



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: September 14, 2007
TO: Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Revised Draft Agenda for the September 18-19, 2007 Members Meeting

CBFWA Summer Members Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 2007
2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. MST

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Tour of Flathead Lake via Cruise Boat with Refreshments

6:30 p.m. – Return to Kwa-Taq-Nuk Resort

No Host Bar from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, September 19, 2007

7:30 a.m. – Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. MST

(Lunch Provided)

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A conference line is available; the callers need to call the hotel front desk at 406-883-3636 to be connected.

Members Meeting Packets will be available at the meeting and all support material will be posted on the Members webpage at

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

Revised Draft Agenda

Day One – Tuesday, September 18, 2007

- 2:00 p.m.** **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe (CSKT) Tribal Council and Chair of CBFWA
- 2:05 p.m.** **Invocation** – Louis Adams, CSKT Tribal Elder
- 2:10 p.m.** **Introductions**
- ITEM 1:** **Approve Agenda**
- 2:15 p.m.**
- ITEM 2:** **Approve the September 5, 2007 Members Teleconference Draft Action Notes as Final**
- 2:30 p.m.**

ITEM 3: Honoring John Palensky's Contribution to the Program**2:35 p.m.**

The Bonneville Power Administration has decided to rename the Burlington Bottoms Wildlife Mitigation Site after John R. Palensky to honor his contribution to the Program.

Recommended Action:

Approve draft letter from CBFWA to BPA regarding the creation of the John Palensky Wildlife Mitigation Site.

ITEM 4:**Legal Authority White Paper & BPA In Lieu - Joe Mentor, CBFWA Attorney****2:45 p.m.**

- Authority of Fish and Wildlife Managers under the Northwest Power Act White Paper Review
- BPA *In lieu* Response

Recommended Action:

Review and approve BPA In lieu response.

3:20 – 3:30 p.m.***Break*****ITEM 5:****Data Management Strategy****3:30 p.m.**

The Members will be asked to support the continued development of the “Strategy for Managing Fish, Wildlife, and Habitat Data for the Columbia River Fish and Wildlife Program.” The strategy document describes regional data management needs and provides the justification and explanation of data management needs within the Fish and Wildlife Program for FY08-09. The Members will be asked to approve data management project funding recommendations for FY08-09. These include:

- StreamNet funding for \$2,55,708 (see attached SOW)
- Northwest Habitat Institute for \$552,181 (see attached SOW and Appendix F in the strategy document)
- A Fish and Wildlife Program channel steward position added to CBFWA (data coordinator) for \$175,000 (see Appendix G in the strategy document)
- Two tribal data management FTEs added to the StreamNet work plan for \$230,000 (two years, see Appendix E in the strategy document)
- Executive data summit for \$6,000 (one time, see Appendix C in the strategy document)
- Capture and integrate hatchery reform data for \$70,413 (one time, see Appendix D in the strategy document)

The data management funding decisions are closely linked to the CSMEP project. BPA has funded CSMEP at approximately one-half of the Council's recommended FY08 budget. The Members will be asked to define a strategy to pursue the recommended FY08 funding level. CSMEP combined with the data management strategy are key components to facilitate the development and implementation of a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation plan to be defined during the Program amendment process.

ITEM 6:**Review Management Coordination Definitions and Project Recommendations for FY 08 & FY 09****4:30 p.m.**

- CBFWA FY08-09 Budget

For the funding cycle, FY 07 - FY 09 the management coordination proposals were only funded for FY 07 pending the development of a management coordination definition including deliverables. The Members took action in February to address this

issue. The results of this action will be presented for consideration including a definition of coordination and an application of the definition as it pertains to a CBFWA proposal for FY 08 & 09.

ITEM 7: One-Hour Tour of Flathead Lake via Cruise Boat with Refreshments

5:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Return to Kwa-Taq-Nuk Resort for Refreshments (No Host Bar 6:30-7:30p.m.)

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Day Two – Wednesday, September 19, 2007

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Welcome and Day One Recap

ITEM 8: Approve Management Coordination Definitions and Project Recommendations for FY 08 & FY 09

8:15 a.m.

See introduction in Item 5 above.

ITEM 9: Coordination with Federal Land Managers of U.S. Forest Service (USFS) - Kathy McAllister Deputy Regional Forester, Region One USFS

8:45 a.m.

CBFWA & Federal Land Managing Agencies - Potential Update of 1996 Memorandum of Understanding

Background: The USDA Forest Service (FS) and the USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manage over 60% of the currently accessible anadromous fish spawning and rearing habitat within the Columbia River basin. Federally-managed lands also include numerous watersheds that serve as ‘strongholds’ for native, aquatic species.

The Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority Charter, **Section 303 – Coordination of Land and Water Management Cooperation** states, “The Authority shall:

- A) Coordinate activities between the Authority and all the water and land planning and management authorities of the Columbia River Basin.
- B) Facilitate the development of fish and wildlife habitat restoration measures;
- E) Ensure communications between all relevant entities

The CBFWA currently has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with USDA Forest Service Regions 1, 4, 6, and the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon, Washington and Idaho that was finalized in 1996. While much is relevant, some further discussion is needed on emerging issues.

Renewing coordination and the working relationship between the federal land managers and CBFWA could start with a joint review of the MOU and lead to revisions of the MOU. Particular areas for further discussion would be:

1. Fish and wildlife habitat conservation/restoration strategies as described in FS & BLM Land Management Plans, state and tribal species recovery and conservation plans, and NPCC Subbasin Plans;
2. Integration of the fish and wildlife manager’s regional monitoring and data management programs, including; the Collaborative Systemwide Monitoring and Evaluation Project (CSMEP), the Data Management Framework Subcommittee (DMFS), and Northwest Habitat Institute with existing FS and BLM broad-scale programs (e.g., AREMP, PIBO)

Recommended Action: Agreement is needed for CBFWA to initiate coordination with the federal land management agencies regional and state offices (OR/WA, ID, MT) in anticipation of needed revision to the 1996 MOU. Coordination efforts will reflect the intent to interface and integrate state, tribal, and federal programs, where possible, and coordinate the development and implementation of the Fish and Wildlife Program with the federal land managing agencies.

ITEM 10: **Review and approve Amendment Strategy for Wildlife** – Recommendations provided by the Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)
9:15 a.m.

The Wildlife Advisory Committee’s recommended strategy for Fish and Wildlife Program amendments is to address current Program implementation problems and move towards a management approach that emphasizes ecological functions and relates to priorities identified in subbasin plans. The recommended wildlife amendments address four primary topics.

1. Ecological Function
 - Transition from HEP to emphasis on ecological function
 - Link monitoring, O&M and crediting to ecological attainment of desired conditions as expressed in project management plans
 - Incorporate subbasin plan priorities
2. Monitoring and Evaluation based on management plan ecological/habitat objectives adequate to:
 - Track trends in project effectiveness towards management plan objectives
 - Complement larger scale efforts
 - Focus on status/trend and effectiveness
 - Use of reference sites to define habitat/ecological objectives
3. Crediting
 - Transparent process and clear definition for assigning credits; protection and enhancement, operational once losses assessed and secondary
 - Address credit ratio (2:1)
 - Condition credits on adoption of long-term O&M agreements
 - Develop and implement ecologically-based operational loss assessment method(s)
4. Operations and Maintenance
 - Develop long-term, stable funding mechanism

Recommended Action: The Members will be asked to approve a strategy for the wildlife program amendments.

9:45-10:00 a.m. *Break*

ITEM 11: **Review and Approve Amendment Strategy for Fish** - Recommendations Provided by the Resident Fish and Anadromous Fish Advisory Committees
10:00 a.m.

Based on direction from the Member’s Advisory Group given at two Amendment Strategy Workshops, The Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC) and the Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee (AFAC) have been summarizing data on focal species populations, biological objectives, limiting factors, and threats, and have developed a “template” to link strategies and specific measures to these limiting

factors and threats. This template may serve as the detailed basis for amendments to the Program. In addition, the AFAC has begun formulating a strategy to identify the BPA obligation towards achieving biological objectives and the RFAC has initiated discussions regarding the development of a process for completing loss assessments for resident fish and equating anadromous fish losses to resident fish substitution practices.

ITEM 12: Review Organization of Amendment Submittal

11:15 a.m.

The CBFWA Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment recommendations will be organized in three volumes (1) revised 2000 Program, (2) revised 2003 Mainstem Amendments, and (3) population-specific strategies and measures. The CBFWA recommendations will provide line-by-line edits to the existing Program, which includes inserting new text where appropriate, deleting text where appropriate, and explicitly recommending that specific language remain unchanged where appropriate. All recommendations will be supported by detailed documentation.

ITEM 13: Status Report from Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) Fish and Wildlife Committee Chair and/or Members – Bruce Measure, Rhonda Whiting
11:30 a.m.

- Science Policy Exchange Debriefing
- Fish Passage Center Oversight Board (FPCOB) Update

12:00-12:15 p.m. Break

Lunch Presentation
12:15 p.m.
(Lunch Provided)

Review Flathead Lake Co-Management - Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

- Review Flathead Lake Co-Management

ITEM 14: Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) Feedback on the Amendment Strategy - Tom Karier, Rhonda Whiting
1:00 p.m.

ITEM 15: February 2008 Members Meeting

- Review dates and logistics for February 2008 Members Meeting to be held in Washington state.

- FYI:**
- The next Members' Teleconference is scheduled for October 3, 2007 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. (PST).
 - The next NPCC Meeting is October 16-18, 2007 in Missoula, MT.

2:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.