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**Note: These Draft Action Notes were Approved as Final at the 4/5/06 Members Meeting.*

**Winter Members Meeting
February 22-23, 2006
Portland, Oregon**

Attendees: Cecil Dick, BPT; Lawrence Schwabe, BPT; Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; Executive Director Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA; Laura Gephart, CRITFC; John Platt, CRITFC; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Ron Trahan, CSKT; Attorney Paul Ward, YN; Ken Hall, CTUIR; Gary James, CTUIR; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Lonny Macy, CTWSRO; Joe Maroney, KT; Tribal Council Member Gary Aitken, Sr., KTI; F&W Director Sue Ireland, KTI; Dave Statler, NPT; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries; Chairman; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Dave Ward, ODFW; Claude Broncho, SBT; Doug Taki, SBT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Dick Stone, WDFW; Mike Faler, USFWS; Terri Parr, AINI; Bruce Jim, CTWSRO; CBFWA staff: Jann Eckman, Kathie Titzler, Frank Young, Neil Ward, Tom Iverson, Tana Klum, Terri Lindau, Pat Burgess

Paul Norman, BPA; Michelle Manary, BPA; Chairman Tom Karier, NPCC; F&W Director Doug Marker, NPCC; Rhonda Whiting, NPCC; Patty O'Toole, NPCC;

Dinner Speaker: Lonny Macy, CTWSRO

Day Two: Cecil Dick, BPT; Lawrence Schwabe, BPT; Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; Laura Gephart, CRITFC; John Platt, Executive Director, Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA; CRITFC: Phil Roger, CRITFC; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Ron Trahan, CSKT; Attorney Paul Ward, YN; Ken Hall, CTUIR; Gary James, CTUIR; Carl Scheeler, CTUIR; Lonny Macy, CTWSRO; Tribal Council Member Gary Aitken, Sr., KTI; F&W Director Sue Ireland, KTI; Dave Statler, NPT; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries; F&W Director Doug Marker, NPCC; Patty O'Toole, NPCC; Stephen Waste, NPCC; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Carter Stein, PSMFC; Claude Broncho, SBT; Doug Taki, SBT; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Dan Diggs, USFWS; Mike Faler, USFWS; Steve Haeseker, USFWS; Dick Stone, WDFW; Terri Parr, ATNI; CBFWA staff: Jann Eckman, Kathie Titzler, Frank Young, Neil Ward, Tom Iverson, Tana Klum, Trina Gerlack, Pat Burgess

Lunch Speaker: Director Terry Flores, RiverPartners

**Day Two/
By Phone:** David Marmorek, ESSA
Bill Hutchinson, IDFG
Dennis Dauble, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Time Allocation:	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
	Objective 2. Technical Review	0%
	Objective 3. Presentation	0%

Action Notes

The support material and reference documents for the February 22-23, 2006 Members meeting are posted at <http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=Members&meeting=all> for your information.

Day One – Wednesday, February 22, 2006

Welcome and Opening Remarks – Tony Nigro, Chair

Invocation – Gary Aitken, Sr., Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Introductions/Roll Call

Approval of Agenda – agenda approved with following adjustments:

- Tentative shift of CBFWA staff agenda items to accommodate possible late arrival of NPCC participants.
- Committee reports to be added to agenda for beginning of day 2.

Change of Officers

- Tony Nigro, of the Oregon Department Fish & Wildlife (outgoing Chair) transfers the gavel to Ron Trahan, of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation (incoming Chair).
- Dan Diggs, of the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service is the incoming Vice-chair. Dan Diggs is not present for today's meeting and has designated Mark Bagdovitz to act as Vice-chair.
- CBFWA staff honored Tony Nigro with an engraved wildlife print for his service over the last year.

Approve Draft Action Notes from 1/18/06 Members Teleconference

- Info item correction: Salmon 21 corrected to Salmon 2100.
- The Members approved the draft 1/18/06 Action Notes with above mentioned correction.

(Ahead of schedule/BPA participants not yet arrived; Tom Iverson's *Presentation and Discussions on Various F&W Processes in the Region*, moved to this time slot.)

- CBFWA staff projects indicated within the Gray bars on the Gant chart.
- NPCC completed first within-year quarterly review and approved all but three requests received; next quarterly review set for April 2006 and will probably be the only other opportunity to get within year projects approved.
- BPA spending on target with 139M budget. Council upped planning budget to force actual spending of 139M to average 139M.
- Brian Lipscomb advised that the Council approved within year changes for approximately 4M in projects on 2/22/06: 1.5M = capital; 2.5M = expense. At year end 2005, CBFWA identified with Council that there would be between 7-9M remaining. After deducting the 2.5M, approximately 4.5-6.5M remaining available for the FY06 within-year changes for the second quarter.
- 2007-2009 Project Selection Process proposal period closed on 01/10/06. NPCC is focused on Province level review groups requiring the local sub-basin planners to select projects. CBFWA will not be required to review or make recommendations on projects at the Provincial level. The Council has approached CBFWA to assist in the design and build a mainstem/systemwide province process.
- Reference the Gant chart for the schedule for various processes.
- ISRP recommendations submittal due in June 2006.
- M&E is key component of selection process. BPA calling for reduction in M&E projects; NOAA calling for expansion; all others calling for greater accountability.
- Council adopted a research plan 2/22/06 containing framework descriptions but plan is not yet well-defined.
- CBFWA approached by Council to facilitate review of project proposals and provide recommendations. Discussion and Action deferred to day 2 until full quorum is present.
- Once fully developed, CBFWA Status of the Resource Project Report information will support the biological objectives to influence and support All-H analyzer objectives.

