



Final

DATE: April 6, 2006
TO: Members
FROM: Ron Trahan, Chair and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the 04/05/06 Members Teleconference

Note: These actions were approved as final at the May 3, 2006 Members Teleconference.

Members Teleconference
Wednesday, April 5, 2006
CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

The support material and reference documents for the 4/5/06 Members Teleconference are posted at
<http://www.cbfga.org/committees/Documents.cfm?CommShort=Members>

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA; Tom Iverson, CBFWA; Tana Klum, CBFWA; Kathie Titzler, CBFWA; Trina Gerlack, CBFWA; Pat Burgess, CBFWA

By Phone: Lawrence Schwabe, BPT; Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Ron Trahan, CSKT; Lonny Macy, CTWSRO; Bill Hutchinson, IDFG; F&W Director Sue Ireland, KTI; Peter Dykstra, Mentor Law Group, PLLC; Brian Marotz, MFWP; Dave Statler, NPT; John Palensky, NOAA Fisheries; Dave Ward, ODFW; Dick Stone, WDFW

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda

ACTION Dick Stone moved to accept agenda with the following adjustment:

- Item 7 was dropped from the agenda.

Brian Marotz seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 2: Approve Draft Action Notes from February Members Meeting and March 22, 2006 Members Teleconference

ACTION:

- Dave Statler moved to accept draft Action Notes from February Members Meeting and March 22, 2006 Members Teleconference.
- Dick Stone seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 3: Discussion of Strategy for FY 2007-09 Project Selection Process

The Members approved assigning the MAG to evaluate where CBFWA can effectively 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

After discussing the current situation regarding the FY07-09 project selection process, the MAG put forth the following three strategies for Member consideration.

A. Mainstem Systemwide Review

CBFWA staff is facilitating this process while CBFWA members participate with others in the region. The strategic question here was whether CBFWA members would like a parallel process to develop a CBFWA recommendation distinct from what the Mainstem Systemwide review process will produce.

ITEM 3A: Recommended action:

Do not do a separate process at this time. Members are encouraged to participate in the Mainstem Systemwide Review Team (MSRT) process so they will be prepared to participate in development of the CBFWA comments on the outcome. Discuss and update MSRT process at the April 18th MAG Meeting. End of April, CBFWA could endorse the MSRT's product and identify exceptions. Address and resolve the outstanding issues at the May 2006 Members Meeting.

ACTION:

- Brian Marotz moved to accept action as recommended.
- Dick Stone seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

Item 3B: Participation in the Northwest Power & Conservation Council's (NPCC) M&E Guidance Discussions

The NPCC M&E guidance is being discussed in two contexts; 1) As guidance to the FY07-09 project selection process, and 2) As an M&E Plan for Council adoption.

Both of these issues will be on the NPCC's agenda for April in Whitefish, MT (http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2006_04/Default.htm). Discussions are occurring within the MSRT process for the guidance as it relates to the 07-09 process.

Recommended action:

Participate proactively in both contexts. In the first context, consistent with the above-recommended action, encourage participation by the Members in the MSRT. Additionally, develop formal recommendations from CBFWA to the NPCC for addition to the discussion in Whitefish. In the second context, recommend to the NPCC that development and adoption of an NPCC M&E plan should be done in the form of an amendment to the program in combination with provincial objective amendments.

ACTION:

- Dick Stone moved to accept action as recommended. CBFWA will draft a letter to NPCC with formal recommendations by 4/7/06. Brian Lipscomb will deliver the final draft letter to Ron Trahan for his signature 4/10/06.
- Dave Ward seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

Item 3C: Project Review from a Technical Management Standpoint

Historically, technical management review of the projects has been an integral part of the process, it is not this year. Should CBFWA provide this and if so should it be provided to inform the ISRP review or in response to the ISRP review?

Recommended action:

Direct the CBFWA committees to provide technical management review for CBFWA adoption in response to the ISRP review as a recommendation to the NPCC.

- ACTION:**
- Bill Hutchinson moved to accept action as recommended.
 - Motion was seconded by Dick Stone. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 4: FY 06 Members' Participation Budgets

Kathie Titzler and the MAG reviewed the proposed FY06 budgets for Members' participation. Some adjustments were made based on member spending from FY05. Additionally Kathie was instructed to contact the CdAT and NPT to see if they too would like consideration at the FY 05 level. The updated Members' Participation Budget is posted at

[http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2006_0405/AWPMbrsFundingApril2006-March2007Updated032406.xls]

a. Recommended action:

Approve the adjusted budget allocation with CdAT and NPT adjusted from Kathie's discussions but not in excess of their FY05 levels. If their request exceeds FY05 levels the members can consider without MAG recommendation.

