



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 Fish, Wildlife & 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: January 20, 2009
TO: Members Advisory Group (MAG)
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the January 15, 2009 MAG Teleconference

MAG Teleconference Thursday, January 15, 2009 CBFWA Office, Portland OR (via WebEx) 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. PST

Support material and WebEx link posted at http://www.cbfwa.org/committee_mag.cfm

Final Action Notes

At the December 2008 meeting, the MAG changed the January MAG Teleconference from January 20th to January 15th to allow enough time to address any issues or complete any assignments in preparation for the January 21-22, 2009 Winter Member's Meeting.

- Attendees:** Jann Eckman, Kathie Titzler, Tom Iverson, Ken MacDonald, Neil Ward, Dave Ward, Trina Gerlack, Patricia Burgess, CBFWA
- Phone/WebEx:** Brad Houslet, CTWS; Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; Gary James, CTUIR; Alan Byrne, IDFG; Lance Hebdon, IDFG; William Barquin, KTOI; Sue Ireland, KTOI; Dave Statler, NPT; Elizabeth Gaar, NOAA Fisheries; Tom Rien, ODFW; Carol Perugini, SPT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Kyle R. Prior, USRT
- Time Allocation:**
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| Objective 1: Participation | 100% |
| Objective 2: Technical Review | % |
| Objective 3: Presentation | % |
- ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**
- Action:** Brad Houslet, CTWS, assumed his role as Chair for 2009. The MAG approved the agenda as presented. No objections.
- ITEM 2: December 16-17, 2008 MAG Draft Action Notes**
- Action:** The MAG approved the December 16-17, 2008 draft action notes as final. No objections.
- ITEM 3: FY09 CBFWA Project Statements of Work and Budgets**
- CBFWA Annual Work Plan
 - HEP
 - M&E Coordination

CBFWA Annual Work Plan: Tom Iverson started the discussion stating that upon Dave Statler's, NPT, suggestion, CBFWA staff reviewed CBFWA's strategy from 2003-2004, the [New Directions Workplan October 1, 2004](#). Tom reviewed a presentation [Defining CBFWA's FY09 Workplan](#) that had been provided previously but revised to include a comparison of how CBFWA is currently doing based on the New Directions Workplan of 2003-2004. The presentation provided an overview of the issues facing CBFWA Members, tasks

proposed for FY09, history, strategic direction, and a future look at the work that needs to be done with the focus on how the agencies and Tribes want to utilize CBFWA over the course of the next year.

CBFWA Proposed FY09 Budget: Tom Iverson reviewed the CBFWA FY09 work plan and budget advising that while he has not heard from all the Members, to date only two Members have expressed a need for additional funding: Nez Perce Tribe (10K), and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (1K). Coeur d'Alene and Kootenai Tribe of Idaho have negotiated with BPA to increase the Upper Columbia United Tribes' funding and as a result they have offered to forego their reimbursement funding through CBFWA. To date, the net result is a reduction of 29K with an overall line item budget of 1.89M, a 20K increase over last year.

Tom stated that the key question to the Members is: What do the Members need as coordination support to help implement necessary activities? Dave Statler added that it is not only the message that CBFWA sends, but the way the message is collectively portrayed by the CBFWA Membership that will make the difference between funds that are considered necessary and funds considered a luxury.

Action:

The MAG approved the submission of the draft work plan and budget to the Members with incorporation of non-substantive edits to the document between today and the Members meeting on January 21-22. If there are substantive changes, then those changes would need to come back to the MAG for discussion prior to submittal to the Members. No objections.

Tom Iverson will highlight boxes that are increasing or decreasing in staff levels to demonstrate how efforts have been reallocated for FY09. Dave Statler, NPT, requested that Tom provide a narrative of how this year's work plan/budget is responding to new conditions and challenges. Tom Iverson agreed to do both.

HEP: Ken MacDonald advised that at the last Wildlife Advisory Committee, Paul Ashley, Regional HEP coordinator, reviewed his "white paper" describing inconsistencies he has found in some HEP resurveys and advised that due to some inconsistencies and the back-log of resurveys that no one, the managers, BPA, or the Council, truly knows the status of the crediting ledger. Getting consistent information in a timely manner will be important to update the credits BPA should receive for projects and to assist the proposed Wildlife Crediting Forum.

Ken reviewed three potential alternative funding scenarios for FY09:

1. Do nothing – continue with existing FY09 budget.
2. Partially fund the FY09 budget increase request and hire a full time field assistant that would work for Paul that would help with field work but allow him to keep future reporting up to date, this will include funding to Northwest Habitat Institute to complete the pilot study for the applicability of CHAP in the Willamette Basin.
3. Fully fund the FY09 budget increase request (preferred alternative). This includes alternative 2 plus an extra summer field technician to catch up on the survey backlog and keep from having that backlog come up. Cost for alternative 3 is \$157K.

Ken stated that alternative 3 is what the WAC recommends and what would be put into the wildlife project review for FY 2010.

