



February 2, 1999

TO: Members, Fish and Wildlife Managers

FROM: Brian Allee 

SUBJECT: January 25, 1999 Draft Action Notes

**CBFWA MEMBERS MEETING
January 25, 1999
Portland International Airport
Conference Center
Portland, Oregon**

DRAFT ACTION NOTES

Invocation

Provided by Darrell Shay, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe.

Opening Remarks and Welcome

Provided by Brian Allee, CBFWA.

Introductions and Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as drafted.

CBFWA Integrated FY 99 Proposal Status

Discussion: The MSG, at their January 6th meeting, directed the ad hoc group (Tony Nigro, Kelly Lillengreen, John Palensky) and CBFWA staff meet with the NPPC and BPA staff to clarify the concerns as outlined in a January 5th memo from NPPC staff. Since this item was on the January 7th NPPC Fish and Wildlife Committee agenda, the MSG requested Brian attend to respond to questions and concerns and request that the Council commit to a decision at their February NPPC meeting.

Tony Nigro then described two revisions to the proposal re-drafted by CBFWA staff incorporating Objective #3 into Objective #2 and formally deferring Objectives #4 and #6 to FY 2000. Tony stated that the redrafted version also addresses NPPC's concerns with the MYP, clarifying that the Members intent with the MYP is to use it as a source document in developing the DWAIP, not as an end product.

Doug Marker, NPPC staff, expressed the need to have more discussion prior to the proposal being presented to the full Council. Objectives #4 and #6 are not being considered for FY 99, and the Council is concerned with the MYP in how it has been used so far in the DAIWP process. The Council has questions with agency and tribal staff roles in jurisdictional responsibilities vs. additional regional work and estimating the amount of time spent to do the work.

There will be a meeting of the BPA, NPPC and CBFWA staff on January 26th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the CBFWA to continue discussing this issue.

ACTION: Based on the results from the January 26th meeting, the Members directed CBFWA staff to finalize the current proposal and draft a cover memo to the Council with a request that the Council make a decision on the FY 99 proposal at their February 23-25 Council meeting. The proposal and transmittal memo will be presented to the MSG for approval at their February 3 meeting.

Enforcement Conservation

Tom Clune provided a status report. The CBFWA, Council and BPA staff met January 12 to discuss three issues:

- 1) who is interested in pursuing funding;
- 2) criteria;
- 3) a draft explanation to BPA and NPPC

The placeholder for FY 99 is not available, so the question lies with the interested proposers and whether or not they intend to pursue funding through the CBFWA process of competing with other projects for FY 99 carryover funds.

Artificial Production Review (APR)

John Marsh, NPPC staff, updated the Members on the APR public workshop held earlier this month. A draft document based on information gathered during the workshop will be distributed for public comment and public hearings will be held around the basin with the intent to provide a report to Congress in May. John said a redrafted scientific report (NPPC doc. 98-33), will include resident fish information, a discussion of the IHOT

audits, ecological interaction, and corrected citations. Copies of the presentation materials are available from John Marsh upon request.

ACTION: The Members directed Brian Allee to follow the APR closely, providing ongoing information to the Members as it becomes available.

FY 2000 Process

Tom Giese, CBFWA staff, distributed handouts and presented a status report. The review groups have now received all of the project groupings and the reviews are scheduled.

The most important date listed on the schedule at this time is **Friday, March 19, when the proposals and draft report should be at CBFWA for drafting by CBFWA staff.** Copies of the presentation materials are available upon request.

Members were reminded that the ISRP recommends funding for “Innovative Research” projects and an evaluation by the Members is expected for FY 2000.

Multi-Year Funding

John Palensky, NMFS, was not available to lead this discussion as was drafted in the agenda; however, the Members did provide input to the Council staff present. To date, discussions between the CBFWA Members, the Council and BPA are collaborative and ongoing. No action was taken.

Multi-Species Framework

Brian Lipscomb, SKT, was not available to provide this update. Tom Clune, however, recently traveled to Washington, D.C. with other Multi-Species Framework project leaders, and briefed the Members on two CBFWA related issues:

- Future funding of this project is estimated at \$2.5 million. Tom said he reiterated at the D.C. meetings that while CBFWA Members endorse the Multi-Species Framework, the funding source should be other than the direct budget.
- Tom also relayed the federal family’s intent to move the project forward regardless of involvement by other entities if there is not notable progress by late spring.

ACTION: The Members directed Brian Allee to ensure that they are kept informed, and agreed to provide alternates to attend the scientific group meetings in the event a caucus vice-chair is unavailable.

Regional Schedule

Brian Allee presented a broad-based overview of the timelines for a variety of deliverables that affect Members or require their participation. Brian said CBFWA staff

would be providing these short-term schedules to the Members regularly, as well as the CBFWA calendar, that Brian asked the Members to view as their primary Fish & Wildlife scheduling tool. He asked the Members to work collaboratively with CBFWA staff to ensure correct and up-to-date meeting information. The presentation materials are available on request.

Status of BPA Rate Case and F&W Funding

Consultant Ed Sheets made an overhead presentation outlining BPA's 2001 to 2006 Rate Case. Because the Rate Case will be decided prior to significant regional decisions, such as the "99 Decision," it is important for Members to consider participation in a series of meetings and workshops that BPA will host in the near future. Presentation materials are available upon request.

ACTION: The Members directed Brian Allee to:

- Keep them informed of the meeting and workshop schedules.
- Draft a letter requesting that BPA meet with the Members prior to the end of February.
- Schedule an Emergency Members Meeting in February to discuss this issue with BPA representatives.

USFWS Coordination Act Report

Marv Yoshinaka, USFWS, provided a detailed presentation. The Executive Summary was distributed to all Members and fish and wildlife managers earlier this month. Copies of the report are available through the Portland office of USFWS.

Next Members Meeting

Members present recommended May 5-6 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. It was agreed that the agenda for the spring meeting would cover regional policy issues requiring action from tribal chairs and agency directors. The Members directed Brian Allee to distribute briefing materials well in advance of the meeting.

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