



# 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:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

**Coordinating Agencies**

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

Upper Columbia United Tribes

**DATE:** August 15, 2011  
**TO:** Members Advisory Group (MAG)  
**FROM:** Jann Eckman, Interim Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Final Action Notes for the August 10, 2011 MAG Meeting

**Members Advisory Group (MAG) Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 10, 2011**  
**1:30pm-4:00pm (pacific)**  
**@ CBFWA Office**  
**Portland, OR**  
[MAG Webpage](#)

Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** Doug Taki, SBT; Jason Kesling, BPT; Brad Houslet, CTWS; Elmer Ward, CTWS; Mike Faler, USFWS; Jann Eckman, Dave Ward, Patricia Burgess, CBFWA

**Phone/WebEx:** Gary James, CTUIR; Lance Hebdon, IDFG; Dave Statler, NPT; Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries; Edmond Murrell, SPT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Tom Iverson, CBFWA

**Time Allocation:**

Objective 1: Participation	100%
Objective 2: Technical Review	0%
Objective 3: Presentation	0%

**ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**

**Action:** The MAG approved the draft [agenda](#) with a reversal of items 3 and 5. No objections.

**ITEM 2: Draft Action Notes from the July 12, 2011 MAG Meeting**

**Action:** The MAG approved the [MAG July 12, 2011](#) action notes as final. No objections.

**ITEM 3: FY 2012 and Beyond Work Plan Development Issues and Schedule**

In an email dated August 1, CBFWA staff sent documents to the MAG charting three options for the FY12 and beyond work plan and funding. The MAG was asked to review the documents in preparation for this MAG meeting and be prepared to discuss their needs with regard to regional coordination functions and anticipated funding allocations to support the CBFWA tasks. In addition, Jann Eckman shared a concept generated out of a conversation with Paul Lumley, Executive Director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC), suggesting a different model of tribal and federal relations beyond Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) fish and wildlife. All documents were emailed to the MAG members but not posted to the MAG webpage.

The MAG discussed the three options, and other concepts, but did not finalize a specific recommendation for the Members' consideration at the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting in Coeur d'Alene. The MAG determined that a better course of action may be to lay out the key considerations to the Members outlining that the "status quo" will no longer work and drafting it without getting bogged down in the details. Key considerations: 1) CBFWA is not currently carrying out its role as envisioned in the original Charter. It has become a smaller and smaller subset of fish and wildlife managers who can't meet the original intent, and based on the current funding policy the remaining agencies and tribes of CBFWA fund basinwide services for all, 2) the region needs a coordination function and/or other functions with co-

manager oversight that would attract more managers back to the table and gain the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) and BPA support, 3) Members need to be informed how CBFWF fits into the future and how the fish and wildlife managers could utilize the CBFWF for their needs, and 4) Is the fish and wildlife managers' vision of coordination to support the Fish and Wildlife Program meeting their expectations? Ask the Council how they will address those needs absent CBFWA.

Tom Iverson will develop a brief (15 minute) presentation to set up the conversation at the Members' meeting. The presentation will cover key considerations regarding the current status of CBFWA/CBFWF, Charter principals, and possible options to move forward providing the Members with enough information to have a robust conversation to prompt a strategic direction from the Members.

Tom will forward the presentation to Chairman Taki and the MAG Subgroup members for review. Tom suggested that the MAG reach out and talk openly with BPA and the Council about regional coordination and facilitation forums and that will help feed into the discussion with policy members.

It was determined that the MAG will hold a brief meeting Tuesday, August 23, the evening before the Members' meeting, in Coeur d'Alene to finalize the presentation to the Members. CBFWA staff will email the MAG members to determine arrival times and arrange a meeting accordingly.

**ITEM 4: Define Committee Chair Reports**

- Each committee chair is allotted 15 minutes for their updates.
- The committee reports should focus on accomplishments of the past year and briefly describe needed next steps within their committee.

**ITEM 5: August 24, 2011 Members' Meeting [Draft Agenda](#) & Meeting Logistics Review**

The CBFWA Members' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2011, from 9:00am - 3:00pm at the [Best Western Plus, Coeur d'Alene Inn](#) - 506 W Appleway, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814.

