



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: October 31, 2006
TO: Members Advisory Group
FROM: Mark Bagdovitz, Acting Chair & Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes from 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
9:00am-12:00pm
@
CBFWA Office, Portland OR

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>

These notes will be approved as final at the 11/21/06 MAG Meeting.
Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Lynn Palensky, NPCC; Dave Statler, NPT; Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Dave Ward, Tana Klum, Pat Burgess, CBFWA.

By Phone: Dale W. Chess, Cd'AT; Laura Gephart, CRITFC; Gary James, CTUIR; Lonny Macy, CTWSRO; Michele DeHart, FPC; Peter Hassemer, IDFG; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Doug Taki, SBT; Jen Bayer, USGS

Time Allocation:	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
	Objective 2. Fish & Wildlife Regional Issues	%
	Objective 3. Annual Report	%
	Objective 4. RM&E	%
	Objective 5. Other Business	%

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Lynn DuCharme was not available to Chair the meeting; Mark Bagdovitz served as acting Chair.

Action:

- Dave Statler moved to accept agenda as presented.
- Doug Taki seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 2: Review the 9/19/06 and 10/4/06 MAG Meeting Draft Action Notes and approve as Final.

Action:

- Tony Nigro moved to approve 9/19/06 & 10/4/06 MAG draft action notes as final.
- Dave Statler seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

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.

Provided for today's meeting was a strike-out version of the Charter and a memo from Jamie Morin, of Joe Mentor's office, outlining suggested clarifications of the Charter language. Jann Eckman walked the MAG through the suggested revisions.

The legal review of the document included some clerical corrections that did not change the operative provision of the revised Charter; however, other provisions were recommended for consideration. The following is a summary of the Charter Revisions and the accompanying motions of approval.

Suggested Charter Revisions

Section 404(B): Inclusion of provision (6) calling for a special meeting of the Members.

Section 406: Withdrawal by Members was revised to read that the effective date of the withdrawal will be “30 days from the date of receipt of the notification letter by the Executive Director.”

Action:

- Tony Nigro moved to accept language as suggested in sections 404(B)(6) and 406.
- Lonny Macy seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

Section 501-Members Advisory Group: Procedural provisions were included to be consistent with language found in the Members meeting sections and Technical Advisory Committee sections.

Action:

- Pete Hassemer moved to adopt changes as recommended in section 501.
- Tony Nigro seconded motion.

After some discussion, the motion was amended as follows:

- Tony Nigro amended the motion to adopt changes as recommended in section 501 with the exception of adding a clause that quorum is not essential.
- Pete Hassemer seconded motion.

Action:

After additional discussion, the motion was again amended as follows:

- Tony Nigro amended the motion to adopt changes as recommended for section 501 and to refer to definition of a quorum as defined in 404(B)(2) except as designated in 505(A).
- Pete Hassemer seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 4:

Pacific NW Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) Survey Request Discussion

PNAMP has requested participation in a survey of monitoring activities in the Pacific NW. The questionnaire is online at <http://pnampsurvey.streamnet.org>.

Discussion:

Jen Bayer advised that the intent of this survey is to provide an online tool to obtain information on monitoring activities. PNAMP and StreamNet are conducting the work.

Jen provided a list of organizations/individuals that have completed the survey. Jen stated that CBFWA Member participation has been good and she wished to say thank you to those who have participated and encouraged other CBFWA Members and their staff to participate.

The output tool, which is still being defined, will be available in about six weeks. PNAMP will provide CBFWA with a presentation of survey results.

Pete Hassemer commented that the results will be symbiotic of PNAMP/CBFWA and how that relationship can be incorporated into SOTR and used to help inform future decisions on M&E.

Action:

No action was required for Agenda Item #4.

ITEM 5:

Northwest Power and Conservation Council Amendment Process

On August 22, 2006, the NPCC issued a request for comments on developing biological objectives for the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program (Program). The MAG agreed that the technical committees should perform the preliminary work to establish how to best define biological objectives and that those

objectives should be consistent with other ESA metrics.

Discussion:

Brian Lipscomb requested feedback from the MAG on a letter that was drafted by Tom Iverson in response to the Council's request for comments.

The MAG deliberated on whether or not CBFWA should respond to the Council's request for comments on the proposed amendment process at this time, delaying CBFWA comment until the Council moves forward with the process, or respond by 10/31/06 and focus comments on process versus outcome.

Action:

The MAG decided to rewrite the letter emphasizing the following four points:

1) CBFWA will not comment on the details of the process itself; 2) the expectation of deference to fish and wildlife manager comments should a process go forward; 3) the likely level of participation by fish and wildlife managers if a process goes forward, and 4) Fish and wildlife managers expectations regarding objectives, adaptive management, etc.

Dave Ward will rewrite the letter and initiate an email soliciting comments from the MAG Members on the revised draft with the intent to have a final version before the Members for their approval on Friday, 10/27.

ITEM 6:

Review the AFAC Comments for Participation in the Columbia River Hatchery Project Process

Jim Waldo provided a presentation to the MAG on 9/19/06 on the Columbia River Hatchery Reform Project www.hatcheryreform.us. In that meeting, Jim Waldo requested F&W managers' participation and Doug Marker suggested using the coordination funding to participate in the process. Doug Marker stated that the Council staff is reviewing the FY 07-09 work plan and do not expect a budget increase for this request.

