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DATE: October 17, 2006
TO: Members Advisory Group (MAG)
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for 10/24/06 MAG Meeting

Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and government agencies:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

**MAG Meeting
Tuesday, October 24, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon**

Teleconference 503-229-0449 ID: 202046

Draft Agenda

The support material and reference documents for the 10/24/06 MAG Meeting are posted at:

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

ITEM 2: Review the September 19, 2006 and October 4, 2006 MAG Meeting Draft Action Notes

Recommended Action: Approve the 9/19/06 and 10/4/06 MAG Meeting Draft Action Notes as Final

ITEM 3: CBFWA Charter

At the August Members Meeting the Members reviewed, edited and adopted a revised CBFWA Charter and directed staff to forward the revised Charter to Joe Mentor, CBFWA Attorney for his legal review. Attached is a strike-out version that addresses a few minor clerical issues. Also attached is a memo that outlines three areas that the Members consider clarifying language: 1) provisions for the Chair to call special Members meetings; 2) clarification of the effective date of Members withdrawals; and 3) the addition of procedural provisions for the Members Advisory Group to make this section consistent with the Members and Technical Advisory Committee sections.

Recommended Actions:

- Review recommended provisions for adoption into the CBFWA Charter
- Recommend for Members consideration and re-adoption

ITEM 4: Pacific NW Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) Survey Request Discussion

This item was deferred from the 9/19/06 MAG meeting and the PNAMP representatives have contacted CBFWA staff in August, September, and October for input.

PNAMP is requesting your participation in a survey of current monitoring activities in the Pacific Northwest. The questionnaire is on-line at <http://pnampsurvey.streamnet.org>. Contact Kristal Talbot at 541-757-4263 x250.

Recommended Action:

- How should CBFWA respond to the PNAMP request?

ITEM 5: Northwest Power and Conservation Council Amendment Process

The NPCC's request for comments are due 10/31/06 and posted at <http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/2006/2006-15.htm>

The MAG agreed that the technical committees should perform the preliminary work to establish how best to define biological objectives for anadromous fish, resident fish, and wildlife for the subbasin, province, and program scales. The objectives should be consistent with other ESA metrics.

Review draft comments prepared by the technical committees on the NPCC's proposed amendment process calling for defined biological objectives for the Fish and Wildlife Program focusing on how to facilitate program amendments and how are biological objectives defined.

Recommended Action:

- Approve recommended draft CBFWA comments on the NPCC's proposed amendment process for Members consideration at their 10/27/06 teleconference.

ITEM 6: Review the AFAC Comments for Participation in the Columbia River Hatchery Reform Project Process

Jim Waldo met with the MAG on 9/19/06 to discuss the Columbia River Hatchery Reform Project. Link: <http://www.hatcheryreform.us/>

In 2005, Congress directed an independent review of the hatchery programs in the Columbia River Basin to model after the Puget Sound and coastal Washington Hatchery reform project. The purpose of the Columbia River Hatchery Reform Project is to develop a management approach that allows tribal, state, and federal managers to manage the Columbia River Basin hatcheries to meet conservation and harvest goals that meet legal responsibilities. Decision requirements are based on broad policy agreements that are supported by technical and scientific information on hatcheries, habitat, and harvest.

Jim Waldo is requesting fish and wildlife managers' participation to help improve the process and increase the value of the product to Congress. In addition, Jim is requesting funding support for workshop facilitation, travel, & labor for the co-managers to participate in the regional process. Assistance is needed to develop a base for objectives in the program by partnering with F&W managers to prevent program duplications. Columbia River Hatchery Reform Project is working with NOAA-Fisheries in preparing a preferred EIS process to integrate work into next round of decisions and develop a better demonstration of funding value per investment and change future decisions making in other processes such as the US v Oregon's harvest management, US Canada's 2008 decisions, and BiOp Remand's evaluation program.

The NPCC and BPA support the Columbia River Hatchery Reform Project and will use their data in the NPCC Amendment Process.

Doug Marker suggested using the coordination funding to participate in the process since managers have more time now that the project solicitation process has ended. The NPCC staff is reviewing the FY07-09 work plan, and do not expect a budget increase for this request.

On 9/19/06 the MAG directed AFAC to prepare a list of specific tasks to participate in this process. The CBFWA F&W Managers will need to incorporate time, efforts, and costs while discussing the CBFWA work plan.

Recommended Action:

- How should CBFWA participate in Columbia River Hatchery Reform Project process?

ITEM 7: October 17-18, 2006 NPCC Meeting in Helena, MT Update**ITEM 8: Status of the Resource Report and Steering Committee Update**

- ITEM 9: Fish Passage Center/CBFWA Board of Director Update**
- ITEM 10: CBFWA Technical Committee Structure Review and Updates**
- ITEM 11: Data Management 9/20-21/06 Workshop Update**
- ITEM 12: CBFWA Public Relations Update Regarding Salmonpeople**
- ITEM 13: CBFWA Subcommittee RM&E Wildlife Mitigation Coordinator Announcement Update**
- ITEM 14: Kalispel and Spokane Tribes Invitation Letters to Participate in CBFWA Activities Update**
- ITEM 15: Next MAG Meeting**

The next MAG Meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2006 from 9:00am-12:00pm at the CBFWA office.

FYI: The NPCC meeting is scheduled for November 14-16, 2006 in Coeur d' Alene, ID.

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