



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: May 24, 2007  
TO: Members Advisory Group  
FROM: Mark Bagdovitz, Chair  
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes from the 5/22/07 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 fish and wildlife 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

## Members Advisory Group (MAG) Meeting

Tuesday, 5/22/07

9:00am - 2:00pm

@ Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) Office, Portland OR

The support material and reference documents for the 5/22/07 MAG meeting are posted at

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

## Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Tom Scribner, YN; Tom Iverson, Tana Klum, Ken MacDonald, Kathie Titzler, Neil Ward, Dave Ward, Pat Burgess, Trina Gerlack, CBFWA

**By Phone:** Laura Gephart, CRITFC; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Bill Towey, CTRC; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Brian Marotz, MDFWP; Dave Statler, NPT; Gary Sims, NOAA Fisheries; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Nate Pamplin, WDFW

**Guests:** Lynn Palensky, NPCC; Gwen Lankford, Sapphire Strategies

<b>Time Allocation:</b>	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
	Objective 2. Technical Review	%
	Objective 3. Presentation	%

### ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Dave Statler requested that the agenda be modified to include an update on the activity of the Lamprey Technical Work Group (LTWG).

**Action:** • The MAG approved the agenda with the requested modification. No objections.

### ITEM 2: Review the 4/24/07 MAG Meeting Draft Action Notes and approve as Final

**Action:** • The MAG approved the 4/24/07 MAG meeting notes as final. No objections.

### ITEM 3: CBFWA Response Letters on Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) FY07-09 Funding Decisions Update

Tom Iverson advised that the two letters approved at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Members meeting were finalized and mailed the week of 5/14. The processing of the letters was delayed to allow for minor edits and additional review by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) representative.

View Final Letters:

[http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007\\_0502/CBFWAcommentsToBPAY07-09Process051707Final.pdf](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0502/CBFWAcommentsToBPAY07-09Process051707Final.pdf)

[http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007\\_0502/CBFWAProjRecLtrToBPA\\_051707Final.pdf](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0502/CBFWAProjRecLtrToBPA_051707Final.pdf)

### ITEM 4: May 9, 2007 Amendment Strategy Workshop Update

The amendment strategy workshop was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> with a follow-up session scheduled for July 24-25<sup>th</sup> in Spokane. Tom Iverson advised that the May 9<sup>th</sup> workshop was a good brainstorming session while the July session is anticipated to be more product oriented. The draft action notes from the May 9<sup>th</sup> workshop are posted for review:

[http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007\\_0522/ActionNotesJointAmendWkShop050907DRAFT.pdf](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0522/ActionNotesJointAmendWkShop050907DRAFT.pdf)

**ITEM 5: Development of a Comprehensive Management Coordination Strategy Update**

At the February 7-8, 2007 meeting, the CBFWA Members directed the MAG to work with the Spokane and Kalispel Tribes to develop a comprehensive management coordination strategy and integrate all coordination initiatives into the strategy.

Tom Iverson advised that the coordination groups have continued to meet to explore and define coordination. Tom provided a presentation for MAG review prefacing that the product was still broad in content and format.

The presentation is intended to serve as an update to the Northwest Power Planning Council (NPCC) at their July meeting; however, Lynn Palensky, NPCC, stated that the NPCC has the update on their June meeting agenda. Tom advised that the group could provide an update in June; however, they would not be prepared to discuss funding recommendations. The presentation will likely be an outline that is used to draft a Program measure for the amendment process. The tasks that are identified for coordination within the Program will serve as a menu for coordination groups to choose from when proposing projects.

The MAG suggested revisions to the presentation. Tom noted the recommended edits and advised that he will take the suggestions back to the coordination groups for their concurrence allowing for a review by the Members prior to the June NPCC meeting.

