 2: Update on 8/31/06 F&W Committee Meeting and Mainstem Systemwide Recommendations

- Update provided as background for Agenda Item 3.

Discussion

Mark Bagdovitz advised that the NPCC F&W committee met last week on Thursday, 8/31, regarding FY 2007-2009 mainstem and systemwide funding recommendations. Tom Iverson and John Palensky both attended the Council meeting on 8/31 and provided comments to the MAG.

Tom and John agreed that they found the process rather confusing and disturbing. The Council put forth a proposal to use as a base funding recommendation for ongoing projects using their average spending for 04-06 adding 15% as a starting point. This idea was also presented at the August Council meeting but it was not well received and was presumed dead because it is simply a fiscal exercise that does not look at the work to be performed. The process is not tied to tasks and biological objectives - it does not look at tasks individually; instead, it appears to be based entirely on the dollars spent in the past based on an arbitrary algorithm. WA pushed this process in order to establish an ESA reserve (held back to support projects out of Remand Process).

Tom Iverson stated that the application of formulas and objectives is inconsistent with the basic premise of subbasin planning and the intensive FY 2006 funding process which required projects sponsors to provide past accomplishments and a direct tie to subbasin plans or other regional guidance documents. He also explained that in 2003 several significant projects were initiated, but unable to fully contract in FY 2004 (CSMEP, NOAA Action Effectiveness, etc). In 2005 the projects were ramping up to their planned spending and finally hit their stride in 2006. Basing their funding on 04-06 spending will result in nearly a 30% reduction in the projects from their 2006 funding level, with no explanation of the tasks that will be eliminated.

John Palensky stated that there did not appear to be a resolution of budget issues or identification of what really needs to be resolved. Tom advised that the Council would not accept comments by project sponsors at the meeting, so there does not appear to be a lot of opportunity, if any, to comment.

Phil Roger commented that there were also a number of mathematical errors in the WA tables which would lead to inaccurate recommendations.

Lynn Palensky explained that the Council is continuing to work through these issues for the province and basinwide recommendations, reviewing committee notes, MSRT recommendations, and WA paper/comments. Lynn stated that she would have to check and advise of ETA of posting 8/31 meeting information on the Council site. It is anticipated that following the September Council meeting in Astoria, the draft recommendations will be released for a short public comment period prior to the October Council meeting.

ITEM 3: FY07-09 Program Coordination Needs

Facilitated discussion of the coordination project sponsors to develop a comprehensive list of areas needing coordination of the region's tribes and fish and wildlife managers to effectively achieve restoration, mitigation, and enhancement of the Columbia Basin's fish and wildlife resources as they are affected by the operation of the FCRPS.

- Doug Marker, NPCC staff, representatives from Kalispel Tribe, Spokane Tribe, UCUT, and CRITFC will be invited to provide their perspective to better define tasks and deliverables for the next 1-2 years. The intent will be to present a product to the Council at the September 12-14, 2006 NPCC Meeting in Astoria.

Note:

Several documents were provided during the course of today's meeting. All of the following meeting documents can be found on the CBFWA website for review at <http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>.

- *Summary of 2007-2009 Program-related coordination needs from Managers (Lynn Palensky)*

- *Fish and Wildlife Committee notes from 8/29 on CBFWA budget/fish and wildlife*

manager coordination projects (Lynn Palensky)

- Program level coordination and participation needs for Fish and Wildlife Managers (Deane Osterman, Kalispel Natural Resources Dept)

- Columbia Basins Fish and Wildlife Authority Summary of 2007-2009 Work Plan (Tom Iverson, CBFWA Staff)

- Email titled "Review of Summary CBFWA workplan" referencing needs that CRITFC feels should be added. (Laura Gephart, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission)

- Summary of 2007-2009 Program-related coordination and participation needs for Managers and accompanying email message from Mary Verner to NPCC (Mary Verner, Upper Columbia United Tribes)

Discussion:

Brian began the discussion by stating that with regard to coordinating elements of the mainstem program, the fish and wildlife committee set tentative funding recommendations, not situated in various proposals. Council staff would like feedback for their deliberations at the Council meeting in Astoria on 9/12/06 with specific elements geared toward coordinating dollars. Brian stated that today the MAG is asked to brainstorm to identify certain deliverables, fleshing out for FY 07 and beyond.

Brian advised that the Spokane and Kalispel Tribes were both invited to take part in today's discussion but both communicated that they were not available to participate. Deane Osterman of the Kalispel Tribe did however provide their alternatives for regional coordination functions developed in coordination with NPCC members and staff.

A couple weeks ago, Lynn Palensky sent out invitations to project sponsors to clarify their proposals. At today's meeting Lynn provided a guidance document *Summary of 2007-2009 Program-related coordination needs from Managers* that served as foundation for today's discussion.

The MAG wrestled with the best way to proceed given the brief amount of time available. It was finally decided that they would review the headings and descriptions of each category on the Council document provided by Lynn and adopt it as a template to use by the Members for Council's consideration. Mark Bagdovitz asked Lynn Palensky if it was advantageous for everyone to follow the same order. Lynn suggested that it would be helpful.

