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Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

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Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: September 24, 2009
TO: Members Advisory Group (MAG)
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the September 21-22, 2009 MAG Workshop

Members Advisory Group Workshop

Monday, September 21, 2009

1:00-5:00pm PDT

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Tuesday, September 22, 2009

8:00am-2:45pm PDT

@ CBFWA Office Portland, OR

[MAG Webpage](#)

Final Action Notes

Day One – Monday, September 21, 2009

Attendees: MAG Chairman Brad Houslet, CTWS, Members Chairman Elmer Ward, CTWS; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Lance Hebdon, IDFG; Dave Statler, NPT; Christine Mallette, ODFW; Doug Taki, SBT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Kathie Titzler, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, Ken MacDonald, Patricia Burgess, CBFWA

Phone/WebEx: Jason Kesling, BPT; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Brian Marotz, MFWP

Time Allocation:

Objective 1: Participation	100%
Objective 2: Technical Review	%
Objective 3: Presentation	%

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

Action: The MAG approved the agenda as presented. No objections.

ITEM 2: August 17, 2009 MAG Draft Action Notes

With regard to Item 6, Deliverables document review, Fish Passage Advisory Committee (FPAC) on page 5, Dave Statler, NPT, requested that the following be added to the notation that the FPAC charter is not posted on the CBWFA website: "nor is there a FPAC webpage on the CBFWA site." Dave noted that he was aware that CBFWA staff is developing a webpage for FPAC.

Action: The MAG August 17, 2009 draft action notes were approved as final with the insertion as requested by Dave Statler. No objections.

ITEM 3: MAG Executive Session September 14, 2009

On September 14, 2009, the MAG met to review the top Regional HEP Team Coordinator Assistant position candidates with the MAG selection subcommittee. The executive session resulted in a recommendation from the MAG to Brian Lipscomb. Brian advised that he would be working with Jann Eckman to make an offer to the primary candidate.

ITEM 4: Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) Meeting Update & Follow-up

CBFWA staff provided the following links and some brief comments relative to the key topics discussed at the September Council meeting:

- [Final Draft of Council Fish and Wildlife Program's Management Questions for Indicators](#)
- The [Sixth Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Plan](#) was adopted by the

Council at the September meeting. Tom Iverson cited that the biggest issue that has come about is that this Power Plan is relying on conservation; as a result, the utilities are skeptical about relying only on conservation to meet new demand.

- **Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP)/Independent Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB)/Tagging Report Recommendations:** The Members approved the letter to [Council Chairman Bill Booth offering comments on the ISRP/ISAB and Council staff recommendations](#). To date, a response has not been received from the Council.
- [Charter and schedule for Wildlife Crediting Forum](#): At the August MAG meeting, Tom Iverson provided an update advising that the Council adopted the Wildlife Crediting Forum charter; however, details of who will sit on the forum and how they are to be selected is not spelled out in the adopted charter. The MAG directed the Wildlife Advisory Group (WAC) to invite Peter Paquet, Council Manager, Wildlife and Fish, to the September WAC meeting to discuss the Forum membership process. The MAG directed the WAC to provide a follow-up report on their discussion with Peter to the MAG at the September MAG meeting. The MAG requested that the WAC's report include recommendations or comments for possible consideration by the Members at their October 7th teleconference.
- **WAC Committee Update to MAG on Wildlife Crediting Forum:** Ken MacDonald, CBFWA, provided a report from the WAC to the MAG regarding their discussion with Peter Paquet. Ken said that Peter communicated to the WAC that the Council is looking at populating the Wildlife Crediting Forum with participants from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), customer groups, and the Fish and Wildlife Managers; however, the Council has not established an exact format. Peter asked the WAC if they thought that the Fish and Wildlife Managers would want to be represented individually or under CBFWA, or USRT, CRITFC, etc. The WAC strongly stated to Peter that this was an issue for the individual sovereigns and that the sovereigns should be at the table speaking for themselves, at least initially. Peter stated that a letter could be sent to the individual sovereigns to invite their policy level folks to the table. Ken stated that Peter did not provide an absolute timeline; however, the assumption was that the letter would come from the Council within the next couple weeks.
- Dave Ward, CBFWA, attended the [Council Columbia River Estuary Science Policy Exchange](#) on Sept 10-11th in Astoria, OR. Dave had to attend another meeting today but will provide an update at the next MAG meeting.

