



# 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: February 11, 2009  
TO: Members Advisory Group (MAG)  
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA  
SUBJECT: Draft Revised Agenda for the February 17, 2009 MAG Teleconference

**Members Advisory Group  
Tuesday, February 17, 2009  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. *Note Extended Meeting Time*  
@ CBFWA Office Portland, OR**

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#### Draft Agenda

- ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**
- Recommended Action:** Approve draft agenda.
- ITEM 2: January 15, 2009 MAG Draft Action Notes**
- Recommended Action:** Approve MAG January 15, 2009 draft action notes as final.
- ITEM 3: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and Nez Perce Tribe (NPT) Budget Increase Requests**
- WDFW is requesting an additional 10K to be added to cover their CBFWA and Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) coordination needs through the remainder of their contract period.
  - NPT is requesting a \$5,000 add-on to the Nez Perce Tribe's FY 2008 (April 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009) CBFWA contract budget.
- Recommended Action:** Recommend WDFW's additional budget request to cover their participation in the CBFWA and Council coordination issues through the remainder of their contract period for Members review and approval at the March Members Teleconference.
- Recommended Action:** Recommend NPT's budget request, to allow for CBFWA participation through March 31, 2009, for Members review and approval at the March Members Teleconference.
- ITEM 4: Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) Proposed Changes to PTAGIS Database Update**
- Background:**
- 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 7<sup>th</sup>, Randy Fisher, PSFMC, communicated a response to that memo. FPAC requested a MAG discussion on this topic.

- Randy Fisher, PSMFC, has been invited to this meeting, at MAG's request, to specifically discuss the issue of proposed changes to PTAGIS, data management and coordination projects in general, and to 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: Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) Program Amendment Process Update**

- The Council is scheduled to adopt a final Program on February 10, 2009. CBFWA staff will discuss next steps regarding the amendment process.
- With the adoption of the final Program, CBFWA staff will present the outstanding processes and policies that are scheduled to be addressed for the coming year.

**ITEM 6: Update on Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and Council Response to the CBFWA Workplan and the inclusion of the Fish and Wildlife Agencies and Tribes in the Development of a Coordinated Basin-wide Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Program**

- Background:**
- **1/26/09** - The Member approved workplan and M&E Coordination proposal was provided to the BPA and copied to the Council under Chairman Ward's signature.
  - **1/28/09** – Brian and Ken discussed the proposal in detail focusing on the M&E development with Tony Grover and Greg Delwiche and how the RM&E Review, MYAP, SBMP updates, and BiOp RM&E processes need to be synchronized and informed with appropriate agency and tribe participation.
  - During this discussion three ongoing RM&E processes were identified that need to be synchronized to inform the development of a comprehensive M&E framework:
    - Action Agencies, NOAA, BPA, Council, BiOp RM&E development to meet the BiOp RPA needs.
    - The Council's Categorical Review for RM&E.
    - A focused NOAA, BPA, WDFW, Council process which has developed a draft population monitoring table for the Methow and preliminary draft population monitoring tables for the remaining anadromous basins. This effort would like to have a finished set of tables by the end of February using CBFWA to get there.
  - **2/4/09** – The Members assigned the M&E Advisory group to verify, at their first meeting scheduled for the week of 2/23-27/2009, the draft summary tables by population and MPG that summarize the adequacy of the quantity and quality of population monitoring:
    - Using the NOAA Fisheries Service Draft Guidance for Monitoring Recovery of Salmon and Steelhead as a standard to evaluate ongoing monitoring programs.
    - Using CSMEP strength and weakness assessments and other documents, highlighting current levels of population monitoring by population and

MPG.

- Using CSMEP strength and weakness assessments and other documents, highlighting data gaps and data quality problems.
- Identifying existing key monitoring programs that should be continued.
- Identifying where Accords have addressed monitoring gaps.
- Identifying potential populations to be addressed by the RPAs.
- Identifying solutions to filling critical monitoring gaps.
- **2/13/09** – Council, BPA, NOAA, CRITFC, and CBFWA staff met to develop a timeline and proposal to synchronize the multiple processes now proceeding toward an M&E framework for the basin and build in appropriate agency and Tribe participation (CBFWA M&E Workgroup Participation).
- **2/17/09** - The timeline and synchronizing of processes is now being provided for your feedback.
- **2/20/09** – Council, BPA, NOAA, CRITFC, and CBFWA will meet at a policy level to review timeline with feedback and seek agreement on a path forward.
- **3/4/09** – The process and timeline will be provided to the Members for their agreement.
- **1/27/09** – WDFW provided the name of their designate to the M&E Advisory Committee and suggested that the Members consider adopting a charter and formalizing this committee.

