



# 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.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and fish and wildlife agencies:

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## Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

**DATE:** June 29, 2010  
**TO:** Ad hoc Members Advisory Group (MAG) Anadromous Fish Managers' Work Group  
**FROM:** Tom Iverson and Dave Ward, CBFWA Staff  
**SUBJECT:** Final Action Notes for the June 24, 2010 MAG Anadromous Fish Managers' Work Group Teleconference

**Members Advisory Group (MAG) ad hoc  
Anadromous Fish Managers' Work Group Teleconference  
Thursday, June 24, 2010  
9:00am-12:00 noon PDT  
@ CBFWA Office Portland, OR**

[MAG Webpage](#)

Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** Elizabeth Gaar and Scott Rumsey, NOAA Fisheries; Lance Hebdon, IDFG; Jay Hesse, NPT; Bruce Schmidt, PSMFC; and Dave Ward, Tom Iverson, and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA.

**Phone/WebEx:** Bill Bosch, YN; Erik Neatherlin and Brodie Cox, WDFW; Cedric Cooney, ODFW; Phil Roger and Henry Franzoni, CRITFC; Stacie Shoemaker, CTUIR; and Jen Bayer, PNAMP.

<b>Time Allocation:</b>	<b>Objective 1: Participation</b>	100%
	<b>Objective 2: Technical Review</b>	0%
	<b>Objective 3: Presentation</b>	0%

**ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**

Brian Lipscomb suggested that an agenda item be added to provide a reminder of the larger context for the Coordinated Assessments Work Plan. The group approved the agenda as written with the addition of a background discussion by Brian.

**ITEM 2: Approve May 27, 2010 Draft Action Notes as Final**

The group reviewed the notes and there were no objections to making the notes final.

**ITEM 3: Context for Coordinated Assessments Work Plan**

The data management efforts under the Coordinated Assessments Work Plan are helping to coordinate reporting of data derived from the monitoring projects identified in the Skamania anadromous fish monitoring workshops. On the last day of the Skamania workshops, several participants identified the need for an over-arching framework for monitoring in the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (Council) Fish and Wildlife Program. The Council developed the Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Reporting (MERR) document that recently received public review and comment. Within the MERR, there are several monitoring strategies envisioned, and currently being developed, in addition to the Anadromous Salmonid Monitoring Strategy (ASMS). These include separate White Sturgeon, Lamprey, Bull Trout, Wildlife, and other monitoring strategies.

The Council's RME Categorical Review will rely on the ASMS to set the context for the anadromous salmonid monitoring projects being reviewed. The ASMS is

not complete and is currently out for review and comment. It is important that each agency and tribe provide comments ASAP. The draft ASMS needs to go out for public review prior to August 1, 2010 to help support the ISRP review of monitoring projects.

The next step for the ASMS exercise is to develop a data management framework and strategy to support sharing the information that the monitoring projects are collecting. That is what the Coordinated Assessments Work Plan is hoping to achieve. The Coordinated Assessments Work Plan identifies the priority data from the ASMS in the Data Matrix (Appendix B) and lays out a plan for coordinating the sharing of that data across the basin. A year from now we should have a clearly articulated data sharing plan and a funding proposal to support it.

**Action:** CBFWA staff will develop a timeline that shows all the monitoring strategy efforts being developed under the MERR, consistent with the CBFWA 2010 Work Plan. How these efforts relate to categorical and geographic reviews will be included in the timeline.

**ITEM 4: Review and Approve June 24, 2010 Revised Coordinated Assessments Work Plan**

Tom provided an overview of the June 24 Draft of the Coordinated Assessments Work Plan (Plan). The Plan is in a good shape from a high level perspective. There are many details to be worked out as the Plan is implemented. Generally, this summer will be used to develop draft proof-of-concept products that will provide examples of data exchange information. Once the examples are created, there will be a workshop in September to vet and approve a work plan for obtaining the three selected indicators for each of the populations identified in the Anadromous Salmonid Monitoring Strategy. Following regional agreement on the initial data exchange information, sub-regional workshops will be used to bring the field biologists together to discuss how data for the three selected indicators is currently managed and how it could be done better. The sub-regional workshop participants will provide strategies for improving data management and a regional workshop will be held to review those strategies in February 2011. At the 2011 regional workshop, the participants will set regional priorities for data sharing, which will guide development of 2012-2016 data management proposals for BPA funding. Funding will be requested to support internal data management infrastructure for the agencies and tribes and external coordination efforts for sharing the data.

The current draft work plan sets the RME Categorical Review for data management projects beginning on April 1, 2011. That date is currently supported by BPA and NPCC staff assuming ISRP involvement in the workshops along the way.

Bruce raised concern about the current language being used in the draft work plan stating that it is confusing to data specialists. What is being described is not what a Data Exchange Template is according to standard accepted terminology. Also, Bruce suggested that the agencies and tribes may be able to complete some of these tasks without hiring contractors. Lance suggested that we stick to standardized definitions.

Scott also mentioned that the Technical Recovery Teams (TRT) have completed much of this work, so we need to build from those efforts and not duplicate their efforts to locate and acquire population data.

Elizabeth asked to review the document for words like “priority” and clarify where those priorities were set and why. In many cases “appropriate” or “selected” may be better word choices.

Jen mentioned that USGS is working to direct remaining FY10 data management funds towards this effort. The Coordinated Assessments Work Plan is the highest priority for the data management funds that are guided by the PNAMP Data Management Leadership Team (DMLT). The DMLT will be meeting soon after this meeting to discuss how best to support the Coordinated Assessments Work Plan. PNAMP funds for now until September will focus on developing the draft materials to support the September regional meeting.

The agencies and tribes need to evaluate their capacity and needs to implement this work plan. It is assumed that the CBFWA coordination funding, combined with agency and tribal in-kind and BPA/PNAMP funding for contractors will support efforts from now until September. Work will be included in the FY11 data management contracts, with funding for work for FY11. The FY12-16 proposals will support the implementation of the recommendations that result from this effort.

Tom worked through the actual document and discussed each of the deliverables in detail. The group agreed that the work plan was ready to go with one more edit to clean up some of the language choices.

**Action:** Tom will work with Bruce to clean up the language in the draft work plan. A revised work plan will be distributed by July 1 for the agencies and tribes to use for internal coordination. This work plan will not be updated again until prior to the September regional workshop, where details concerning the sub-regional workshops and data acquisition efforts will be formalized.

**ITEM 5: Next Meeting**

The group agreed to meet again in August as draft proof-of-concept products were ready for review and to prepare for September/October workshops. Tom will work with agencies and tribes to identify key participants for the Fall workshop and doodle-poll a date that will work for the majority of the participants.

A regular MAG meeting will be held in July to inform the full MAG of CBFWA’s progress towards achieving the three policy directives identified in the CBFWA work plan.

- Note:**
- *The final draft (July 2010) [Coordinated Assessments Work Plan](#) document is available on MAG webpage, posted the under June 24, 2010 Meeting.*
  - *The MAG is scheduled to meet on August 12, 2010. The date of the August ad hoc MAG Anadromous Fish Managers’ meeting is to be determined following the August MAG meeting.*
  - *The workshop will be scheduled for October 5-6, 2010; details forthcoming.*