- Ron Peters called for CBFWA members to take a more active role in the BOG process to streamline process and facilitate better communication. Brian Lipscomb advised that MAG could take up question of requesting improvements in review process.
- Multi-province category proposals considered with mainstem/systemwide under five categories: 1) data management and coordination 2) monitoring and evaluation 3) research 4) habitat protection and restoration, and artificial production. Issues and discussion to be continued on day 2.

Power Function Review and F&W Program Relations - Paul Norman, Vice-President Power Business Line, and Michele Manari, BPA process coordinator

- BPA in process of setting rates for 2007-09 to be effective 10/01/06. Rates reflect 40% of region's retail load.
- Delay in rate of habitat acquisition questioned given approximate 7% debt interest and land value increase of 20-30%. Paul Norman could not address but would take up question with BPA.
- Power Function Review Links: <http://www.bpa.gov/power/pl/review/meetings.shtml> and <http://www.bpa.gov/power/pl/review/>.
- Tana assigned to track PFR process; she'll continue to brief Members and MAG.

NPCC's Strategy and Goals Related to Fish & Wildlife

Tom Karier, Chairman; Rhonda Whiting, F&W Committee Chair; Doug Marker, NPCC F&W Manager; Patty O'Toole, NPCC

NPCC staff reviewed their goals and strategies and how interaction with F&W Managers may assist in the processes.

- NPCC is working on transferring the functions of the Fish Passage Center.
- Project Solicitation for 2007-09 to correspond with three year rate case at Bonneville.
- The rolling issue memo process is a different process than has been done in the past. NPCC will provide notice to all project sponsors when their project is discussed, thus allowing fish and wildlife sponsors to have more opportunity to have engagement in the process.
- Prioritization of Monitoring & Evaluation needs and development of program. M&E is 40% of the Program budget and NPCC may need some CBFWA help in sorting out those priorities.
- Implement subbasin plans.
- Scheduling meetings with co-managers participation mainstem-systemwide projects review and prioritization and determining subsequent by May 2006. CBFWA staff facilitation is critical.
- Completion of data verification for All-H analyzers.
- NPCC is tracking 9th Circuit lawsuit regarding Power Act.
- Accomplishments tracked in metrics using PISCES tracking system. Continued input and concerted efforts is required for success.

Discussion:

The Members had questions about in lieu policies and other potential "non-starter" project issues. There were also questions about conservation easement policies and the strategy for those processes. The Council will hold more meetings to accommodate questions and concerns but the rules are not being changed.

Columbia River Basin Regional Gathering at The Paramount Hotel

Lonny Macy from Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation gave a presentation of the Warm Springs area activities and projects.

Day Two – Thursday, February 23, 2006

CBFWA Committee Updates

Dick Stone, WAC Chair reported that BPA came to the Wildlife Advisory Committee and asked WAC to figure out what are the crediting issues and the WAC will be providing a packet to the MAG for review.

Dick Stone, AFAC Chair reported that the Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee have been talking about the following issues: FPC, FPAC, Status of the Resource Report, All H Analyzer issue, AFAC Meeting March 27-28, 2006 Project Review Final Report, CBFWA's role in the Mainstem/Systemwide Review and questions regarding the Lamprey Projects.

Lawrence Schwabe, RFAC Chair reported that the Resident Fish Advisory Committee is providing technical comments to the project reviews by mid May. The RFAC will NOT be providing any comments on ranking or capitalization. The RFAC is working on the Draft Columbia River Research Plan, Status Review template, Lamprey document addressing the critical uncertainties for Bull Trout and White Sturgeon. RFAC are starting a white sturgeon workshop and bull trout workshop.

The Members discussed their concerns regarding the NPCC's project review process and how they could identify key activities (legal requirements and critical projects) that need to be done to help the NPCC with the process.

ACTION

The Members approved assigning the MAG to evaluate where CBFWA can affectively engage in the Project Review process to:

1. Assure that core project obligations are not lost.
2. Assure that critical needs are being met.
3. Bring recommendations to Members.

Recap Day One Meeting

Ron Trahan reported that the day one recap review had already been discussed in the morning.

Update on the Status of the Resource Report – Neil Ward, CBFWA

- Two products: report and interactive website.
- Why? Currently, no one place to obtain all information.
- Goal: have report out for Member review by August 2006 and 1st Report Draft available to Region by mid October.
- Website up by September 2006.
- Data reported, not analyzed.
- BPA cooperative – see value of project.
- Council acknowledging usefulness within Basin.
- Tool to show gaps to the decision makers.