- ACTION:**
- Dick Stone moved to approve budget for 4/1/2006-3/31/2007 as presented.
 - John Palensky seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

Kalispel Tribe and Spokane Tribe Allocation:

Given that it is a new contract year, Brian Lipscomb suggested that the Kalispel Tribe and Spokane Tribe be invited back into the CBFWA organization to participate and provide input on regional issues.

b. Recommended action:

Discuss a formal invitation to the Kalispel Tribe and the Spokane Tribe to consider rejoining CBFWA to assist the other fish and wildlife managers and tribes in the strategic discussions on influencing regional fish and wildlife resource decisions.

- ACTION:**
- Dave Statler moved to approve action as recommended. CBFWA will draft letter that will be delivered in person by Brian Lipscomb and Ron Trahan to the Kalispel and Spokane Tribal leaders.
 - Lonny Macy seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 5: Review of CBFWA Interaction with and Participation on the Budget Oversight Group

Tom Iverson reported that his observer role in the BOG that was outlined in CBFWA letter sent June 8, 2005 [<http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/documents/finalconsent/BOGltrFinal060805.pdf>] has not changed. Concerns were expressed that there is a communication breakdown in the process leaving no time for negotiations between project sponsors and project reviewers.

- Discussion:** Tom reviewed and clarified CBFWA staff's new role on the Budget Oversight Group (BOG). He cited the following changes as key to the proposal to modify CBFWA staff participation in the BOG:

- 1) Staff would attend all BOG meetings and track the within year requests (current);
- 2) Staff would insure that all within year requests are posted online and that review informat kept current (new);
- 3) Staff would contact all project sponsors by email prior to BOG, Quarterly Review, and Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) meetings where their project is sche to be discussed (new);
- 4) Staff would contact projects sponsors if the status of their request changes at any time; and
- 5) Staff would be available by phone for questions from projects sponsors and would be avai to attend meetings with Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) staff and NPCC staff at t project sponsor's request (current).

Recommended action:

Direct the staff to change their role from that of observer in the BOG to that of liaison. With the definition of liaison being fully presented and understood by the members and staff at the Members meeting.

Tom Iverson will contact Ron Peters, CdAT to get his input for presentation to the Members.

ACTION:

- Ron Peters moved to approve action as recommended and outlined by Tom in five key points.
- Bill Hutchinson seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 6:

Federal Legislation Briefing

Tana Klum distributed and briefed the MAG on the press release concerning Congresswoman Cathy McMorris (R-WA) titled "McMorris Introduces Legislation to Require ESA Cost Transparency" [http://www.cbfgwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2006_0321/2006_0321PressReleaseMcMorris.pdf] and the bill on Endangered Species Compliance & Transparency Act of 2006 (Introduced in House) [http://www.cbfgwa.org/Committees/MAG/meetings/2006_0321/2006_0321H.R.4857.pdf] both dated March 2, 2006.

Some initial concerns about the language for consideration included:

- 1) Asking for transparency in ESA costs as they relate to individual consumer power bills when there is no transparency or regional agreement as to how forgone revenues are calculated.
- 2) Other non-power costs to the FCRPS like irrigation and transportation are not included.
- 3) BPA has legal mandates to not only recover ESA costs, but the entire NPCC F&W Program in its revenue requirements.
- 4) Why not include other power related costs in consumer's monthly bills, such as repayment for WPPS, IOU exchange rates, and secondary revenues.

Discussion:

Tana Klum advised the Members that she is continuing to track the progress of this legislation. Tana spoke with staff in D.C. that Congresswoman McMorris has assigned to assist with this bill. That staff member advised Tana that a hearing was held March 16th and the bill was referred to the Resources Committee. McMorris' staff says the mark-up will be sent to committee within the next two months and they will keep Tana informed of the bill's progress. Tana is also tracking the bill through the Thomas government website. Tana advised the word on the streets is that this bill will die in committee. If any of the Members are interested, Tana has a transcript of a good testimony prepared by Ed Sheets.

Recommended action:

Continue to track the development of the language and develop strategy as needed for Member consideration to influence this bill.

- ACTION:**
- Brian Marotz moved to accept action as recommended.
 - Dick Stone seconded motion. Motion passed, action approved.

ITEM 7: Tentative - Revised CBFWA Organizational Chart to Include the IT Support Position

A contract is currently being considered which would not require a change to the CBFWA organization chart.

- ACTION:**
- This item was dropped from the agenda. The CBFWA organizational Chart will not be revised because the IT Support Position for 2006 will be contracted out.

Update Brian Lipscomb will be sending an email to the Members regarding the meeting with Ron Trahan and Mary Verner. Ron Trahan will Chair the Members Teleconference Meetings out of the UCUT office in Spokane WA for May, August, October, & December 2006.

FYI Item: Members Meeting Information:

- Next Members Teleconference May 3, 2006.
- Monthly Members Teleconferences are scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month in 2006. The times for these will be 1:00pm to 4:00pm.
- The Summer Members Meeting is scheduled for August 23-24, 2006 in Boise, Idaho.