



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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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

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

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Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: December 9, 2009
TO: Members Advisory Group
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the December 16, 2009 MAG Teleconference

**Members Advisory Group (MAG) Teleconference
Wednesday, December 16, 2009
9:00am-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 November 16, 2009 MAG Teleconferences

Recommended Action: Approve as Final: Draft Action Notes from the [November 16, 2009](#) MAG Teleconference.

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

Background: 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 CBFWA 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."

At the November MAG meeting, the Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC) drafted a [memo to the MAG](#) requesting the MAG's review and direction. Rather than send another comment letter, the MAG suggested that Brian Lipscomb contact the Council to initiate a conversation to thoroughly assess the situation and inquire as to the Council's expectations and anticipated timeline. After speaking with the Council, Brian will report back to the RFAC at their meeting scheduled on December 15th. If the RFAC feel that a response is warranted after Brian's discussion with the Council, they will draft a response for MAG's review at the December MAG meeting.

- CBFWA staff will brief the MAG on the results of the discussion with the Council and the follow-up discussion with the RFAC.

ITEM 4: Policy Directives & CBFWA Work Plan

The Members reviewed in Executive Session on December 2nd the draft policy directive one, including the forums and guiding principles, as drafted by staff and directed:

- 1) the technical committees to confirm deliverables and tasks including timeframes and appropriate Members' staff time to accomplish;
- 2) **CBFWA staff with MAG** to develop a finalized package of all three directives including the above items for adoption as a final draft by the Members on January 6, 2010;
- 3) **CBFWA staff with MAG** to draft an action establishing the Executive Committee ad hoc and a draft charter amendment to codify the Executive Committee for adoption by the Members on January 6, 2010, and;
- 4) **CBFWA staff with MAG** draft action relative to the FY 2010 budget and funding for adoption as final draft by the Members on January 6, 2010.

ITEM 5: January 2010 MAG Teleconference

The MAG meeting for January 2010 will need to be changed due to the federally observed holiday Martin Luther King, Jr. (Jan 18th). The MAG will need to discuss alternate dates.

At the January 2010 MAG teleconference, Brad Houslet, CTWS, will pass the MAG Chair gavel to a NOAA Member representative, and Liz Gaar, NOAA, will pass the Vice-chair gavel to a Member representative from one of the Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT).

Upcoming Meetings:

Members January 2010 Meeting: Jan 6, 2010, 1-4pm, Portland, OR

MAG January 2010 Teleconference: *Date TBD*, 1-4pm, Portland, OR

Directors/Tribal Chairs Meeting: End of January or First of February: *Date TBD*

Council Meeting(s) 2010: Jan 12-14th in Portland & Feb 9-11th in Portland