Sue Ireland suggested a review of the Klamath Resource Information System (KRIS) website at <http://www.krisweb.com/>. KRIS pulls together maps, data tables, charts, photographs and bibliographic resources into an easy-to-use, PC-based computer program. For any designated watershed, KRIS organizes information relevant to fisheries and water quality so that it can be shared quickly and easily among agencies, private land owners and citizens.

CBFWA Facilitation of the Mainstem/Systemwide Proposal Review –

Tom Iverson, CBFWA: Moved to later time.

RME Presentation – David Marmorek, ESSA and Frank Young, CBFWA

- Over the next year the CSMEP will be preparing a final report for the current phase of its work. Various other research, monitoring, and evaluation efforts are underway in the region.

- Dave Marmorek and Frank Young discussed the steps and information needed to finalize the report, how the report may be used to assist in development of regional RM&E programs, and when and how the Members and their staff may engage in these efforts.
- There was general agreement that greater commitment to CSMEP for resident fish work is needed, but no formal action was taken. Tony Nigro stated that he viewed the CSMEP Final Report due this fall as only the end of Phase One for CSMEP activities since the project sponsors were proposing to continue their activities under another three-year contract.
- Joint CSMEP PNAMP M&E Workshop: March 16th & 17th in Portland.
- Meta data: <https://nrimp.dfw.state.or.us/csmeep/default.aspx> [username: csmeep password: csmeep.]
- Brian Lipscomb reminded the Members that they will be asked to endorse the conclusions at their August meeting in Idaho and to forward this report to the Council as a CBFWA product and that, in addition, PNAMP will also be asked to endorse the report to formalize acceptance of the recommendations.

CBFWA Facilitation of the Mainstem/Systemwide Proposal Review – Tom Iverson, CBFWA

- Question for discussion: How far do we want to go to participate in mainstem systemwide proposal review?
- From a policy standpoint – is this something the Members want to engage in?
- Do we have the resources to make this happen? Do we have the interest and commitment from the Members to engage and participate?
- **The Members directed staff to work with Council staff to facilitate the Mainstem Systemwide Review.**

ACTION

Catered Lunch & Speaker

Terry Flores, Northwest RiverPartners gave a presentation during lunch.

- The Northwest RiverPartners efforts are to promote healthy salmon runs, a strong economy, and protect the quality of life for all citizens of the Northwest.
- Read more at Northwest RiverPartners website link at <http://www.nwriverpartners.org/>

Executive Session:

FY06 CBFWA Related Updates

Internal Personnel Matters

Approve Funding Requests

The members were asked to act on these requests.

- Coeur d'Alene Tribes' is requesting an increase in their expenditure budget of \$15,000. Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife is requesting an additional \$10,000 budget allocation to support their participation in CBFWA.

ACTION:

The Members approved the funding requests and budget modification as presented.

Request for CBFWA to Coordinate Discussions Related to Operations of the FCRPS – Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA

- BPA, based on action from Senator Craig in a rider from 2006 Appropriations Act, has moved to dismantle the Fish Passage Center through a series of RFP's. They have initiated contractual discussions with two entities: Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission to continue the smolt monitoring, data warehousing, and access point to that data and with Pacific Northwest Labs to provide analysis of that data for system operations. Categorized as routine and non-routine analysis in regards to that data.
- They have recognized that there is a need to coordinate the F&W Manager's input into the

operation of the systems as the migration period progresses.

- BPA has requested the Members to consider its proposal that CBFWA assume responsibility for flow and spill policy coordination. BPA's proposal includes amending CBFWA's current contract to include this responsibility.
- Tony Nigro clarified his understanding of BPA's request is solely for CBFWA's contract to be modified to provide the administrative and technical support for FPAC.
- John Pratt advised of a Motion for a Stay before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals brought by NW Sports Fishing Industry Association, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, and NW Environmental Defense Center. In addition a resolution was passed by Affiliated Tribes of NW Indians the week of 2/13/06 based on a previous document passed in 09/04 calling for full funding of the FPC and opposing efforts to undermine its role in assisting the Region's Fish and Wildlife co-managers.

ACTION: **Decisions on the FCRPS Operations issue were tabled until the Members Teleconference Meeting scheduled for April 22, 2006.**

Implementation of the August 2005 Revisions to the CBFWA Charter - Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA

- Brian Lipscomb distributed a bar chart illustrating actions taken by CBFWA Members and the percentage of Members participating in the meetings from August 2004-January 2006.
- The CBFWA Charter operating procedures were modified in August 2005 to eliminate the consent mail process and replace them with Members teleconferences. The process modifications have engaged the Members.
- Actions have significantly increased.
- Face to face meeting participation is good; conference call meetings are not as good.

Select Next Members Meeting Date, Time, and Location

ACTION: The Members scheduled monthly standing Members Teleconferences for the 1st Wednesday of every month in 2006 starting at 1:00pm to 4:00pm beginning on April 5th. The March Members Teleconference meeting will be March 22nd. The Summer Members Meeting will be August 23-24, 2006 in Boise, Idaho.

The MAG Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of every month for 2006. The MAG was directed to set an agenda for the Members monthly meetings during their monthly MAG meetings.