**ITEM 6: Science Policy Conference Update**

Lynn Palensky, NPCC, advised that the Science Policy Conference is scheduled for September 12-13, 2007 at the Portland State University (PSU) Campus auditorium in downtown Portland. The steering committee subgroups have met to begin planning the session topics: Habitat and Mainstem and Estuary and Ocean.

Tom Iverson stated that CBFWA is considering facilitating workshops leading up to the conference on habitat and should include a remand subgroup to summarize that process, if that information is available at that time. Tom emphasized the importance of having the Fish and Wildlife Managers engaged in the conference discussions. The intent of this conference is for the scientists to present the current science and for the policy makers to discuss how that will influence their decision making. It is important for the fish and wildlife managers to discuss how the latest scientific discoveries are impacting management of fish and wildlife resources, and how implementation of the Program should be modified to respond to the newest information.

Mark Bagdovitz suggested referencing [www.salmonrecovery.gov](http://www.salmonrecovery.gov) for recent information released on the remand process.

**ITEM 7: Ad-hoc Biological Objectives Workgroup Update**

Tom Iverson provided the update for the biological objectives workgroup stating that the ad-hoc group has established shared goals and objectives and a vision statement. Tom and Brian Lipscomb will provide updates as the group continues to meet throughout the summer. The next step for the workgroup is to fully consider how mid-range biological objectives will be used and what information is necessary to make decisions within the Fish and Wildlife Program at the mid-range scale (i.e., Establish funding levels? Determine funding allocations? Prioritize provinces/species/subbasins?). View a workgroup update outlining goals and vision statement on the NPCC website: [http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2007\\_05/10.pdf](http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2007_05/10.pdf)

**ADDED ITEM: Lamprey Technical Workgroup (LTWG) Activity**

Dave Statler referenced a draft U.S. Corp of Engineers (COE) Lamprey FY08 Research Plan stating that he provided a copy to the Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee (AFAC) for their review. Dave suggested that the plan could form components toward the amendment process and elevate LTWG activity. The COE plan does not contain a

timeline for public comment.

Lynn Palensky stated that the NPCC Fish-4 would welcome an update on Lamprey from the LTWG to inform the amendment process.

- Action:**
- The MAG moved for the AFAC to assign the LTWG to review the COE Lamprey Plan document and report the results of their review to the MAG in June, and possible follow-up comments to the COE. No objections.

**ITEM 8: Data Management Framework Subcommittee (DMFS) Update**

The CBFWA Members Advisory Group (MAG) tasked the DMFS to develop data management project recommendations for FY 2008-2009, for endorsement by the CBFWA Members, consistent with the NPCC and BPA's 07-09 funding decisions which called for a comprehensive review of data management projects.

Tom Iverson advised that the Northwest Environmental Data Network (NED) created a workgroup to focus on data management for the Fish and Wildlife Program. NED is developing a 2007 work plan that includes projects that fit into the anticipated CBFWA project funding recommendations; as a result, it was concluded that the two groups could merge to develop the strategy and recommendations.

NED has released a strategy for managing data which may be a good background document to be used as framework for the Fish and Wildlife Program. The DMFS will review the NED strategy document and anticipates providing draft recommendations to the MAG at the June meeting.

Tom Iverson noted that during the April 24 MAG meeting, the group advised the DMFS to develop a CBFWA strategy prior to engaging outside interests. With the merging of the two data management groups, the DMFS has acted contrary to that directive. The next meeting of the combined group will be on June 6. Following that meeting, the MAG directed the DMFS to meet as a CBFWA group to finalize their recommendations in time for the June MAG meeting.

**ITEM 9: Collaborative Systemwide Monitoring & Evaluation Project (CSMEP) Presentation**

Ken MacDonald recalled that at the 4/24/07 meeting, the MAG directed CBFWA staff to prepare a letter to NPCC and BPA, and develop a presentation to the NPCC. The draft letter was presented for MAG review. Ken stated that the BPA's 2.3 in-lieu rating assigned to CSMEP was not addressed in the letter. Ken queried the MAG as to whether a statement should be added about the in-lieu rating.

