



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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**TO:** CBFWA Members and Members Advisory Group  
**FROM:** Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** CBFWA FY 2010-2014 Work Plan Development

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

The Members Advisory Group (MAG) will meet on September 21-22, 2009 to continue the development of the CBFWA 2010-2014 work plan as directed by the Members. The general strategy agreed to during the September 2, 2009 Members meeting is 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 will be provided and modifications to the operations will be made if necessary. For each policy directive, deliverables will be identified as will the tasks necessary to provide each deliverable.

The Members have assigned the MAG 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.

Upon having developed directives for the priority policy areas, the MAG has been assigned to identify the deliverables and necessary tasks for each policy directive. The deliverables and tasks reviewed during the August MAG meeting should be considered the starting point for these sections of the work plan.

## Outline for 2010 Work Plan:

I. Policy Directive to CBFWA and MAG to be implemented during a six month period (e.g., use CBFWA to report biological information)

*The policy directives will be developed from the answers to the questions that are provided in each of the policy areas listed below. The policy directives will be the basis for evaluating implementation of the deliverables and tasks at semi-annual Members meetings.*

A) Deliverable (e.g., Produce Status of the Resource Report)

*The deliverables are based on the July Members meeting outputs and are generally consistent with the four policy areas described above.*

1. Tasks (e.g., collaborate with BPA/Council to ensure SOTR meets regional needs)

*The tasks have generally been identified and were reviewed at the August MAG meeting. These tasks will be assigned to the appropriate deliverable and prioritized based on the policy directives that are developed during the September MAG workshop. Time and effort will then be calculated to complete each of the tasks in order to develop a final FY2010 funding proposal.*

**Policy Areas and Draft Questions to Inform Directives:**

Members: please review the questions in each policy area and provide feedback to Tom Iverson by September 14, 2009. Tom will rephrase the questions based on your responses. The updated questions will be provided to the MAG on September 15 in order to guide development of collective statements to define policy directives.

MAG members: please be prepared to provide responses to the questions during the September 21&22 workshop.

- 1) Reporting of biological information relating to (1) your agency or tribe’s objectives for populations under your authority to manage, (2) the factors limiting the status of fish and wildlife under your management authority, and (3) the efforts being implemented to address the limiting factors.**

How does your agency/tribe report status of fish and wildlife populations under your authority?

Who is the intended audience of your reports?

What does the Status of the Resource Report and Website represent to your agency/tribe?

Will the SOTR be part of our agency’s/tribes’ basis for engagement in the adaptive management evaluation of the Council’s Fish and Wildlife Program and BPA’s FCRPS biological opinions in 2013, 2016, and beyond?

- 2) Forums for technical and policy exchange of information to address fish and wildlife issues in the Columbia River Basin.**

What current and future forum(s) does your agency/tribe participate in to facilitate co-management of fish and wildlife in the Columbia River Basin?

*Examples:*

Forum	Purpose	Role
CBFWA		
PSMFC		
Regional Implementation Oversight Group		
Northwest Power and Conservation Council		
PCSRF		
US v Or		
Local Recovery Boards		
State Efforts (SRFB, OWEB, etc.)		
Others...		

Does the CBFWA provide a unique forum for important issues to your agency/tribe?

What are the primary issues that the CBFWA forum should focus on from your agency/tribe's perspective?

**3) Technical and policy support and analysis for information dissemination among the co-managers and by others in the Columbia River Basin.**

How does your agency receive information relating to various decision making bodies and others in the Columbia River Basin (NPCC, BPA, NOAA, USFWS, River Partners, Utilities, etc.)?

How does your agency track activities by other stakeholders in the Columbia River Basin that pertain to fish and wildlife management?

Is there internal coordination between local watershed planning/implementation/monitoring and basinwide planning/implementation/monitoring within your agency/tribe?

Is there external coordination between local watershed planning/implementation/monitoring and basinwide planning/implementation/monitoring within your agency/tribe? Should there be?

How does your agency develop responses to other stakeholder statements regarding fish and wildlife issues in the Columbia River Basin?

**4) Deliverables associated with tasks not included in the current CBFWA work plan.**

Are there specific deliverables in addition to the previous three policy areas that are not currently being addressed within existing fish and wildlife coordination forums that you would like to be addressed within the CBFWA forum?

Recommendations on issues related to anadromous fish reintroduction to blocked areas.

Provide outreach and mentoring programs to Columbia River tribes and tribal members.

Monitor CRB stakeholder's messages publications and messages and develop responses as necessary.

Monitor and disseminate information from the USCOE Anadromous Fish Evaluation Program (AFEP) funding process.

Columbia River Treaty renegotiation.

Climate change forum.

RPA activities from the FCRPS Biological Opinion

- RPA 7 Climate change updates to BiOp operations
- RPA 10-13 Treaty and non-treaty storage
- RPA 35 Tributary and estuary habitat restoration
- RPA 40-42 Hatchery strategies
- RPA 44-49 Predation management studies
- RPA 50-73 RM&E strategies
- Participation support for A&Ts in implementing the diagnostic performance framework described in the adaptive management section of the RPA (RIOG support)

### **Review of Timeline and Assignments:**

#### ***September 14, 2009***

Submit any changes or additional questions that your agency/tribe would like to see for each of the policy areas. If there is a policy area or specific task you would like to have considered, but is not listed, please provide that as well. Provide your feedback to Tom Iverson by September 14, 2009.

#### ***September 21-22, 2009***

MAG members should be prepared to answer each of the questions from your agency or tribe's perspective during the workshop. From your responses, we will collectively develop draft policy directives and organize deliverables and tasks. The deliverables and tasks provided during the August MAG meeting will be the starting point for the second step in this exercise.

#### ***October 7, 2009***

The Members will review the DRAFT work plan and pursue consensus support on the near final product.

#### ***October 19, 2009***

The MAG will finalize the CBFWA 2010-14 Work Plan and prepare for the October 29, 2009 Members face-to-face meeting for adoption of the Policy Directives.

#### ***October 29, 2009***

Directors and Tribal Chairs or their designees will meet face-to-face to adopt the Policy Directives and DRAFT 2010-14 CBFWA Work Plan.