After some consideration on how to proceed, and/or if it was appropriate to

move this forward through the Budget Oversight Group (BOG), the MAG requested that Ken MacDonald and Paul Ashley provide a presentation for the MAG at the February meeting, to include a briefing on the history of HEP, current contract levels, the reasoning behind the requests, and a description of what the alternatives will provide. Once the MAG has this information, they will be better equipped to make a decision.

M&E Coordination Presentation: Ken MacDonald advised that at the last MAG meeting, Jim Gieselman, BPA, provided an update regarding the BiOp monitoring and the different committees currently involved. The MAG discussed how to approach a coordinated monitoring program given that Collaborative Systemwide Monitoring and Evaluation Project (CSMEP) is now officially gone and if CBFWA Members want to proceed with an alternative to CSMEP. Following the MAG meeting, Ken advised that he met with Dave Ward, CBFWA, Alan Byrne, IDFG, Tom Rien, ODFW, and Dan Rawding, WDFW, to discuss initiating an alternative process. As a result of that discussion, Ken developed a presentation for the MAG, [Collaborative Systemwide Monitoring FY09 and Beyond](#), reviewing the initiatives, issue/need, potential tasks and approach, and CBFWA monitoring coordination tasks.

Dave Ward advised that Ken MacDonald is planning to provide the same presentation to the AFAC on January 15th so the AFAC can discuss this issue from a technical level and then bring their findings forward to the MAG and Members. With regard to resident fish, Neil Ward added that when CSMEP began, resident fish were somewhat of an afterthought and he would like to see that not be the case this time around.

ITEM 4: Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) Proposed Changes to PTAGIS Database Update

On December 29, 2008, a copy of a memo was circulated to the MAG from the PIT tag steering committee regarding concerns about possible proposed changes to the PTAGIS database. On January 7th, Randy Fisher, PSMFC, communicated a response to that memo. FPAC requested a MAG discussion on this topic.

Due to time constraints, only a brief discussion was held on this item. It was agreed that Brian Lipscomb would invite Randy Fisher, PSMFC, to the February MAG meeting to specifically discuss the issue of proposed changes to PTAGIS, data management and coordination projects in general, and get Randy's perspective relative to oversight of those projects and how to move them forward for review in the context of an M&E plan.

ITEM 5: Briefing for the New Administration

The Members directed the MAG to develop a consensus briefing paper for the new administration. At the December 2008 meeting, the MAG agreed that a briefing paper of the fish and wildlife issues in the Columbia River Basin would help inform the new appointees in the region and bring creditability to the fish and wildlife managers' efforts, which could increase funding and positive results in the basin.

CBFWA staff circulated a set of bullets prior to the meeting as substance for a briefing paper for MAG review and comment. A revised draft was prepared for the MAG meeting incorporating the comments received. However, due to time constraints, the MAG formed a subcommittee to continue the review process.

Subcommittee members include Alan Byrne, IDFG, William Barquin, KTOI,

Brad Houslet, CTWS, and Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS, and Tom Iverson advised that he will ask Chuck Hudson, CRITFC, for his interest in participating as CRITFC just completed a nine page brochure for the Obama administration. Tom Iverson agreed to send a clean draft by COB for review and comment by the subcommittee. The MAG subcommittee will prepare a draft document for Members review at the January 21-22nd meeting in Boise, ID.

ITEM 6: Draft Status of the Fish and Wildlife Resources in the Columbia River Basin - Next Edition Update

Background

At the January 7th Members teleconference, Neil Ward provided an overview of the draft SOTR template highlighting the changes provided by the MAG at the December meeting in Boise, ID. CBFWA intends to continue to collaborate with Members, Forest Service, PISCES, and NOAA Fisheries staff to revise and collect data to complete the template. The packaging, printing, and distribution of the next edition is still to be determined. On January 7th, the Members approved the draft SOTR mock-up with edits as the final draft for comment to submit to the NPCC and BPA. The memo and attachment was sent to NPCC and BPA on January 12th: [Final Memo/Attachment to NPCC-BPA RE: SOTR Draft Report for Comment 1/12/09](#)

Due to time constraints, item 6 was deferred to the February MAG meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

The Members January 21-22nd meeting agenda is posted for MAG review. Any comments should be directed to Jann Eckman ASAP.

With regard to concern about the direction of the Council's amended F&W Program, based on what was understood at the January 12th Council meeting, Tom Iverson stated that while the process is past the point of influence, if the Program does not meet the need of the Fish and Wildlife Managers there is an appeal process. Tom advised that Joe Mentor, Mentor Law Group, will provide a description of the appeal process at the February MAG meeting, and CBFWA staff will provide a "next steps" presentation as well.

Members Winter Meeting, Jan 21-22, 2009, Boise, ID

Members February Meeting, Wed, Feb 4, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

MAG February Meeting, Tues, Feb 17, 2009, 9am-12pm (Via WebEx)

Council February Meeting, Feb 10-12, 2009, Portland, OR

American Indian Resources Institute Tribal Leaders Forum, Jan. 23 & 24, 2009, Temucula, CA www.atntribes.org

ATNI Winter Conference, Feb. 16-19, 2009, Tulalip, WA www.atntribes.org

Meeting Adjourned.