



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: October 22, 2009  
TO: Members Advisory Group (MAG)  
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the October 19, 2009 MAG Teleconference

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

**Members Advisory Group Teleconference**  
**Monday, October 19, 2009**  
**1:00-4:15 p.m. PDT**  
**@ CBFWA Office Portland, OR**  
[MAG Webpage](#)  
Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** Chairman Brad Houslet, CTWS; Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Kathie Titzler, Tom Iverson, Ken MacDonald, Neil Ward, Trina Gerlack, Patricia Burgess, CBFWA

**Phone/WebEx:** Jason Kesling, BPT; Phil Roger, CRITFC; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Lance Hebdon, IDFG; Brian Marotz, MFWP; Tom Rien, ODFW; Carol Perugini, SPT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS

**Time Allocation:**

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

**ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**

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

**ITEM 2: Draft Action Notes from the September 21-22, 2009 Workshop and September 30, 2009 Special Teleconference**

**Action:** The MAG approved as final the draft action notes from the September 21-22, 2009 Workshop and September 30, 2009 Special Teleconference. No objections.

**ITEM 3: Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) Updates & Follow-up**

- **Council High Level Indicators (HLIs):** Tom Iverson advised that at the October Council meeting the Council reached a decision on the Fish and Wildlife Program indicators and Nancy Leonard, Fish, Wildlife and Ecosystem Monitoring and Evaluation Manager, gave a [presentation: Tracking Progress in the Council's F&W Program](#). The [motion approved by the Council](#), as written on the last page of the presentation, includes a recommendation that CBFWA include the approved Fish and Wildlife indicators in the SOTR. Tom Iverson advised that CBFWA intends to follow-up the Council's adoption of the HLIs with a presentation of the SOTR sometime over the next couple months. The final table of [Council F&W Program Indicators Version 29 Sept 2009](#) is posted on the MAG webpage for review. Brian Lipscomb referenced an article published in the [October 16 Columbia Basin Bulletin \(CBB\)](#) regarding the Council's approval of the HLIs.
- **Coordination Funding:** Tom Iverson informed the MAG that the Grande Ronde Tribe has requested coordination funding through the Budget Oversight Group (BOG). The request is listed in a [September 24th memo from Mark Fritsch, Council Project Implementation Manager](#), and is out for public comment until October 23, 2009. Tom stated that BPA has indicated that if the Grande Ronde request is approved that BPA will add funds to augment the existing coordination budget cap. Tom stated that the Grande Ronde's request of \$129,474 equates to 1/19<sup>th</sup> of the 2.4M budget cap. Tom added that BPA expressed that the Cowlitz Tribe may also request coordination funds in the near future.

- **CBFWA Comments:** Posted on the CBFWA website for review are the recent Members approved comment letters and Council responses:
  - [Council response to CBFWA comments on the ISAB/ISRP fish-tagging report and Council staff recommendations sent Sept 2.](#)
  - [Council response to CBFWA comments on ISAB Environmental Risk template sent Sept 3.](#)
  - [Council response to CBFWA Resident Fish loss methodology recommendations sent Oct 8.](#)
- **Wildlife Crediting Forum:** [Council invites participation in the Wildlife Crediting Forum.](#)

**ITEM 4: Regional Monitoring & Evaluation (RM&E) Workshops Update**

Brian Lipscomb advised that the RM&E workshops will commence October 20-21 at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson WA. The results anticipated by the end of this initial workshop include an understanding of the framework and strategies for each subregion, the estimated costs, and how much funding is available. The second workshop session is scheduled for November 3-5 and will also be held at Skamania Lodge.

**ITEM 5: FY 2010-14 CBFWA Policy Directives and Work Plan – Preparation for the Members October 29<sup>th</sup> Work Session**

Tom Iverson advised that at the October 7 meeting, the Members modified and adopted the final draft Policy Directives (tier 1), Deliverables (tier 2), and Tasks (tier 3) of the CBFWA FY 2010-2014 work plan for their agency or Tribal principals' review and comment with the caveat that the Members be informed of any tweaking to the tasks as they are developed. The Members directed staff to develop a task-based budget for MAG review and prioritization.

