



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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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

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

## Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: August 8, 2007  
TO: Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) Members  
FROM: Dan Diggs, USFWS and Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA  
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes from the August 1, 2007 Members Teleconference

## CBFWA Members Teleconference Wednesday, August 1, 2007

@ Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority, Portland OR

The support material and reference documents for the meeting is posted at <http://www.cbfga.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=Members&meeting=all>.

### Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson, Ken MacDonald, Dave Ward, Pat Burgess, CBFWA

**By Phone:** Chairman Dan Diggs, USFWS; Joe Peone, CTCR; Gary Sims, NOAA Fisheries; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Claude Broncho, SBT; Nate Pamplin, WDFW; Philip Rigdon, YN

**Guests:** Joan Dukes, Rhonda Whiting, NPCC

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

### **ITEM 1: Introductions and Approval of Agenda**

**Action:** A quorum was not present as Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MDFWP) were not in attendance. The Members agreed that they would proceed with the understanding that Brian Lipscomb would contact IDFG and/or MDFWP to discuss and review actions and gain approval.

Initially, the Members agreed that they would abbreviate the agenda; however, by meeting's end, all items were discussed.

**Update:** *Brian Lipscomb discussed the Members actions with Larry Peterman, MDFWP, on August 1<sup>st</sup> and received concurrence.*

### **ITEM 2: Approve the July 10, 2007 Members Draft Action Notes as Final**

**Action:** The Members approved the July 10, 2007 draft action notes as final. No objections.

### **ITEM 3: Status Report from Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) Fish & Wildlife Committee Chair and/or Members**

- Rhonda Whiting, NPCC Member
- Joan Dukes, NPCC Vice-chair

**Amendment Process Timeline:** Rhonda Whiting stated that Tony Grover, NPCC F&W Director, has made recommendations, and the NPCC has received recommendations regarding an alternate timeline, but to date the NPCC has not formally adopted a date to begin the amendment process.

*Science Policy Conference:* Rhonda stated that the NPCC is moving ahead on the Science Policy Conference scheduled for September 12-13 in Portland.

*“Consultation” Panel Discussions:* Addressing the concern about the use of the term “consultation” in reference to the panel discussions planned at the NPCC monthly meetings, Rhonda explained that in the context of the panel discussions, “consultation” falls under the definition in Section 4(h)(5) of the Northwest Power Act, which is different than the Executive Order referring to federal agencies and tribes meeting on formal consultations regarding tribal government.

*Coordination Funding:* Rhonda stated that NPCC is looking forward to the Coordination group’s presentation at the September NPCC meeting to provide their feedback toward defining the tasks categorized as coordination.

Joan Dukes added that she appreciates the work that CBFWA Members are doing assisting in the amendment process and she looks forward to the August NPCC panel discussion in Spokane WA.

**ITEM 4: Approve Draft (Version 6) CBFWA Comments on Corps of Engineers (Corps) Plan for Addressing Pacific Lamprey Passage, Draft, 2007-2011**

Dave Ward advised that all comments received were incorporated into the comment letter and attachment, as well as suggestions received from the Members Advisory Group (MAG) at their July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Action:** The Members approved the draft, version 6, comment letter and attachment, to the Corps of Engineers. No objections.

*Link to final letter mailed to the Corps on August 3, 2007:*

[http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007\\_0801/CBFWACComments\\_CorpsLampreyPassagePlan2007\\_0803.pdf](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0801/CBFWACComments_CorpsLampreyPassagePlan2007_0803.pdf)

**ITEM 5: July 24-25, 2007 Amendments Workshop Report**

The July workshop support material is posted for review at:

<http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=MAG&meeting=all>

Brian advised that the workshop in Spokane was well attended and produced successful in-depth direction, discussion, and strategies. The Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC) and Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee (AFAC) presented their deliberations regarding the linkages at the local level between objectives, limiting factors and threats, measures, and strategies.

The Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC) has identified a strategy to identify and clarify biological objectives in the form of ecological restoration at the subbasin levels, which include conservation strategy actions and subbasin planning actions linked to habitat acquisition strategies currently in the program. From there, the WAC will develop a reporting mechanism relative to the implementation strategy timeline and build M&E protocols to assess the success of acquiring and restoring habitat.

The WAC has posted three white papers for review (see link above) explaining in detail the WAC’s focus. Also posted is a comprehensive presentation with examples of how objectives roll-up with regard to fish.

Brian stated that the conclusion of this work brings the technical committees and the MAG near completion of the first major step of the process as called for in the Members’ actions at the February 2007 Members meeting.

The MAG has asked the technical committees to provide some advice on what it would take to assess losses for resident fish across the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS), and from an anadromous fish perspective, linking limitations to the current loss statements and exploring alternatives to articulate

obligations linked to the FCRPS through the development and clarification of limiting factors, (i.e., at the mainstem level).