The MAG provided feedback to Ken on the letter and suggested that it be shortened to contain only the vital statements, with the remaining information (accomplishments) submitted as an attachment, along with a copy of the CBFWA comment document to the NPCC dated 2/23/2007 ("How CSMEP serves M&E Guidance of the NPCC").

Ken reviewed the draft presentation with the MAG receiving considerable feedback toward content and format revisions. Ken will modify the letter and presentation for Members endorsement in June and possibly as a presentation to the Council in July.

Mark Bagdovitz advised that he is attempting to add Brian Lipscomb to the June 5<sup>th</sup> Federal Caucus agenda to provide an update on CSMEP.

**ITEM 10: Independent Science Review Panel (ISRP) Retrospective Report**

Tom Iverson advised that in the ISRP Retrospective Report released in March 2007, a statement was made that 40% of the project proposals did not report results. In the Council's response to BPA FY07-09 funding decisions, the Council implies that this translates into 40% of the projects not reporting results to BPA (the contracting agency). These are two different issues – whether or not the sponsors are meeting their contract obligations and whether or not project sponsors are including results in their proposals. Tom stated that the projects that did not report results generally had good reasons.

Habitat projects generally were criticized for not providing an analysis of biological benefit, in fact, the ISRP recommended that all habitat projects contain M&E components. From the ISRP's perspective, they expect that project sponsors should be able to summarize the results of their work in the proposal and not expect reviewers to search annual reports to BPA for information.

CBFWA staff will review the projects and prepare an analysis for the June MAG meeting.

**ITEM 11: Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (NPCC) Draft Fiscal Year 2008 Revised Budget and Fiscal Year 2009 Proposed Budget**

The NPCC released their FY08 revised budget and FY09 budget with public comment due by June 25<sup>th</sup>. View the budget documents at: <http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/2007/2007-6.htm>. Tom Iverson advised that this item is provided for MAG members review and information at this time. Historically, CBFWA has not responded to the NPCC on their operating budget.

**ITEM 12: Innovative Project Solicitation Process** <http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/budget/innovate/Default.asp>

Tom Iverson advised that the Innovative Project Solicitation process closed on May 18<sup>th</sup> with a total of 58 proposals submitted. The ISRP review will conclude on June 26<sup>th</sup> followed by a public comment period until July 24<sup>th</sup>. The NPCC plans to make funding recommendations to BPA by mid-September.

The MAG determined that given the current work load, and the anticipated lack of response by NPCC, CBFWA would not make further comment on the process.

**ITEM 13: Ad-hoc Capital Program Planning Committee Recommendations for the CBFWA Staff Participation**

Discussion on this item was deferred. CBFWA staff will continue to participate and monitor the process for establishing a capital plan for the Program and will report back at the next MAG meeting.

**ITEM 14: Next MAG Meeting Date and Time**

- The next MAG meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2007 at the CBFWA office. Tony Nigro, ODFW, advised that ODFW will not be represented at the June 19<sup>th</sup> MAG meeting and Brian Marotz, MDFWP, advised that he will not be able to attend the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The next Amendment Strategy Workshop is scheduled for July 24-25, 2007 in Spokane, WA.

**ITEM 15: June 6, 2007 Members Teleconference**

The next Members teleconference is scheduled for June 6, 2007 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the CBFWA office. Proposed agenda items include:

- NPCC Fish and Wildlife Committee Chair/Members Status Report
- CBFWA Technical Committees' Status Report
- Review and Approve CSMEP Letter
- Federal Caucus update by Brian Lipscomb

**FYI:** The Fish Passage Center Oversight Board (FPCOB) nominations close May 23, 2007.

**FYI:** The next NPCC meeting is scheduled for June 12-14, 2007 in Bonners Ferry, Idaho and July 10-12<sup>th</sup> in Portland OR.

*Meeting Adjourned.*