The MAG was charged with reviewing the task based budget provided by staff, prioritizing the tasks to fit within the BPA budget cap; comparing and contrasting the work that can be completed between the full funding option and the BPA funding option; prepare a recommendation for CBFWA 2010-2014 funding for Members review at their October 29<sup>th</sup> work session; and discuss appropriate funding models to support the CBFWA work plan.

Brian Lipscomb pointed out that a lot of time has been spent on the policy directives and work plan. After the MAG's review of the recent modifications, the next step is to look at the tasks and focus the conversation on what tasks need to be done within each of the deliverables and to determine the level of coordination anticipated. From that information, staff can ascertain what it will take to accomplish the deliverables and ultimately the amount of funding needed.

Tom Iverson reviewed the track changes (10/19/09) version of the CBFWA FY 2010-2014 Policy Directives and Work Plan with modifications received since the Members adoption on October 7 (the clean version was posted for review as well). The MAG reviewed the final list of tasks and made two additions under the Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee (AFAC): 1) Anadromous fish reintroduction to blocked areas, and 2) Interaction of introduced fish species with salmon and steelhead smolts.

The MAG reviewed the task based budget spreadsheet developed by CBFWA staff to assist MAG in prioritizing the list of tasks with costs. The MAG discussed two strategies for reducing the budget to meet the remaining tasks in the work plan: 1) to absorb the entire reduction within the CBFWA staff portion of the budget, or 2) accept a 10% reduction in Members time and travel reimbursement and absorb the remaining balance within the CBFWA staff portion of the budget. The latter assumes that any reduction in CBFWA staff will result in fewer CBFWA meetings and as a result, reduced Members participation funding.

Due to time constraints and subsequent waning participation, the MAG was unable to complete the assignment by the Members to prioritize tasks within the BPA proposed

funding level for FY2010 at this meeting. The MAG decided to reconvene on October 26th at 1:00 p.m. in order to complete the work prior to the October 29 Members work session.

The MAG assigned themselves the task of identifying their own entities' priorities within the task list and to develop two alternatives for establishing funding requirements for FY 2010. It was agreed that CBFWA staff would do some additional work on the work plan costs spreadsheet and email the revised spreadsheet with instructions for MAG's use in completing the exercise. The MAG is to respond to CBFWA staff by week's end to prepare for final review and approval by the MAG on October 26 with the intent to forward recommendations for Members consideration at their October 29<sup>th</sup> work session.

Tom Iverson will revise the work plan costs spreadsheet to accommodate the exercise by the MAG to determine and provide their list of priorities and funding needs. The exercise would prompt the MAG to respond to the following: 1) indicate priorities by ranking High/Medium/Low and indicate what tasks could be removed from the work plan in order to balance the budget and provide a reason why, 2) indicate what other funding sources may be available to support tasks to be eliminated, 3) provide individual Members FY2010 funding requirements for participation; and, 4) indicate the budget reduction strategy your individual entity supports for reducing the budget to fit within the BPA proposed budget.

Once the exercise is completed, CBFWA staff will develop line item budgets to support the funding levels for Members' review.

- Update:** As indicated above, on October 21, Tom Iverson emailed the MAG an updated work plan costs spreadsheet and exercise instructions with reply requested by COB Friday, October 23.
- Note:** As agreed, the MAG will reconvene on Monday, October 26, 2009 from 1:00-4:00pm at the CBFWA office to finalize the assignment as directed by the Members.
- Upcoming Meetings:**
- Special MAG Teleconference,** Mon, Oct 26, 2009 1:00-4:00pm (via WebEx)
  - Members Face to Face Work Session:** Thurs, Oct 29, 2009 9:00am-4:00pm, Details TBA
  - RM&E Workshop,** Nov 3-5, Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, WA
  - 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):** November 12-13<sup>th</sup> meeting is listed on the Council website as a Teleconference, the December 8-9<sup>th</sup> meeting is in Portland, OR
- Meeting adjourned.**