A workshop is scheduled in Polson on September 17, 2007 to finalize all of this information into a final product for recommendation to the Members at the meeting in Polson on September 18-19<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEM 6: Outcomes to Report to NPCC**

Brian reviewed a draft presentation prepared by CBFWA staff for the NPCC August meeting and requested Member feedback. The Members agreed that details should be minimal with emphasis on the positive progress made establishing the foundation for amendment recommendations and advising that CBFWA Members expect to be well positioned to seek consensus on recommendations.

The Members agreed that this high profile topic should be represented directly by Members. Vice-chair, Larry Peterman, MDFWP, will be asked to provide the presentation as Dan Diggs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), will not be available. CBFWA Members from the Upper Columbia River Tribes (UCUT) will be invited to attend to provide support and feedback.

**Action:** The Members moved to ask Brian Lipscomb to follow-up with the Vice-chair and with CBFWA Members of the UCUT, to inquire about availability and willingness to deliver the presentation. No objections.

**Update:** *Brian Lipscomb emailed the draft CBFWA Program Amendments presentation to Members on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Brian advised that Vice-chair, Larry Peterman, MDFWP, will deliver the presentation to the NPCC with support from Nate Pamplin, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and Joe Peone from the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR). Brian advised that additional CBFWA Member participation is welcome and would be appreciated. View presentation emailed to Members on August 3<sup>rd</sup>: [http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007\\_0801/CBFWAPresentationToNPCCmtgSpokaneAug2007amendments.pdf](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2007_0801/CBFWAPresentationToNPCCmtgSpokaneAug2007amendments.pdf)*

**ITEM 7: Data Management Summit**

Dan Diggs advised that a Data Management Summit is planned for October 2007 with various entities sponsoring the summit including Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) and Northwest Environmental Data Network (NED). Dan stated that Rob Walton, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), had planned to attend to discuss participation with the Members; however, Rob was not available.

Dan advised that he had a prior discussion in which Rob referenced an approach toward a positive outcome with the key element of how the Collaborative Systemwide Monitoring and Evaluation Project (CSMEP) would fit into the regional data management picture.

Brian Lipscomb added that he and Rob discussed a request from NOAA for CBFWA's assistance to develop an agenda with focus on high level reporting (i.e., Status of the Resource [SOTR], Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board [OWEB], and State of the Salmon).

Brian advised that Rob Walton is scheduled to attend the August 21<sup>st</sup> MAG meeting and the September 5<sup>th</sup> Members teleconference to discuss this topic.

Tom Iverson added that the focus of the data management summit is to obtain executive input. Tom posed the question, "who of our Members would like to provide design and feedback with regard to planning material for the meeting?" Tom emphasized that tribal representation is needed.

Dan Diggs stated that USFWS will participate, Joe Peone, CTCR, stated that he may be willing to participate. Nate Pamplin, WDFW, stated that he would confirm whether Bruce Crawford, WDFW, would participate.

**ITEM 8: CBFWA Office Move Update**

Brian Lipscomb advised that CBFWA is proceeding forward with finalizing plans to move to the third floor. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor space will accommodate the Fish Passage Center (FPC) in the event that CBFWA obtains that contract; however, no move plans will be finalized for the FPC until a contract decision is made. Brian stated that CBFWA is expected to move the middle to third week of September 2007.

**ITEM 9: Personnel Update**

Brian Lipscomb shared that when recruiting for the Systems and Data Manager vacancy, CBFWA staff experienced a delay using the traditional natural resource vacancy recruitment process; however, Jann Eckman regrouped and released the announcement into the mainstream market resulting in a favorable response.

CBFWA staff Dave Ward, Neil Ward, and Jann Eckman participated in the interview process and agreed upon a final candidate. The candidate's qualifications were presented to the MAG in an emergency teleconference on July 27<sup>th</sup> and in that meeting, the MAG gave approval to offer the position to the candidate, Binh Quan.

Brian announced that Binh Quan accepted the offer and will start with CBFWA on Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Binh has excellent qualifications in both web design and systems administration. In addition, Binh had a brief experience working with the Corps of Engineers, enjoyed the subject matter of the Columbia, and was excited to have an opportunity to work in the fish and wildlife arena.

**ITEM 10: Next Members Teleconference**

- The next Member' Teleconference is scheduled for September 5, 2007 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. (PST). Potential agenda items include:
  - Science Policy Exchange
  - Data Management Update (CSMEP, Data Management Summit)
  - Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) *In Lieu*
- The Summer Members Meeting is scheduled for September 18-19, 2007 at the Kwa Taq Nuk Resort in Polson, Montana. The MAG is scheduled to meet in Polson on September 17, 2007.
- The next NPCC Meeting is scheduled for August 14-16, 2007 in Spokane, WA.

***Meeting Adjourned.***