**Recommended Action:** Provide feedback for inclusion in discussions to be held on 2/20/09 to establish a synchronized process for SBMP update, MYAP development, and M&E development.

**Recommended Action:** Populate the M&E Advisory Committee.

**Recommended Action:** Recommend the Members adopt a charter to formalize the M&E Advisory Committee.

**ITEM 7: Habitat Evaluation Procedures (HEP) Project Budget Request**

- Background:**
- The Habitat Evaluation Procedure (HEP) is the accounting tool used to track the acquisition and development of Habitat Units to offset the losses identified in the Council Fish and Wildlife Program. These Habitat Units are the unit of measurement for the ledger recommended by the agencies and Tribes for inclusion in the Program and subject to verification by the Wildlife Crediting Forum.
  - An increase in the HEP budget and contract is necessary to complete evaluations across the basin so that the Wildlife Crediting Forum will have the necessary information to build a crediting ledger for the Program as proposed in the CBFWA wildlife amendment recommendations.
  - At the January 15<sup>th</sup> MAG meeting, Ken MacDonald presented three HEP funding scenarios for MAG consideration, as requested by Paul Ashley, Regional HEP Coordinator.
  - The MAG requested that Ken MacDonald and Paul Ashley provide a presentation at the February meeting inclusive of a briefing on the history of HEP, current contract levels, the reasoning behind the requests, and a description of what the alternatives will provide.

**Recommended** Recommend the Members approve the proposed HEP budget and expanded

**Action:** workplan for submission to the BOG.

**ITEM 8: Status of the Resource (SOTR) Feedback and Adjustments**

- Background:**
- **2/3/09** – The Council provided extensive comments on the draft SOTR.
  - **2/5/09** – The draft SOTR and summary of comments to date was presented to the Federal Caucus.
  - **2/10/09** – A presentation of the draft SOTR was provided to the Council.
  - All comments and proposed adjustments will be provided to the MAG for your consideration.

**Recommended Action:** Recommend modifications to the Members for final adoption.

**ITEM 9: MAG/Technical Committee Assignments from January 21-22 Members Meeting**

- The Members assigned MAG to work with the AFAC to 1) identify how the 5 million fish goal was established, 2) summarize how current population objectives have been established, and 3) develop consistent criteria for establishing population goals (broad sense recovery that account for viability of ESA listed fish).
- The Members assigned the FSOC to work with the MAG to develop strategies to maximize likelihood of full and continued funding. Dave Ward will provide estimates of full annual funding for O&M of existing screens and installation of new/replacement screens.

**ITEM 10: MAG 2009 Meeting Schedule and Logistics**

- Background:**
- With the addition of the WebEx interactive online meeting tool, in February 2008, former MAG chair, Brian Marotz, suggested that the MAG schedule four face-face meetings in 2008 with the remaining meetings of the year scheduled remotely via WebEx, without an option to attend out of the Portland office. The intent was to 1) promote efficiency, reducing the downtime currently experienced traveling to monthly MAG meetings in Portland, 2) reduce carbon footprint, 3) place everyone on a level playing field, i.e., MAG members on the perimeter would feel less disenfranchised, and 4) encourage MAG members to make more of an effort to attend in person at the scheduled face-face meetings, (not having to meet face-face the remainder of the year).
  - The MAG held scheduled face-face meetings in July in Kalispell, MT, and in December in Boise, ID. In addition, in 2008, the MAG had substantial face-face attendance at meetings in Portland at the beginning of the year up through April (due to the amendment process) and again in October (to formulate draft Program amendment comments).

Does the MAG want to continue meeting remotely via WebEx and schedule periodic face-face meetings for 2009?

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Members March Meeting**, Wed, March 4, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

**MAG March Meeting**, Tues, March 17, 2009, 9am-12pm (Via WebEx)

**Council March Meeting**, March 10-12, 2009, Boise, ID