

Issue:
Fish Passage Center Oversight Board Meeting
(FPCOB)

Background:

- The first FPCOB meeting was held in Portland on August 2, 2007
- It was chaired by Bruce Measure of the Council and attended by all of the currently appointed board members: Sue Ireland – Upper Columbia Basin Tribal Rep; Tony Nigro – OR/WA Rep.; Steve Yundt – ID/MT Rep.; Doug Taki – Snake River Tribal Rep.; John Furgason – NOAA Science Center Rep.; and Dan Goodman – MSU Scientist at Large Rep.
- After receiving an overview of the FPC from Michelle DeHart, FPC Manager, the board proceeded to review a Statement of Purpose, Expectations and Operating Rules provided by Bruce Measure.
- Contained within the document are six bullets of expectations for the work of the board during 2007-2008
 - Select and oversee the technical advisory committee described in the Program and work with the committee to establish and review technical protocols and scientific requirements of the Fish Passage Center and review the scientific and technical aspects of the Center's performance.
 - Develop and oversee regular independent scientific review of the Fish Passage Center's products, in coordination with the Independent Scientific Advisory Board and with the assistance of the technical advisory committee.
 - Conduct an annual review of the performance of the Fish Passage Center and develop recommendations for future performance based on that review.
 - Facilitate the review of the performance of the Center's manager by the Council chair and CBFWA's Executive Director as called for by the program.
 - Work to ensure that the database of fish passage information developed and provided by the Center conforms to appropriate standards for data management and is completely open and accessible to the public.
 - Recommend to the Council any amendments to the Program's provisions for the Fish Passage Center and the Board that the Board believes appropriate.
- The next FPCOB meeting is scheduled for October concurrent with the NPCC meeting in Missoula, MT. A briefing on each of these topics is expected.
- Most of these issues are addressed specifically in the Program and require significant interaction with CBFWA. This being the case the following set of

questions is in need of input from the members of CBFWA in preparation for the next meeting.

Discussion(s)/Action(s):

- **Is it the consensus of CBFWA to acknowledge the FPCOB and proceed to interact with it? (Currently the four lower river tribes have opted to not participate in the FPCOB.)**
- **If the answer to this is yes then should the Executive Director begin developing a list of recommendations with member input to submit to the FPCOB for development of a Technical Advisory Committee?**
- **The issue of performance evaluation as called for in the program and in the charter of CBFWA has legal implications under the current contracting situation. This information needs to be brought to the attention of the members along with a briefing strategy for the FPCOB.**
- **Is it the consensus of the members of CBFWA to pursue any recommendations for program amendment relative to the FPC or the FPCOB?**