- Mark Bagovitz confirmed that he will take the lead on the CRT update presentation.
- Consideration toward arranging an October Members' Teleconference.

**ITEM 6: FY 2011 CBFWA Work Plan Implementation Updates**

*Policy Directive 1: Participate in and support ongoing assessments.*

**Coordinated Assessment Basin-wide Data Sharing Strategy and Workshop:**

Tom Iverson stated that the draft regional data sharing strategy for salmon/steelhead is out for review to the Coordinated Assessments Planning Group (CAPG).

Comments are due back from the CAPG August 15 and then the draft strategy will go out for full review. The data sharing strategy for three population scale abundance and productivity indicators includes two main components: 1) individual data sharing strategies developed by the fisheries co-managers that collect, analyze, and share salmon and steelhead data, and 2) a basin-wide data sharing strategy to coordinate their efforts for providing data to support basin-wide and regional reporting.

This Strategy is the result of a months-long effort called the Coordinated Assessment Project that involved fishery co-managers and other key agencies within the Columbia River Basin, and should be considered a high-level road map for a collaborative effort to share data across the Basin. The effort is the first step towards developing a standardized data sharing protocol that can support reporting

against basin-wide objectives. The goal of this strategy is to 1) identify priority actions to develop and support basin-wide data management infrastructures, including infrastructure needed within individual agencies and tribes to manage their supporting data, 2) guide the NPCC's Category Review for Data Management and Regional Coordination projects, and 3) guide NOAA's Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund project reviews to support recovery monitoring and align data management funding within that process with BPA and other funding sources within the Columbia River Basin.

This project is focused on salmon and steelhead data. As the resident fish and wildlife monitoring strategies progress, data management needs to be considered for addressing those needs.

The final product is due out prior to the workshop scheduled for September 21-22 in Portland.

***Policy Directive 2: [Status of the Resources \(SOTR\)](#)***

Tom Iverson advised that the long awaited [Wildlife Section](#) interactive map is now available on the [SOTR](#) website.

***Policy Directive 3: Regional Activity***

**Fish and Wildlife Program Implementation Update**

Tom Iverson briefly reviewed the Council's correspondence dated July 28<sup>th</sup> which provided an update on the Resident Fish/Blocked Areas, Regional Coordination and Data Management categories under the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program (Program): <http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2011/08/fl.pdf>. Proponents will have three months to complete proposals beginning September 1, 2011. Proposals will be due by midnight on Tuesday, November 22.

Gary James, CTUIR, asked MAG members if they received [the Council's Subbasin Plan Update Survey Request](#) and if the MAG felt that CBFWA should tee this up for a response. In general, the MAG agreed that CBFWA would probably not be taking part in the survey on a consensus basis, but that individual members may submit responses.

**Request for Proposals for the Council's Fish Tagging Forum Facilitation Services:** The Council is requesting proposals to help facilitate the work of the Council's newly-formed, Fish Tagging Forum (Forum). Tom Iverson asked the MAG if CBFWA should submit a proposal. The MAG directed that given the submission date of August 26, 2011, there wasn't enough time to formulate a proposal for Members' review and endorsement.

**ITEM 7:**

**Next MAG Meetings**

The MAG determined that it would be beneficial to meet prior to the August 24 Members' meeting in Coeur d'Alene to finalize the FY 12 and Beyond presentation to the Members.

- A meeting has being arranged for the evening before the Members' meeting. Chairman Taki has requested a meeting start time of 7:00pm (pacific). The meeting will take place onsite at the [Best Western Plus, Coeur d' Alene Inn](#). Final details are still being worked out and will be communicated to the MAG on Monday, August 22.

It is anticipated that at the August 24 meeting, the Members will provide direction requiring the MAG's attention and a meeting should be scheduled for the first part of October.

- A MAG meeting has been scheduled for Wed, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm-4:00pm

(pacific), at the CBFWA Office in Portland.

***Upcoming  
Meetings:***

[Members'](#) Meeting: August 24, 2011, Coeur d'Alene, ID

[Northwest Power and Conservation Council](#) Meeting(s): September 13-14, Astoria, OR; October 11-12, Portland, OR.

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