



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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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

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: June 26, 2007  
TO: CBFWA Members Advisory Group  
FROM: Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA  
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes

## Members Advisory Group (MAG) Teleconference Tuesday, June 19, 2007 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. @ Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA), Portland OR

The support material and reference documents for the meeting is posted at <http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>.

### Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Tom Scribner, YN; Michele DeHart, FPC; Dave Statler, NPT; Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Kathie Titzler, Tom Iverson, Tana Klum, Neil Ward, Pat Burgess, CBFWA

**By Phone:** Ken MacDonald, CBFWA; David Speten, BPT; Dale W. Chess, Cd'AT; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Peter Hassemmer, IDFG; Gary Sims, NOAA Fisheries; Nate Pamplin, WDFW; Laura Gephart, CRITFC

**Guests:** Bill Maslen, Matt Deniston, Allen Davis, Laurie Perigo, BPA; Jen Bayer, USGS; Bruce Schmidt, PSMFC

**Time Allocation:**

Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Objective 2. Technical Review	%
Objective 3. Presentation	%

### **ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda**

**Action:** The MAG moved to accept the agenda with possible modifications in the item order, if necessary, for late arrival of guest presenters. No objections.

### **ITEM 2: Approve Action Notes as Final for 5/9/07 Amendment Workshop and 5/22/07 MAG Meeting**

**Action:** The MAG moved to approve the 5/9/07 and 5/22/07 action notes as final. No objections.

### **ITEM 3: Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) Update**

Ken MacDonald opened the discussion by stating that he asked Jen Bayer to provide a presentation detailing the participants, background, and function of PNAMP and to provide an opportunity for discussion.

Ken added that in his role as RM&E and Wildlife Mitigation Coordinator, he represents CBFWA as a charter member of PNAMP, along with fish and wildlife managers from NOAA Fisheries, Colville, and CRITFC. Ken stated that there is concern regarding a lack of direct representation of the fish & wildlife managers in PNAMP and a communication disconnect between Collaborative Systemwide Monitoring and Evaluation Project (CSMEP) and PNAMP. Today's discussion is one step in the right direction toward improving communication.

Brian Lipscomb referenced language contained within *The Proposed Action for the Federal Defendant's Sixth Remand Report (March 21, 2007)* recognizing PNAMP

as having a role as a coordinating body for M&E and stated that the agencies and tribes do not agree with the proposed action. Jen clarified that PNAMP is not formally a part of the Remand process; however, there are PNAMP steering committee members who took part in the composition of the draft proposed action. Jen expressed mutual concerns about the language in the proposed action and advised that the PNAMP steering committee plans to discuss this at their retreat on June 26-27<sup>th</sup>. Jen stated that PNAMP does not intend to be at odds with other purposes or entities.

Jen added that the mission and goals of PNAMP and CSMEP are similar which is all right as long as there is no duplication of work. PNAMP is awaiting recommendations from CSMEP, and PNAMP expects to soon share some specific products other than annual reports.

Jen affirmed that PNAMP attempts to capitalize on the needs of the Columbia Basin and the resources spent there for the greater good but there's no change underway to bring PNAMP into the Columbia.

View PNAMP presentation and support material:

PNAMP Presentation:

[http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007\\_0619/PNAMP\\_Presentation\\_ToCBFWA061907.ppt](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0619/PNAMP_Presentation_ToCBFWA061907.ppt)

PNAMP Overview (Products & Recommendations):

[http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007\\_0619/PNAMP\\_2007\\_Overview\\_060607.doc](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0619/PNAMP_2007_Overview_060607.doc)

PNAMP Charter:

[http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007\\_0619/PNAMP\\_CharterSignedDec2004Final\\_BusinessPractices\\_PartnershipCharterSignatories.pdf](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0619/PNAMP_CharterSignedDec2004Final_BusinessPractices_PartnershipCharterSignatories.pdf)

Issue Paper CBFWA Participation with PNAMP prepared by Ken MacDonald, CBFWA:

[http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007\\_0619/ISSUE\\_PAPER\\_CBFWA\\_PNAMP\\_DR AFT\\_061207.doc](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0619/ISSUE_PAPER_CBFWA_PNAMP_DR AFT_061207.doc)

March 24, 2004 CBFWA Letter to Federal Caucus supporting PNAMP:

[http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007\\_0619/PNAMP\\_LtrFederalCaucusFinal.pdf](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0619/PNAMP_LtrFederalCaucusFinal.pdf)

Excerpts from 2007 Federal Defendants' Sixth Remand Report/Proposed Action:

[http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007\\_0619/Issue\\_Paper\\_CBFWA\\_PNAMP\\_RefPagesToFed6thRemandReport.pdf](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0619/Issue_Paper_CBFWA_PNAMP_RefPagesToFed6thRemandReport.pdf)

#### **ITEM 4: Fish Passage Center**

Michele DeHart directed the MAG to review the content of the 10-year Report for Comparative Survival Study (CSS) prepared by the CSS oversight committee and posted at <http://www.fpc.org/documents/CSS/DRAFT%20CSS%2010%20YEAR%20REPORT-REGIONAL%20REVIEW.pdf>. The full report is nearly 400 pages but an Executive Summary is provided for short review.