The MAG reviewed the document, provided by Lynn Palensky, making the following minor revisions:

- In the "Technical Reviews" category, "and Policy Reviews" was added to the category heading.
- In the "Program Implementation" category, "and Cost Share Development Opportunities" was added to the category heading

ACTION #1

- Dave Statler moved to accept the seven broad categories of the Council document, as modified, for the purpose of today's discussion.
- John Palensky seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

The MAG reviewed the CBFWA Summary of 2007-2009 Work Plan deliverables outline that Tom Iverson put together based on the Council's document listing the seven categories. Tom noted changes/suggestions provided by the MAG and agreed that he will finalize the document integrating the MAG's suggestions and forward the document to the Council staff. UCUT and CRITFC will also provide reformatted deliverables to Council staff by week's end.

Brian Lipscomb confirmed that he will follow up with Spokane and Kalispel to communicate the result of today's discussion.

- ACTION #2** Mark Bagdovitz suggested a motion to approve the CBFWA Work Plan deliverables document.
- John Palensky moved to approve and accept the CBFWA Work Plan deliverables document as discussed and send it on to Council staff.
 - Dave Statler seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.
- Dave Statler confirmed that the CBFWA work plan deliverables document would be formatted using the same categories as discussed in this meeting. **The final document submitted, CBFWA Summary of 2007-2009 Work Plan, is provided with these action notes and posted on the website under the 9/6/06 MAG meeting documents at <http://www.cbfgwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>.**
- ITEM 4: Kalispel and Spokane Tribes Invitation to Participate in CBFWA Activities – Tana Klum**
- Recommended Action:**
- Approve draft follow-up letters to clarify and welcome the Kalispel and Spokane Tribes participation as non-members of CBFWA consistent with other non-CBFWA members.
- Discussion:** Tana Klum presented a draft outline of a letter to the MAG for their review and comment. The MAG members provided critique to Tana on how to reformat the letter.
- ACTION** It was determined that Tana and Brian will continue to work internally to draft final letters of invitation and will bring them back to the MAG meeting on 9/19/06 for final approval. Tana advised that Gary Aitken, Sr., KTI, has offered to read the final letters and offer his perspective as a tribal member.
- ITEM 5: Status of the Resource – Neil Ward**
- To view the prototype of the Status of the Resource website go to www.cbfgwa.org/sotr
- Recommended Action:**
- Populate Steering Committee to review refined Gorge Province report and prepare document summaries for outstanding tasks and sections, such as, introduction letter for future edits, Mainstem Systemwide Hydro, M&E components, standardize limiting factors, and performance measures.
- Discussion:** At the Members’ meeting in Astoria, the Members, via motion, directed the MAG to establish a MAG SOTR subcommittee. Neil Ward expressed concerns that the establishment of a subcommittee will delay the SOTR timelines already established. Neil advised that the mid-October 2006 Council meeting is the planned delivery timeline set for the SOTR with the 2nd version due out in February 07. Dave Statler questioned whether the timelines set were imposed internally or externally. Brian Lipscomb responded stating that the timelines were established internally but we have communicated and committed ourselves externally.
- The MAG agreed that this may be a good opportunity for this project to transition from CBFWA staff to CBFWA Members. Brian will send out an email explaining the explicit charge of the subcommittee requesting if anyone else is interested in volunteering.
- Brian specified that the charge for the subcommittee will be:
- 1) To review the SOTR from the standpoint “is this what the Members want to say?”
 - 2) To work with Neil to determine if limiting factors can be communicated in a different way – specific toward fish.
 - 3) To work on clear communication from CBFWA to the Region on what this report “is not” and make sure we stay on the delivery timeline already established.
- In the interim, Neil Ward will review the SOTR and make changes where necessary specifically with regard to limiting factors based on Members’ concerns expressed at the Members’ meeting in Astoria.

ACTION **A subcommittee consisting of Mark Bagdovitz, Dave Statler, and Ron Peters was established,** leaving the door open to welcome other interested MAG members. The subcommittee established their **first meeting date as Tuesday, 9/19/06 from 9:00am-12:00pm** on the same day as the next MAG meeting.

ITEM 6: **Data Management Workshop** – Tom Iverson

- Define appropriate participation in the September 20-21, 2006 Data Management Workshop at the NPCC office in Portland. The workshop objectives are to discuss a data management framework to support adaptive management for the BPA funded F&W Program, and specifically define a scope of work for the FY 07-09 StreamNet project to provide data consistency to support agencies and tribes and the NPCC Fish & Wildlife Program.

Discussion: Tom Iverson re-emphasized the September 20-21st workshop. Tom stated that he has talked to NED and has reached out to PNAMP. A steering committee has been established consisting of Peter Paquet, Bruce Schmidt, Tom O’Neil, Phil Roger, and Jen Bayer. The group still needs to identify a facilitator. Tom anticipates sending out a draft agenda this Friday, 9/8/06.

FYI ITEM: **The next MAG Meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2006 from 1:00-4:00pm at the CBFWA office in Portland**

Agenda items cued for 9/19/06 MAG Agenda:

- Final approval of 8/17/06 MAG action notes.
- Establishment of a Public Relations Subcommittee
- CBFWA Technical Committee Structure Review

ACTION **Items added to the 9/19/06 MAG agenda during today’s meeting:**

- Hatchery Reform Process Presentation by Jim Waldo
- Final MAG approval of letters to the Spokane and Kalispel Tribes

Meeting adjourned.