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**Subject:** From Tom Iverson: MAG For Urgent Reply by COB Fri 10/23 ~ MAG Assignment from Oct 19th MAG Meeting

**Importance:** High

**Attachments:** MAGworkplanCostsRevised10\_20\_09.xls; PolicyDirectives\_MAG\_102609.doc; MAGDistribution.pdf

**Members Advisory Group (MAG):**

***URGENT – Please respond to Tom Iverson by COB Friday October 23  
([tom.iverson@cbfwa.org](mailto:tom.iverson@cbfwa.org))***

At the October 19th meeting, the MAG reviewed the draft CBFWA Policy Directives and work plan that was adopted by the Members on October 7, 2009. The MAG reviewed the final list of tasks making 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 then reviewed the task based budget developed by CBFWA staff in order to develop a prioritized list of tasks with costs. The MAG was unable to complete the assignment by the Members to prioritize tasks within the BPA proposed funding level for FY2010 and 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 each Members' priorities within the task list and to develop two alternatives for establishing funding requirements for FY 2010. Attached is the work plan costs spreadsheet, revised after Monday's MAG discussion, for your use in this exercise.

**Alternative A**

*\$1,411,833 for CBFWA staff and \$364,908 for Members participation – to be verified*

After review, CBFWA staff indicated that this list of tasks could be accomplished based on the funding level provided for FY 2009 (\$1,411,883), which included the M&E add-on. The Members reimbursement portion of the 2009 work plan was \$364,908 (plus \$283,181 for the M&E add-on). **The MAG members need to provide their funding requirements for participation in Policy Directive #1 for FY 2010 (see column M in the attached spreadsheet and the “2009 Members Funding” summary spreadsheet in the same workbook).**

**Alternative B**

*\$1,681,355 to be distributed between CBFWA staff and Members*

In order to reduce CBFWA's task list to a level that can be supported by the funding proposed by BPA in the June 9, 2009 letter from Greg Delwiche, the MAG needs to prioritize the tasks within the work plan and develop a strategy for how to allocate the reduced funding. **First, the MAG needs to identify which tasks to remove from the work plan and possibly identify other funding sources that could support those tasks (see Columns K and L).** The MAG also discussed two strategies for reducing the budget to meet the remaining tasks in the work plan (approximately \$105,000): 1) 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 based on the assumption that any reduction in CBFWA staff will result in fewer CBFWA meetings; hence, reduced need for Members participation funding. **The MAG needs to identify which funding strategy (1 or 2) they would support and recommend for Members consideration.**

Once the MAG has provided their list of priorities and funding needs, CBFWA staff will develop line item budgets to support these funding levels. Please respond to Tom Iverson by COB Friday October 23, 2009 with answers to the following:

- 1) Which tasks would your entity be comfortable removing from the workplan in order to balance the budget and why (Column K)?
- 2) Do you have knowledge of other funding sources that may be available to support the tasks that have been eliminated (Column L)?
- 3) What is your entities' funding requirements for Member participation for FY2010 (Column M)?
- 4) Which budget reduction strategy does your entity support for reducing the budget to fit within the BPA proposed budget (Option 1 or 2 above)?

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With regard to material to support a conversation regarding funding model options (i.e. consolidated versus distributed), we have posted documents for your review under Item 3\* to support discussion of coordinated (historical) versus distributed funding for CBFWA support in FY 2010 to the MAG Webpage. In addition, the MAG has not completed its conversation and the development of a policy statement on this matter (see page 7 of the Policy Directives, attached and posted). **It is anticipated that on October 26, each MAG member will discuss their pros and cons for each alternative in order to fully develop a briefing paper for Member consideration on October 29, 2009.**

*\*Documents Posted: 1) Nov 2007 memo from Brian Lipscomb to the MAG regarding distributed funding for FY2008-09, and 2) Dec 2007 correspondence from Members to Council regarding 2008-09 CBFWA funding (see 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph). Also posted FYI is the CBFWA AWP 1.8 plus approved by the Members July 9, 2009.*

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