



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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**FINAL**

**DATE:** January 9, 2013  
**TO:** Members Advisory Group (MAG)  
**FROM:** Tom Iverson  
**SUBJECT:** Final Action Notes for the January 8, 2013 MAG Teleconference Meeting

## **Members Advisory Group Teleconference Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

**1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. (Pacific)**

**851 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 250, Portland, OR**

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### **Final Action Notes**

**Attendees:** Doug Taki, Chair; Mike Faler, and Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Elmer Ward, CTWS; and CBFWF/A Staff: Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, Binh Quan, and Trina Gerlack

**WebEx - Phone:** Gary James, CTUIR; Jason Kesling, BPT; Elizabeth Holmes Gaar, NOAA Fisheries; Laura Gephart, CRITFC; Gary Aitken, Jr., KTOI, and Bill Maslen, BPA

#### **ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**

**Action:** The agenda was approved as written. No objections.

#### **ITEM 2: Draft Action Notes from the December 6, 2012 MAG Meeting**

**Action:** The [action notes for the 12/6/2012 MAG Meeting were approved as final](#). No objections.

#### **ITEM 3: CBFWA/F FY2013 Work Plan and Budget**

##### **Item 3a: Members' Status**

At the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting the MAG decided on three options for the current Members to choose from to determine how they would like to participate for FY 2013. 1) Status quo to remain a Member of CBFWA and dedicate funds to support staff to implement the FY13 CBFWA work plan; 2) Maintain CBFWA Charter via membership dues, without dedicated staff, and activate when needed; and 3) Withdrawal from CBFWA and continue the CBFWF as a non-profit consulting contracting agency. The MAG agreed to meet with their policy representatives to discuss the options and return with their membership commitment and potential funding contributions for FY 2013. CBFWA/F staff will develop work plans to support either the CBFWA organization or to support individual contracts via the CBFWF for future non-members.

The Burns Paiute Tribe and Shoshone Paiute Tribe submitted their formal notices and resolutions to withdrawal from the CBFWA organization, effective 3/31/2013.

Jason Kesling stated that Burns Paiute Tribe submitted their letter to withdrawal and will continue to use their coordination funds through the Upper Snake River Tribes (USRT).

Doug Taki stated that Shoshone Bannock Tribe will remain as a Member of CBFWA, but will have less allocation of funding to CBFWA and more for tribal employee travel.

Gary Aitken, Jr., stated that the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho will remain a Member of the Authority, but the funding allocation has not been defined by Tribal Council.

Elmer Ward stated that Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will remain a Member of CBFWA, but the funding allocation is an ongoing discussion.

Gary James stated that the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Tribes Fish & Wildlife Commission met and recommended that CTUIR withdraw from the CBFWA organization, but

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

Burns Paiute Tribe

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-Shoshone Tribe

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

National Marine Fisheries Service

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

are waiting for a final decision from the Board of Trustees. Gary added that CTUIR will have internal discussions on forwarding some funds to do coordination work to CBFWF or another entity.

The CRITFC Commission recommended that their Members withdraw from CBFWA. Gary James, CTUIR and Laura Gephart, CRITFC both stated that it is up to each individual CRITFC Tribe to decide on which option they will choose.

Tom Iverson stated that he has met with Yakama Nation and discussed their position but is waiting for a formal letter on their decision.

Tom I. stated that his understanding is that Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks funding allocation will be the same as last year.

Tom I. will contact Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe to discuss their position.

Tom I. estimated that the CBFWA membership would include Members from Upper Snake River, Upper Columbia River, Lower Columbia River, and Federal agencies. The funding allocations to CBFWA from the remaining Members should fund one FTE and the work plan will continue to be eyes and ears for the Members, track fish and wildlife program processes, and provide direct support for Members' projects.

Tom I. stated that the CBFWA FY 2013 statement of work to renew the CBFWA contract was due to BPA on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Maslen stated that BPA will continue to work with everyone, but advised the MAG and staff to be sensitive to the appropriate or necessary lead time for change by way of both contracting and work to develop work statements and budgets, but also the implications of change to the infrastructure and staffing of the organization. Tom I. and Bill Maslen agreed to meet to discuss the changes and manage the transition effectively.

Elizabeth Gaar, NOAA Fisheries, stated now that the CBFWA Membership has been more defined, she will need to meet with Barry Thom about NOAA's position.

**Item 3b: Potential Work Plan Elements for FY13**

Tom I. will contact the remaining Members of CBFWA to confirm their needs and priorities and draft the FY13 CBFWA work plan and budget for MAG's review by January 21, 2013.

**Item 3c: Winter Members Meeting**

The MAG scheduled the Members' Meeting on February 20, 2013 in Portland, Oregon to review and approve the FY13 CBFWA Work Plan and Budget, revised Charter, and elect a Chair. The meeting logistics are forthcoming.

**ITEM 4: Other Regional Updates**

At the NPCC meeting next week, the NPCC Fish and Wildlife Committee will be reviewing their final PERC recommendations which include transition details for the SOTR report and Regional HEP Team projects. A final decision by the NPCC will take place during their February 2013 meeting.

The Program Amendment Process will start in April. There is a Categorical Geographic Review Process being initiated on Anadromous Subbasins Habitat projects. They will be grouped by subbasin and reviewed in context with all the other projects being done in the subbasin. The Amendment Process will take about a year. The call for Program Amendments begins in April 2013, Amendments are due in July, the draft Program available in November, and the final Program adoption in April 2014.

**ITEM 5: Next MAG Meeting**

The next MAG Teleconference Meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2013 from 1:30-4:00pm in Portland, Oregon to review the draft FY13 CBFWA work plan and budget for Members consideration.

***Upcoming  
Meetings:***

[Northwest Power and Conservation Council](#) Meeting(s): Jan. 15-16, Portland; Feb. 12-13, Portland; Mar. 12-13, Portland.

[FSOC Subgroup Teleconference](#): Jan. 10, 2013, Portland

[Coordinated Assessments Planning Group \(CAPG\) Meeting](#): Jan. 22, 2013, Portland

[Fish Screening Oversight Committee \(FSOC\) Teleconference](#): Jan. 24, 2013, Portland

[Wildlife Focus Workgroup \(WFW\) Meeting](#): Feb.12, 2013, Portland

[Oregon AFS Annual Meeting](#): Feb. 19-22, 2013, Bend, OR

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