Lance Hebdon, IDFG, requested an update on the Research, Monitoring & Evaluation (RM&E) workshops.

Action: The MAG amended the agenda to include the RM&E update as requested. No objections.

Added Item: **RM&E Workshops Update:** Brian Lipscomb advised that Ken MacDonald, Scott Rumsey, and Bruce Crawford have completed the subregional workshops. The information anticipated to be obtained from the workshops and the homework assignments include an assessment of current monitoring, how it fits into a framework, how the current monitoring stacks up to the NOAA fisheries draft Viable Salmonid Populations (VSP) guidance, design strategies, and estimated cost for implementing the strategies. Ken MacDonald is scheduling follow-up meetings to finalize work in the Snake subregions. An additional assignment that came out of the subregional workshops was to look at a 10% reduction under each entities current monitoring and articulate the ramifications of that 10% reduction.

Dave Ward is participating in discussions with regard to the tagging that has been identified as strategies out of the subregions with folks who are knowledgeable about mainstem monitoring relative to pit-tagging. The intent of these discussions is to determine if there is a coordinated pit-tag plan that can come out of this, or one that could

be adjusted from the subregions.

Reports will be summarized from the subregional and regional workshops and will be posted at www.cbfwa.org/ams. (A link will be set up from the CBFWA home page.) Brian advised that Turner Odell, Oregon Consensus Program and Robert Williams, Meridian Institute, have been selected as facilitators for the workshops. The workshops are scheduled for five days: October 20-21st and November 3-5th. Details are forthcoming.

ITEM 5: CBFWA FY 2010 Work Plan and Beyond

Background:

At the July 29-30, 2009 Executive Planning Session in Kalispell, the Members discussed the fish and wildlife coordination budget for FY 2010 and BPA's \$2.4M funding cap for coordination projects and identified deliverables and core activities. The Members directed CBFWA staff and MAG to develop the draft FY 2010 work plan with specific deliverables and core functions for their consideration in October 2009.

At the August 17th meeting, the MAG reviewed the first draft of the FY 2010 work plan and deliverables. The MAG approved the draft format and directed staff to incorporate the MAG's comments, linking tasks and resources, and develop an executive summary for review. On September 2nd, CBFWA staff provided a briefing for the Members and in response the Members directed that MAG continue the development of the CBFWA 2010-2014 work plan.

At the September 2nd Members meeting, the general strategy agreed to was to adopt high level policy directives that will guide the work of CBFWA over the next six months. Following implementation of those policies a report to the Members would be provided and modifications to the operations would be made if necessary. For each policy directive, deliverables will be identified, as will the tasks necessary to provide each deliverable.

At the MAG workshop, as directed by the Members, the MAG will be asked to develop draft policy directives in the following priority policy areas: 1) Reporting on status of populations and limiting factors and actions taken to improve them; 2) Forums for technical and policy exchange of information; 3) Technical and policy support and analysis for information dissemination; and 4) Deliverables associated with tasks not included in the current CBFWA work plan. The deliverables and tasks reviewed during the August MAG meeting was used as the starting point for these sections of the work plan.

On September 3, CBFWA staff sent a memo to the MAG outlining the direction forward. Included with the memo were discussion drafts of a draft work plan showing the three different levels of detail: policy areas, deliverables, and tasks.

On September 3, CBFWA staff also sent a memo to the Members requesting that they review the policy area questions and submit any changes or additional questions that they would like to see for each of the policy areas to Tom Iverson by September 14, 2009. Tom rephrased the questions based on the Members' responses and provided the updated questions to the MAG on September 16 via email to guide development of collective statements to define policy directives. The MAG members were asked to be prepared to provide responses to the questions during the September 21&22 workshop.

Workshop Discussion:

October 29th Policy Meeting: Brian Lipscomb began the discussion by providing an [outline of thoughts/ideas, via the whiteboard, toward an agenda](#) for the Directors and Tribal Chairs, or designees, meeting scheduled for October 29. The MAG stressed the importance of having the policy directives prepared for timely review prior to the October 29th meeting. Brian advised that on October 7th, the Members will review and pursue consensus support on the near final product. Following the meeting, it is anticipated that the Members will take the Directives back to their Tribal Council and/or Directors for prior adoption before October 29. Brian added that based on discussions that he has had with Members, this appears to be a workable timeline.

