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Upper Columbia United Tribes

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DATE: August 19, 2008
TO: Members Advisory Group (MAG)
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the August 19, 2008 MAG Teleconference

**MAG Teleconference
Tuesday, August 19, 2008
Via Webex (CBFWA Office, Portland OR)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. PDT**

Support material is posted at http://www.cbfwa.org/committee_mag.cfm

Action Notes

Attendees: Tom Iverson, Ken MacDonald, Dave Ward, Patricia Burgess, CBFWA
Phone: Brad Houslet, CTWS; Lawrence Schwabe, BPT; Scott Soult, KTOI; Tom Rien, ODFW; Carol Perugini, SPT; Nate Pamplin, WDFW
Time Allocation:
Objective 1. Committee Participation 100%
Objective 2. Technical Review %
Objective 3. Presentation %
ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda
Brian Marotz, MFWP, was unable to attend the meeting. MAG Vice-chair Brad Houslet, CTWS, served as chair.
Action: The MAG approved the agenda as presented. No objections.
Note: *The items are listed in the order discussed.*
ITEM 2: July 15-16, 2008 MAG Draft Action Notes and July 24, 2008 MAG Draft Action Notes
Action: The MAG approved the July 15-16, 2008 and July 24, 2008 MAG draft action notes as final. No objections.
ITEM 3: Strategy for Developing Comments on the Draft Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment

Tom Iverson, CBFWA, stated that the Northwest Power and Conversation Council's (Council) draft Fish and Wildlife Program is on track to be released September 1, 2008. Tom referenced a schedule outlined by CBFWA staff based on developing a potential CBFWA response:
http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2008_0819/ProgramCommentScheduleMAG2008_0819.doc.

Tom advised that at the August Council meeting, the Council reviewed the entire Program containing their intended modifications. Tom added that attendees were not privy to the actual language, but just what was viewed on the screen. The Council did not determine resolutions to significant topics but directed Council staff to generate a revised version for review. The Council has scheduled a final meeting on August 28, 2008 to review and adopt the draft Program.

Highlights of the review provided by CBFWA staff and MAG members:

- Subbasin by subbasin, it appears that the CBFWA templates will be adopted into the amended Program. Within the province basinwide scale, there does not appear to be any additional definitions adopted with regard to an adaptive management framework or M&E plan or reporting structure and what was

identified was general in nature.

- Within the wildlife section, it appears the Council is moving away from more definition and relaxing language on 2:1 crediting and pushing for Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Fish and Wildlife Managers to work toward long term agreements.
- Overall, CBFWA staff's impression is that that the Council is not moving toward an adaptive management framework and building transparency and accountability into the Program.

Tom Rien, ODFW, stated that there are a variety of opinions that the Council is referencing the CBFWA subbasin templates, but it is not clear if they will actually be a part of the Program. Tom added that it is difficult to be sure what is being considered given the format of the review but adaptive management and M&E is clearly not being considered. Tom also stated that ODFW is not comfortable with the direction and the caveats being incorporated with regard to 2:1 crediting and the issue of "stacking."

Tom Iverson suggested elevation of the conversation between CBFWA Members individually and the Council members to get a better understanding on both sides of how to proceed and how to get the M&E into the Program.

Action: Once the amended Program is released, CBFWA staff will prepare an analysis for review by the MAG at the September meeting. It is important that the September MAG meeting be well attended as it will be a strategy session to pull together comments and bullets for the public comment period which will follow the September MAG meeting.

ITEM 6: September 16, 2008 MAG (Face-Face) Meeting Logistics and Tentative Plan for January 2009 MAG (Face-Face) Meeting

The MAG briefly discussed the plan for holding the September 16th MAG face-face meeting in Spokane, WA. Given that the Council is holding their monthly meeting in Astoria, OR on September 16-17th, MAG Vice-chair Brad Houslet, CTWS, expressed concern that MAG meeting attendance may be hindered by MAG members planning to attend the Astoria Council meeting. The MAG entertained changing the MAG meeting to an alternate date in mid-September; however, due to the light attendance in today's meeting, CBFWA staff was directed to send an email to determine the MAG members' plan for attendance. It is important that the September MAG meeting be well attended as it will be a strategy session to pull together comments for the draft amended Fish and Wildlife Program public comment period.

