



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.

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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

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National Marine Fisheries Service

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

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Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: November 6, 2009
TO: Members Advisory Group
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the November 16, 2009 MAG Teleconference

**Members Advisory Group (MAG) Teleconference
Monday, November 16, 2009
1:00-4:00 p.m. PST
@ 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: Draft Action Notes from the October 19, 2009 and October 26, 2009 MAG Teleconferences

Recommended Action: Approve as Final: Draft Action Notes from the [October 19, 2009](#) and [October 26, 2009](#) MAG Teleconferences.

ITEM 3: MAG Review of Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) Response to CBFWA Resident Fish Loss Methodology Recommendations

On October 13, 2009, the CBFWA received a [response from Steve Crow, Council Executive Director](#), regarding the [letter that CBFWA submitted to the Council](#) in which we recommended a method to assess the quantity of resident fish habitat inundated due to the construction and operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS). In the Council's letter, the CBFWA was informed that "the Council intends to develop a methodology in a public process that will include independent scientific review of what we assume will be various proposed methodologies." Steve Crow indicated that the Council's "Fish and Wildlife staff is working with Council members to determine our next steps in this process."

The Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC) has requested that the MAG review the Council's letter and consider developing a response.

ITEM 4: MAG Review of Staff Prepared New Directive #1

During the Executive Session on October 29, the CBFWA Members resolved by consensus: Policy Directive #1 and the description of associated forums, principles, deliverables and tasks need to be revised.

The need for revisions is based upon the Members placing a high priority on improving the status of fish and wildlife resources in the Columbia Basin.

The Members direct CBFWA staff to participate in and support ongoing assessments of:

- 1) The status of the species, and
- 2) implementation of strategies and actions, in order to help determine if efforts are being successful.

Utilizing the technical expertise and information of its Members and staff, CBFWA can help hold the region accountable for achieving success in fish and wildlife management, including ensuring that responsible entities are adequately fulfilling their fish and wildlife mitigation obligations. This effort necessarily involves helping establish and apply the appropriate standards, measuring techniques and metrics to provide the status assessments. The CBFWA recommendations to the Council on the Fish and Wildlife Program should form the basis for implementing Policy Directive #1.

The CBFWA staff is directed to draft revisions to the Forums, Guiding Principles, Deliverables and Tasks for Policy Direction Number One [in] order to conform to the new Policy Directive Number One language. The Members direct that an emphasis be placed on:

- The importance of producing valuable deliverables, not just exchanging information;
- the avoidance of duplications and other inefficiencies in the forums;
- the making of sound technical foundations on key issues is a top priority when trying to achieve consensus on political and policy issues. Technical assessments of status, implementation and progress towards success are the top priority. Members can chose to make policy recommendations on any issue, and those recommendations can be made by CBFWA with the consensus of Members, or by Members on an individual or group basis without “CBFWA” endorsement per se.

The MAG will review the revised Policy Directive Number One prepared by CBFWA staff as directed by the Members.

Upcoming Meetings:

Members November Meeting: Wed, Nov 4, 2009 – Cancelled

Members December Meeting: Wed, Dec 2, 2009, 1-4pm

MAG December Meeting: Mon, Dec 21, 2009 1-4pm

Council Meeting(s): [Nov 12-13, 2009 Webinar](#), Portland, OR and Dec 8-9, 2009, Portland, OR