The hatchery reform project was initiated by Congress in 2005 thereby directing an independent review of the hatchery programs in the Columbia River Basin to model after the Puget Sound and coastal Washington Hatchery Reform Project.

At the 9/19/06 meeting, the MAG directed the AFAC to prepare a list of specific tasks required for participation in this process, incorporating the time, efforts, and costs associated with participation. The question posed was "how should CBFWA participate in the Columbia River Hatchery Reform Project process?"

Discussion:

Dave Ward advised that at the AFAC meeting of 10/12/06, Dan Warren and Chip McConnaha briefed the group on the hatchery reform project and provided draft summaries of the specific tasks and costs associated with member participation. An AFAC memo and budget summaries were included in the MAG meeting packet and posted online for review.

Dave reported that while the AFAC recognizes the relative importance of the project, the group is not prepared to make a specific recommendation regarding the use of CBFWA funds for the project.

Dave informed the MAG that a workshop has been targeted to familiarize the AFAC and the MAG with this project. This workshop will be a good exercise toward sorting through all the questions and to include clarification of the Congressional Mandate, the amount of the budget and how it is used, a review of the tools being used, and explanation of how the effort relates to the review that NPCC conducted, recovery planning, Mitchell Act, Lower Snake, etc. (Tools include the Managing for Success model - formerly known as AHA.)

Action :
*Workshop
Scheduled*

The workshop is scheduled for **Monday, November 6, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., in the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's large conference room.**

To ensure that the conference space will be adequate, please let Dave Ward know of your interest to attend (dave.ward@cbfwa.org or 503.229.091).

Note:

Within the meeting, some agenda items were addressed out of the original order to accommodate departing participants: from this point forward, the agenda items are

listed in the order in which they were discussed. Agenda items not addressed during this meeting will be placed on the agenda for the 11/21/06 MAG meeting.

ITEM 13: CBFWA Subcommittee RM&E Wildlife Mitigation Coordination Announcement/Recruitment Update

In Executive Session on 10/4/06, the RM&E/WMC subcommittee forwarded their recommendations to Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA Executive Director, as directed via CBFWA Charter.

Brian Lipscomb advised that a hiring decision has not been made. Brian is scheduled to interview the candidates recommended by the MAG subcommittee.

ITEM 7: October 17-18, 2006 NPCC Meeting in Helena MT Update

Brian Lipscomb provided an overview of the Council meeting pertaining to CBFWA: The Status of the Resource Report (SOTR) was presented on the second day of the meeting and was well received. Ron Trahan kicked off the presentation stating that the Members are in process of reviewing the data and anticipate the final review to be completed by the end of November.

The report was 75% complete at the time of the Council meeting in Helena.

Dave Ward advised that the layout may be reworked for better flow.

The MAG will review and recommend the final SOTR document and put it before the Members at the 12/6/06 Members' meeting for final approval/adoption and then for presentation at the following NPCC meeting.

The CBFWA AWP and four other coordination projects (Spokane, Kalispel, UCUT, and CRITFC) are pending further review. No budget recommendations were made during the Council meeting for the five project proposals and all five proposals are subject to the "regional coordination placeholder" established by the Council. The Council is working toward completing its review at the November Council meeting.

CSMEP has received funding for only two more years, as opposed to the 3 years requested. This is slated for review next year in the context of a regional M&E framework which may provide chances to secure funding for year three.

FPC function is still on hold pending the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court decision and is subject to placeholder funds.

HEP was fully funded.

ITEM 8: Status of the Resource Report (SOTR) and Steering Committee Update

See Item #7 for the update on the SOTR.

ITEM 9: Fish Passage Center/CBFWA Board of Director Update

Jann Eckman advised that she is working on a chronological history of the Fish Passage Center with regard to the establishment of the CBFWA FPC Board of Directors. Jann had hoped to have the information for today's meeting but tracking the historic information has taken more time and effort than originally anticipated. Jann will communicate her findings as soon as the chronology is complete. This information will serve as background material as the Members consider how they may want to populate the FPC Board of Directors.

ITEM 14: Kalispel and Spokane Tribes Invitation Letters to Participate in CBFWA Activities Update

Brian Lipscomb advised that the letters were sent out but no formal response has been received to date.

ITEM 12: CBFWA Public Relations Update Regarding SalmonPeople

Brian Lipscomb stated that feedback from the SalmonPeople performance has been positive. Those in attendance felt that it was well done and was appropriate although some attendees commented that the length of the performance (2 hours) was too long.

Brian advised that Peter Donaldson will be contacting CBFWA via email to discuss a future partnership and presentation.

ITEM 11: Data Management 9/20-21/06 Workshop Update

In follow-up to recommendations made at the September Data Management Workshop, the StreamNet Steering Committee is meeting on 10/24-25 with the intent of focusing on drafting a work plan incorporating input from the data workshop. Once complete, the draft work plan will be circulated for review and comment.

ITEM 10: CBFWA Technical Committee Structure Review and Updates

This agenda item was bumped to the MAG meeting on 11/21/06.

ITEM 15: NEXT MAG Meeting

- The next MAG meeting is scheduled for 11/21/06, 9:00am-12:00pm at the CBFWA Office.
- FYI: The next NPCC Meeting is scheduled for 11/14-16/06 in Coeur d'Alene ID.