Tom Rien stated that ODFW could manage attendance at both meetings, if a teleconference line is provided for access to the Spokane meeting.

Action: It was agreed that CBFWA staff will contact MAG members to determine if the September 16th date in Spokane, WA presents a conflict for MAG members given the Council meeting held on the same day in Astoria, OR.

ITEM 4: Strategy for Policy Meeting between Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council)

Tom Iverson referenced the letter requesting consultation with BPA and the Council: http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0806/FinalLetter&Attachment_L.Peterman_to_MssrsDelwicheBooth_ReqforConsult2008_0807.pdf.

Tom recalled that in the August Members meeting, Greg Delwiche requested that the meeting be scheduled to follow the Astoria Council meeting allowing time for BPA to roll out their FY 09 budget analysis.

Anticipated attendees include Greg Delwiche, BPA, and Council staff and Members, Rhonda Whiting, Bill Booth, and Tony Grover. CBFWA member attendees should be from as high a level a possible, and be those that deal directly with Greg Delwiche.

Potential agenda topics generated within the MAG meeting:

- Tom Iverson stated that the CBFWA comprehensive work plan is not yet

complete as he is awaiting comments from some Members; however, once completed it will provide information about funding levels and allocations across subbasins and funding priorities. Tom agreed to provide a gap analysis.

- Nate Pamplin, WDFW, suggested that the attendees start with a review of current status of material on hand (i.e., the Accords, BiOp, the amended draft Council Program, CBFWA template, etc) and proceed with a review of current budgets (i.e., BPA's FY 09 budget as well as a CBFWA comprehensive budget). Nate added that it would be important to discuss priorities and how decisions are going to be made, incorporate strategies for a scientific review, and discuss a possible vehicle to make sure the commitments are carried out.
- Tom Rien, ODFW, added that to follow up on the discussion held in Kalispell, a process is needed where we can engage and not be dismissed with regard to BPA funding decisions and project selection process. Defining mechanisms for making decisions is important and could possibly be established (e.g., through regular meetings, a new committee, etc). Anticipated outcomes should be clearly defined.

With regard to a potential meeting date, the MAG offered the following:

- A meeting duration of three hours should be sufficient.
- Tom Rien added that the week of September 29th (9/30 and beyond) would be best for ODFW at this point in time.
- Nate Pamplin referenced taking advantage of the gap in the public meetings from the week of September 29th through October 6th.

Action: CBFWA staff will send out an email to the MAG with suggested topics discussed and to solicit a preferred date.

**ITEM 5: Talking Point Bullets and Schedule for Public Hearings
Draft Fish and Wildlife Program Amendments**

Tom Iverson stressed the importance of Members policy level representatives' attendance at their respective public hearings to provide their recommendations and the CBFWA united recommendations. By mid-September, CBFWA staff could generate some talking points, from the original submission, and an analysis comparing the CBFWA consensus submittal with what is contained in the Council's amended draft Program. CBFWA staff provided a work planning schedule for MAG review: http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2008_0819/workplanning_08_08-01_09.pdf. Council hearing dates website links are listed below under "Upcoming Meetings."

Upcoming Meetings:

September Members Teleconference: September 3, 2008 1:00-4:00 p.m.

September MAG Meeting: September 16, 2008 Tentative (pending MAG approval) 9:00a.m.-5:00 p.m. face-face in Spokane, WA

September Northwest Power and Conservation Council Meeting: September 16-18, 2008 in Astoria, OR

Northwest Power and Conservation Council links: [2008-2009 Program Amendments](#) and [NPCC Public Hearing Schedule](#)

- Tuesday, September 16, Astoria, Oregon hearing, 5-7pm
- Monday, September 22, Spokane, Washington hearing, 5-7pm
- Tuesday, September 23, Lewiston, Idaho hearing, 5-7pm
- Wednesday, September 24, Boise, Idaho hearing, 5-7pm
- Wednesday, September 24, Pendleton, Oregon hearing, 5-7pm
- Thursday, September 25, Yakima, Washington hearing, 5-7pm
- Tuesday, September 30, Olympia, Washington hearing, 5-7pm
- Tuesday, October 14, Kalispell, Montana hearing, 4:30-6:30pm
- Wednesday, October 15, Missoula, Montana hearing, 5-7pm

Meeting Adjourned.