The 10-year report was created to address the recommendation of the Independent Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB) to the Northwest Power Planning Council (NPCC) that the CSS be asked to produce a ten-year summary report providing an in-depth description of methods and detailed analyses and interpretation of the data in a retrospective style.

The original schedule proposed was for the draft report to be posted on the CSS website by May 31st providing the region a one month review and project sponsors one month to incorporate, append, respond to comments, finalize the report, and forward it to the ISAB. The ISAB was scheduled to have August/September to review the report and submit their comments to the NPCC in October. CSS is scheduled to meet with the ISAB on September 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss how they addressed the ISAB original comments.

Michele stated that BPA has requested a change in the review schedule which would push the timeline close to the CSS contract end date of November 30<sup>th</sup> but

there's confusion about who was responsible for setting and/or changing the schedule. MAG members suggested that Michele review the original NPCC action to clarify who set the review schedule, and direct communication to that entity expressing the concerns and suggesting a "what-if" situation with regard to a temporary extension of funding, if the review is not completed by then.

Michele praised the report as "an excellent piece of technical work." Brian added that this report will most likely be the most peer reviewed document covering this subject. Michele advised that once they are through the review process, they intend to break the report down into chapters and assimilating them into journal articles.

Michele advised that the 2006 Smolt Monitoring Report is also on the website for review. She stated that this report expresses the best juvenile survival seen in years, attributed to high spill levels and high flow levels.

**ITEM 5: June 12-14, 2007 Northwest Power Conservation Council (NPCC) Meeting Update**

*Fish Passage Center Oversight Board (FPCOB):* Brian Lipscomb briefly reviewed the NPCC FPCOB appointments finalized at their meeting in Bonners Ferry ID.

- Sue Ireland, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho (KTI) for Upper Columbia River Tribes.
- Steve Yundt, Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) for Idaho and Montana.
- Tony Nigro, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) for Oregon and Washington.
- John Ferguson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) representing NOAA and serving in one of the scientific positions.
- Dan Goodman, Montana State University professor, will fill the second scientific position.
- Doug Taki, Shoshone Bannock Tribes (SBT), was selected to fill the seat for the Upper Snake River Tribes.
- Nominations were not received from the lower Columbia River tribes (Nez Perce, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Yakama).
- Bruce Measure, Montana NPCC Member will serve as chair of the oversight board.

*Amendment Strategy:* Brian Lipscomb advised that the Amendment Strategy conversations at the monthly NPCC meetings will shift from the fish committee to the full council member level with CBFWA providing a presentation, preferably at the August NPCC meeting. The NPCC has invited the customer groups to take part in this discussion.

**ITEM 6: NPCC Science Policy Conference Update**

Brian Lipscomb and Tom Iverson are on the steering committee for the NPCC Science Policy Conference. Tom advised that the scientists are setting the agenda for the science policy exchange, which does not allow for engagement by the fish and wildlife managers. There is concern that although the information presented will be current science, it may not be relevant to updating the current policies. CBFWA is anticipating facilitating workshops leading up to the conference on habitat and Snake River fall chinook. Brian and Tom advised that they will provide an update to the MAG in July.

**ITEM 7: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Pisces Report Center**

Brian Lipscomb asked Bill Maslen of BPA to provide a presentation to the MAG on the Pisces Report Center. Brian stated that it is anticipated that the data available via Pisces could inform and provide information that will feed into the

Status of the Resource (SOTR) report advancing from a qualitative summary of project accomplishments to a quantitative summary.

Bill Maslen, Matt Deniston, Allen Davis, Laurie Perigo of BPA provided the overview of Pisces. Bill stated that this is now a one stop shop where multiple reports are available. Bill stepped through some of the functions within the report center and advised that the reports are available to anyone who is on the Web.

Link to the Pisces Report Center: <http://www.efw.bpa.gov/IntegratedFWP/reportcenter.aspx>

In addition to the BPA presentation, Neil Ward, CBFWA, provided a SOTR timeline but due to time constraints, the MAG did not review the information: [http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007\\_0619/StatusIntermountain\(Item7\).pdf](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0619/StatusIntermountain(Item7).pdf)

#### **ITEM 8: Independent Science Review Panel (ISRP) Retrospective Report**

Tom Iverson advised that in an ISRP report released March 2007, the ISRP commented that 40% of the projects need to improve their reporting of results (via the proposal form). This has been misinterpreted to 40% of the projects BPA funds are not reporting results.

