



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: March 27, 2013
TO: Members Advisory Group (MAG)
FROM: Doug Taki, MAG Chair
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the March 19, 2013 MAG Teleconference Meeting

If there are no objections within 10-days, these action notes will be considered final.

Members Advisory Group Teleconference Meeting
Tuesday, March 19, 2013
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Pacific)
851 SW 6th Ave., Suite 250, Portland, OR
[MAG Webpage](#)

Final Action Notes

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

WebEx - Kyle Heinrick, BPT; Edmond Murrell, SPT

Phone:

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

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

ITEM 2: Draft Action Notes for the February 7, 2013 MAG Meeting

Action: The [action notes for the 2/7/2013 MAG Meeting were approved as final](#). No objections.

ITEM 3: Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Foundation (CBFWF) "Foundation" Business Updates – Jann Eckman

- Status of FY12 Members Budgets and Expenditures

Jann Eckman stated that there are no significant changes to FY12 Members budgets and expenditures since the last meeting. She asked the MAG to send their billings for time and travel reimbursement by May 1st.

ITEM 4: Members Action to Dissolve Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority (CBFWA)

- Termination Requirements

Jann spoke to legal counsel and confirmed there are no termination requirements or documentation to be filed to dissolve the CBFWA organization on March 31, 2013. The CBFWA charter and documents will be shelved and available upon request.

- Plans for CBFWA Archive and Website

Tom Iverson stated that the CBFWA archive and CBFWA website will be maintained for the next year and linked in the new Columbia Basin Fish and

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 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

Wildlife Foundation (Foundation) website, which is under construction. In addition to the CBFWA archive, the Foundation website will contain the fish & wildlife calendar, contact directory, job listings, and reimbursement claim forms. The Foundation staff is in the process of developing the new website, services, and mission statement. The Foundation staff will transition to the @cbfwf.org email address in April.

ITEM 5: February 25, 2013 BPA and Foundation Staff Meeting Update

- Update of BPA on Results of Members Meeting

Following the February 20, 2013 Members Meeting, Jann and Tom went to BPA and met with Bill Maslen, F&W Director; Bryan Mercier, Director of Operations; Dave Roberts, CO; and Tracy Hauser, COTR and informed them of the action taken by the Members at their 2/20/13 Members Meeting to dissolve the CBFWA organization, effective March 31, 2013. BPA staff discussed their contracting time frames and various options to help with the transition.

- [Bill Maslen's February 27, 2013 Email Regarding FY13 Budgets Associated with CBFWA and BPA's Contracting Transition Period](#)

After that meeting Bill Maslen sent an email titled Resolution to Dissolve Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority explaining how they will be handling the contracting through this transition. Since BPA typically requests project sponsors submit project proposals 120 days in advance of contracting to provide reasonable lead time for development of work statements/budgets and contracting, BPA plans to extend CBFWF's existing FY12 contract for project year 2013 (April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014). BPA will allocate 25% of what the members' 2012 contribution was to CBFWA to the CBFWF contract to facilitate the transition. In the meantime, BPA is available to work with the individual sovereigns to establish regional coordination contracts effective July 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014 based on the remaining coordination funds.

Jann Eckman will send contract modifications to each co-manager by April 1, 2013.

- Discuss Potential FY13 Contracts with CBFWF – see Item 6

ITEM 6: Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Foundation

- Status

With cuts in compensation the Foundation has potentially three contracts for FY13 to support the current staffing level for the next year and staff will continue to seek additional contracts. Please contact staff if there are any Members who need support services in FY13.

1. Fish Data Technical Services to transfer the Status of the Resources (SOTR) infrastructure to the NPCC.
2. Regional Coordination Services
3. Pending Yakama Nation's legal review Status and Trends Annual Report (STAR) for their accord project for reporting status and trends and their populations.

- [FY 2013 Work Plan and Budget](#)

Foundation staff will continue to perform the services of the past, i.e. contract management, meeting facilitation, tracking fish and wildlife activities in the basin, and providing bi-monthly status report.

- [FY 2013 Co-managers' Travel Contracts](#)

Based on last year's Members travel funding the Foundation staff applied one quarter funding for April 1 through June 30 and built the travel budgets in the FY13 work plan. The SBT allocated \$30K and MFWP allocated \$20K for a year of travel funding and those contracts will be managed by the Foundation.

Edmond Murrell asked Tom Iverson if he could call into the USRT meeting on March 21 to give an update to the USRT members regarding the Foundation's status and answer any questions. Edmond will ask Heather Ray to contact Tom Iverson to schedule the call.

ITEM 7: Issues to Address in 2013 - Tom Iverson

- NPCC Program Amendment Process

The Council is finalizing a solicitation letter for April to open the Program Amendment Process for receiving recommendations due in July. The draft Program Amendment will be released in November 2013 for review.

The Foundation staff is available to help with this process if asked.

The March 8, 2013 ISAB Review of the 2009 Fish and Wildlife Program is available on the NPCC's website for review at <http://www.nwcouncil.org/media/5950466/isab2013-1.pdf>

- Tracking Program Funding

The FY14 is a new rate case and \$22M of new money will be added into the Program starting October 1. Tentatively BPA is planning to send \$10M to the "Big Six" the states and tribes who made significant budget cuts last summer; \$4M goes to the Budget Oversight Group (BOG) placeholder to address within year budget requests; \$5M will be held for BPA management discretion to meet their obligations; and \$3M will be left vacant as a buffer to prevent overcharging the Program. There may be some opportunities for the Foundation to identify work for future funding.

A BOG's new policy on project funding management resembles a block grant process. If a project sponsor needs to add \$15K to a project and they can identify \$15K of savings in another project they can transfer that money, if it doesn't impact the scope or intent of either project. The project sponsors can shift funds between projects.

The Geographic Review is ongoing for all habitat projects in salmon populated subbasins. The ISRP are reviewing the proposals and the site visits start in May or June. The responses from the project sponsors are due in July and the final ISRP report will be out in August. Funding for those projects should occur in the fall.

- BPA Taking Stronger Role in Program Development and Implementation

Tom I. foresees Bonneville providing amendment recommendations in the

November 2013 draft Program regarding data management framework; which raises the question of who should be writing the Program.

The Wildlife Advisory Committee or Wildlife Focus Workgroup was approved by the Council out of the Regional HEP Team review. Peter Paquet, NPCC is looking for funding to facilitate the Wildlife committee meetings. Amendment recommendations could be generated via this committee.

ITEM 8: Regional Updates – Tom Iverson

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council is seeking your comments on the draft [Columbia Basin White Sturgeon Planning Framework](#). See: <http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/reviews/2010/rmeap/sturgeon-framework/> to submit your comments to Lynn Palensky, at lpalensky@nwcouncil.org by April 30, 2013.

Upcoming Meetings:

[Northwest Power and Conservation Council](#) Meeting(s): March 12-13, Portland; April 9-10, Spokane; May 7-8, Boardman; June 11-12, Missoula
[PNAMP Meeting Calendar](#): March 19-21 - PNAMP Intensively Monitored Watersheds (IMW) Workshop

[BPA Skamania III Technical Workshop](#): March 21 – Discussions about underlying principals & applications of Fish Habitat Catena - RSVP corie@pctrask.com

[2013 Western Division AFS Annual Meeting](#): April 15-18, Boise, ID

FSOC Meeting: April 25 – Details Forthcoming