With regard to Brian's suggestion to invite a congressional delegate as the lunch speaker

for the October 29th meeting, the MAG discussed the importance of inviting a high level person to attract the level of participation that CBFWA is anticipating. It was suggested that someone from the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) be invited. Brian will follow-up and invite Nancy Sutley, Chair, CEQ. The MAG questioned whether October 29th was a reasonable date and agreed that the meeting may need to be pushed into November to accommodate the schedule of a guest speaker.

MAG members asked about how to best respond to their Tribal Chairs and Directors as to why this meeting needs to take place. In response, Tom Iverson referenced Greg Delwiche's comments in the letter from [Greg Delwiche, BPA, to CBFWA dated June 9, 2009](#) regarding future coordination funding scenarios. Members' Chairman Elmer Ward, CTWS, added that this meeting will not be a spontaneous event; it will be planned and staged well ahead of time so there will be no surprises.

Development of Policy Directives: Brian Lipscomb reviewed the meetings and events that led to today's workshop (see "background" above under this item) outlining the tasks at hand. Brian referenced the September 16th memo to MAG and the CBFWA 2010-14 Work Plan Tasks as working documents to begin the discussion.

Tom Iverson guided the MAG through the exercise of discussing and editing the directives, capturing the MAG Members' edits real-time. The MAG worked up through the end of day one of the workshop and agreed to reconvene as scheduled Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m.

Day one adjourned.

Day Two – Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Attendees: MAG Chairman Brad Houslet, CTWS, Members Chairman Elmer Ward, CTWS; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Lance Hebdon, IDFG; Dave Statler, NPT; Christine Mallette, ODFW; Doug Taki, SBT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Kathie Titzler, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, Patricia Burgess, CBFWA

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ITEM 5 Con'td: CBFWA FY 2010 Work Plan and Beyond

Development of Policy Directives – Cont'd: Chairman Brad Houslet began day two of the workshop summarizing the work that the MAG completed on day one. The MAG then began working through the policy directives and providing substantive edits to Directives 1-3. With regard to Directive 4, the MAG agreed that the deliverables and tasks of Directive #4 could be integrated into the first three directives and Directive 4 could encompass a funding position, or be eliminated.

In the course of the discussion regarding Directive 4, Brian Lipscomb sketched out, via the whiteboard, an illustration to prompt discussion on the issue of the distribution of funding, described as BPA's default position, in Greg Delwiche's [June 9, 2009 letter to Brian Lipscomb](#). After a brief discussion on whether this is an issue that needs to be addressed formally by the Members, the MAG determined that there would be value in outlining a position statement for Members' consideration regarding the distribution of funding. The statement would be focused toward CBFWA Members' commitment in CBFWA operations by supporting a unified funding base to maintain consistency and efficiency toward providing a dedicated staff to implement Directives 1-3.

Mark Bagdovitz outlined [three funding scenarios, via the whiteboard](#), for MAG consideration and discussion (the dollar amounts listed are for example only) and Tom Iverson drafted a rough outline toward a position statement. Due to time constraints the MAG agreed to reconvene on September 30th to finalize and approve the Policy Directives and funding Position Statement for Members' consideration at the October 7th Members

Teleconference.

At the September 30th teleconference, the MAG will be asked to finalize the Directives (tier 1), Deliverables (tier 2) and Tasks (tier 3) of the FY 2010-2014 work plan and finalize timing and the agenda for Policy adoption of the directives and work plan.

Tom Iverson agreed to send out to the MAG by COB Thursday, a draft of the Directives and Position statement for MAG review prior to the September 30th teleconference.

Upcoming Meetings:

MAG Special Teleconference: Wed, September 30, 2009, 1-3pm (via WebEx)

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

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

Members November Meeting: Wed, November 4, 2009 1-4pm (via WebEx)

MAG November Meeting: Mon, November 16, 2009 1-4pm (via WebEx)

Council Meeting(s): October 7-9th in Ketchum, ID & November 12-13th meeting listed on Council website as "Teleconference"

Meeting Adjourned.