



# 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 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: August 10, 2009  
TO: Members Advisory Group  
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the Monday, August 17, 2009 MAG Teleconference

### Members Advisory Group (MAG)

Monday, August 17, 2009

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. PDT

@ CBFWA Office Portland, OR

[MAG Webpage](#)

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#### Draft Agenda

#### ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

**Recommended Action:** Approve draft agenda.

#### ITEM 2: July 27, 2009 MAG Draft Action Notes

**Recommended Action:** Approve the [July 27, 2009 draft action notes](#) as final.

#### ITEM 3: Regional HEP Team Coordinator Assistant Recruitment

**Background:** At the July MAG meeting, Ken MacDonald requested volunteers from the MAG to serve on the hiring subcommittee for the [Regional HEP Team Coordinator Assistant Position](#) selection process. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet on August 20<sup>th</sup> to review the applications, qualify candidates to be interviewed, and develop interview questions. The interviews are scheduled for August 31<sup>st</sup> at the Portland Airport Conference Center.

Per the [CBFWA Charter](#), after the applicants are interviewed, the subcommittee will provide a short list of at least three top candidates for MAG consideration. The MAG will review the candidates and forward the list to Brian Lipscomb with their comments, at which time Brian will make the final hiring decision.

Given the current timeline, the MAG will need to schedule a special teleconference between September 8<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup> with full quorum to fulfill this function. The session can be held via WebEx. Note that personnel selection is the only instance where a quorum is mandated for the MAG under the CBFWA Charter.

#### Timeline for Consideration:

- Interviews: August 31<sup>st</sup>
- Final candidates selected by the subcommittee: September 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Notification to applicants: the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>
- September MAG Meeting: September 21<sup>st</sup>

**Recommended Action:** Schedule a special executive session teleconference between September 8<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup> with full quorum to fulfill the function as stipulated in the Charter.

#### ITEM 4: Northwest Power and Conservation Council August Meeting Update

- [Update on RM&E and Artificial Production Category Reviews](#)
- [Options for Consideration of Hatchery Scientific Review Group \(HSRG\) recommendations](#)
- [Charter and schedule for Wildlife Crediting Forum](#)

**ITEM 5: Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP)/Independent Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB)/Tagging Report Recommendations**

**Background:** The ISRP/ISAB released their report ISRP/ISAB 2009-1 [A comprehensive review of Columbia River Basin fish tagging technologies and programs](#) in March 2009.

At the Council meeting in June, Jim Ruff, Council, Manager, Mainstem Passage and River provided a memo to the Council Members on [Council staff's Management Recommendations from the ISRP/ISAB's Tagging Report #2009-1](#). Follow up on this issue is anticipated at the September Council meeting in Astoria.

At the June MAG meeting, Fish Passage Advisory Committee (FPAC) and the CSS Oversight Committee were directed to review the ISRP/ISAB 2009-1 report, and the Council staff recommendations, and report their findings to the MAG.

- The [CSS Oversight Committee comments](#) were distributed to the MAG via email on July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The [FPAC comments](#) were distributed to the MAG via email on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

At the July meeting, the MAG directed CBFWA staff to initiate a draft letter of response using the CSS Oversight Committee and FPAC comments relative to the ISRP/ISAB report for review by the MAG at the August meeting for consideration by the Members at their September meeting.

**Recommended Action:** Review and approve the CBFWA [draft letter](#) to the Council commenting on the ISRP/ISAB 2009-1 report and Council staff recommendations.

**ITEM 6: CBFWA FY 2010 Work Plan**

At the July 29-30<sup>th</sup> meeting in Kalispell, the Members tasked CBFWA staff to develop, for MAG review and consideration, a draft FY 2010 work plan based on the specific [deliverables](#) and products identified by the Members' discussion of [core activities](#) in Kalispell.

CBFWA staff was directed to forward the [draft FY 2010 work plan](#) to the MAG by August 10<sup>th</sup> for an initial review prior to the August 17<sup>th</sup> MAG meeting discussion. The MAG is asked to come to the meeting prepared to discuss the FY 2010 work plan priorities.

**Recommended Action:** Identify priority tasks within the draft FY 2010 work plan and evaluate the impact of a budget reduction based on the work that would not be completed if adequate funding is not provided.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Members September Meeting:** Wed, September 2, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

**MAG September Meeting:** Mon, September 21, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

**MAG October Meeting:** Mon, October 19, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

**Members Policy Level Meeting:** Thurs, October 29, 2009 *Details TBA*

**Council Meeting(s):** September 9-10<sup>th</sup> in Astoria, OR & October 7-9<sup>th</sup> in Ketchum, ID

**Council Columbia River Estuary Science Policy Exchange:** Sept 10-11<sup>th</sup> in Astoria, OR