CBFWA is looking to BPA to lead the first (technical) response to the ISRP's comments and then CBFWA may need to engage with the NPCC.

Tom stated that BPA did an in depth analysis of this issue and found that out of 262 projects reviewed by the ISRP, 105 were identified as not providing enough results to support a decision by the ISRP. Of the 105, 34 projects were identified as results needed ("results critical") with only a small handful of projects identified as not up to date in their results. For example, a lot of the projects identified are wildlife projects. The ISRP's criticisms are that monitoring HU's is not enough to report success of the implementation. Although monitoring HU's are the measure of success within the BPA framework of mitigation, the ISRP is asking for more population level monitoring representing a disconnect situation between the ISRP's expectations and the project's contractual reporting.

Tom stated that it is possible that the metrics being developed in Pisces might resolve this. In addition, the SOTR could be used to show a population level response to a suite of habitat actions, rather than placing M&E requirements on individual projects. Another solution would be to educate the region on where the information is located and updating the proposal forms to allow for links to reporting information. CBFWA staff will continue to update the MAG on this issue.

Links to ISRP Report: [<http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/isrp/isrp2007-1.pdf>] and ISRP NPCC Presentation [[http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2007\\_03/1.pdf](http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2007_03/1.pdf)].

#### **ITEM 9: Data Management Framework Subcommittee (DMFS) Update**

Tom Iverson provided an outline reviewing the history of the DMFS and the group's current status and timeline. Tom stressed that all the members of the DMFS had not had the opportunity to review and approve the content of the outline of the presentation he was providing. Tom and Phil Roger advised that the group has struggled with finding a format in which to adequately organize the information and finally embraced the business-based "Federal Enterprise Architectural Framework" model of reporting. It is not the intent of the group to adopt the full framework of the model but instead use the foundation framework as an organizational concept only.

As the DMFS continues to progress, Tom will provide updates to the MAG.

DMFS Draft Presentation Outline/Update: [http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007\\_0619/DMFSMAGpresentation.ppt](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0619/DMFSMAGpresentation.ppt)

#### **ITEM 10: Status Report from CBFWA Technical Committee Chairs**

*Lamprey Technical Workgroup (LTWG) Update:* As directed at the May 2007 MAG meeting, the Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee (AFAC) assigned the LTWG to review the US Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) *FY08 Plan for Addressing Pacific Lamprey Passage* and report back to the MAG. The LTWG submitted their comments via a draft comment letter. The Fish Passage Advisory Committee (FPAC) also completed their review of the document and provided comments.

**Action:** The MAG assigned Dave Ward the task of combining the LTWG and FPAC comments integrating the comments into one letter for approval at the next Members' meeting. MAG Members will review the documents provided for review and submit any comments to Dave Ward by COB June 29, 2007.

CBFWA (LTWG) Lamprey Passage Plan Comments:

[http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007\\_0619/LampreyPassagePlanCorps\\_June2007\\_CBFWAcommentsDraft.doc](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0619/LampreyPassagePlanCorps_June2007_CBFWAcommentsDraft.doc)

FPAC Lamprey Passage Plan Comments:

[http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007\\_0619/LampreyPassagePlan\\_FPACcommentsToMAG-LTWG\\_061407.pdf](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0619/LampreyPassagePlan_FPACcommentsToMAG-LTWG_061407.pdf)

US Corps of Engineers Lamprey Passage Plan:

[http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007\\_0619/LampreyPassagePlanCorpsMarch-26-2007Draft.doc](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2007_0619/LampreyPassagePlanCorpsMarch-26-2007Draft.doc)

*Review and Approval of Amendment Template/Definitions:*

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the July MAG meeting for formal discussion; however, MAG members were invited to remain for an informal discussion after the meeting adjourned.

**ITEM 11: Next Meetings**

The next MAG meetings are scheduled for July 17 and August 21, 2007.

The next CBFWA Amendment Strategy Workshop is scheduled for July 24-25, 2007 in Spokane WA.

The next NPCC meetings are July 11-12, 2007 in Portland OR and August 14-16, 2007 in Washington (city not listed on schedule).

**ITEM 12: Recommend July 10, 2007 Members Teleconference Date and Select Time**

**Action:** As a result of the NPCC's July meeting date change from 7/10-12 to 7/11-12, the MAG agreed to recommend that the Members reschedule the July Members meeting from Thursday, July 12 to Tuesday, July 10, 2007. Agenda items proposed for the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting include:

- Status Report from Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) Fish & Wildlife Committee Chair and/or Members
- Amendment Strategy Update
- Data Management Strategy Update
- July 24-25<sup>th</sup> Amendment Workshop Update
- Technical Committee Updates
  - Comments on US Corps of Engineers Lamprey Passage Plan

***Meeting Adjourned.***