



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: March 6, 2008

TO: CBFWA Members

FROM: Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director, CBFWA

SUBJECT: Final Action Notes from the March 5, 2008 Members Teleconference

**Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA)
Members Teleconference
Wednesday, March 5, 2008
@ CBFWA Office, Portland OR**

Meeting support material is posted at:
<http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=Members&meeting=all>.

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Kathie Titzler, Pat Burgess, CBFWA.

By Phone: Chairman Larry Peterman, MDFWP; Laura Gephart, CRITFC; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Gary James, CTUIR; Elmer Ward, CTWS; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Tom Rien, ODFW; Claude Broncho, SBT; Nate Pamplin, WDFW

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

Tony Nigro, ODFW, stated that he was not able to attend the February 20th Members meeting and requested an update on the Fish Passage Center (FPC) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between CBFWA and Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC).

While waiting for Members to join the teleconference, Brian Lipscomb provided the update stating that Joe Mentor, Mentor Law Group, attended the February meeting with the draft MOA for Members' review. Members requested that Joe edit the MOA and include only language specific to providing oversight of the FPC manager, leaving out references to policy and the Fish Passage Center Oversight Board (FPC).

- Brian Lipscomb agreed to bring the revised draft MOA back for Members review at the April 2nd teleconference prior to with meeting with Randy Fisher, PSMFC.

Action:

- The Members approved the agenda as presented with the addition of the FPC MOA update provided by Brian Lipscomb. No objections.

Note: Federal and Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT) Member representatives were not present at introductions; as a result, a quorum was not satisfied. Brian Lipscomb will contact the Federal and UCUT Members to gain their approval on the meeting actions.

ITEM 2: Approve as Final: Draft Action Notes from the February 20, 2008 Members' Meeting

Action:

- The Members approved the February 20, 2008 action notes as final. No objections.

ITEM 3: Coordination Funding

As directed by the Members' at the January 17th meeting, the Members Advisory Group (MAG) reviewed the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (NPCC)

recommendation to Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to reduce the CBFWA FY08 project request by \$202,165. At the February 19th meeting, the MAG directed Brian Lipscomb to develop a revised FY08 budget for Member approval by surveying the Members to verify their funding requests for time and travel for FY08, and then utilizing the remaining amount, develop a staff budget with a summary of the impacts.

Brian Lipscomb reviewed the revised CBFWA FY08 budget and requested Members' approval:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0305/AWP_ComparisonReqFinal.xls.

Brian advised that in an effort to reduce travel costs, the Members Advisory Group (MAG) discussed meeting face-to-face four times per year, and meeting remotely the remainder of the year. The remote meetings will be structured around the use of the online tool WebEx.

Action:

- The Members approved the CBFWA FY 2008 budget as presented. No objections.

CBFWA staff developed a letter to the NPCC expressing ramifications of the NPCC's recommendation to BPA to reduce the CBFWA FY 2008 project budget. Brian Lipscomb reviewed highlights of the letter reiterating the effect of the NPCC's recommendation to BPA and asked for Members' approval.

Brian briefly discussed the effect of the elimination of the Public Relations budget confirming that the website redesign would not be affected as that was covered under the FY07 budget; however, CBFWA will lose the professional expertise of Gwen Spencer, Sapphire Strategies. Brian recalled as a result of Tana Klum's resignation last year, he asked Gwen to work with Gary James, CTUIR, to develop a brochure and some web-based material to accompany the Status of the Resource (SOTR) report to articulate successes in the Walla Walla and/or Umatilla. Brian added that a template will be developed that could be used to accomplish the completion of success stories subbasin by subbasin across the region.

Chairman Peterman added that it is important to tell the success stories as they would certainly be a good impetus for continued funding of the Program.

Tony Nigro, ODFW, added that this puts the onus back on the Member agencies and tribes to work with CBFWA staff to complete the success stories. Tony suggested that the state agencies' information/education sections could possibly provide assistance. Chairman Peterman agreed and added that the use of a common template would better feed the information into the SOTR and other publications. Tony stated that this option is worth giving more consideration at a future Members meeting.

Brian Lipscomb added that BPA representatives were present when the funding recommendation was made at the February NPCC meeting. As with all of the decisions from the NPCC during this past recommendation cycle, BPA has reserved their right to make a different decision. To date, BPA has not concurred with the NPCC's recommendation. Brian stated that if BPA decides on a reduced funding amount, we may have to roll up our sleeves again but that is not anticipated.

Action:

- The Members approved the letter to the NPCC with the provision that Chairman Peterman work with Brian Lipscomb to make any minor revisions deemed appropriate for Chairman Peterson's signature. No objections.

Note:

Actions pending approval by the Federal and UCUT Members (see table at end of notes).

Final Letter sent to the NPCC on March 7th:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0305/CBFWAltrToNPCC_re_ReducedCoordinationFunding_06March2008Final.doc.pdf

Upcoming Meetings:

CBFWA MAG Hydro Operations Meeting, Thursday, March 13, 2008, 10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.: This MAG will be a face-to-face meeting at the CBFWA office in Portland. Topic: Hydro operations relative to the CBFWA amendment recommendations.

- Tony Nigro, ODFW, requested that the revised draft MOA be added to the MAG

March 13th meeting for review by the MAG.

CBFWA MAG Meeting, Tuesday, March 18, 2008 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.: This MAG meeting will be a face-to-face meeting at the CBFWA office in Portland. Topic: Final MAG review of amendment recommendations.

CBFWA Members Meeting, Wednesday, March 19, 2008 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.: This will be a face-to-face meeting at the CBFWA office in Portland. Topic: Member review of the final amendment recommendations. The Members will take the amendment package back to their agencies and tribes for the final policy decisions with the intent to provide tribal resolutions and agency letters at the April 2nd Members' teleconference. The amendment recommendations are due to the NPCC on Friday April 4, 2008.

NPCC Meeting, March 11-12, 2008 in Boise ID: Brian Lipscomb plans to attend this meeting because of two agenda items requiring attention: 1) the NPCC is considering an ISAB review of a matrix, or a set of questions, appropriate for Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) and, 2) the NPCC central staff has opted to revisit with the NPCC Members about the projected review process to implement an amended Program in 2010 and beyond. Brian predicts these actions would be premature because the information to define the M&E questions, and to define processes, will be included in the CBFWA amendment recommendations. Brian stated that CBFWA staff will review this with the MAG on March 18th and Members on March 19th.

NPCC Meeting, April 15-16, 2008 in Whitefish, MT: Brian Lipscomb stated that at the Members' meeting in Vancouver, NPCC Chairman Booth referenced that the NPCC is planning to set aside time in front of the NPCC Members to review amendment recommendations. Although an official announcement has not been made, Brian stated has followed up with Chairman Booth and Tony Grover, NPCC, and they assured that time will be allotted on the April NPCC agenda.

Brian encouraged Members to attend this meeting in support of the CBFWA amendment recommendations as well as their individual recommendations. Chairman Peterman stated that he would not be available to attend the April NPCC meeting and suggested that Brian Marotz attend if possible.

Brian Lipscomb advised that he will be on vacation from March 14th through March 21st; as a result, he will not attend the March 18th MAG or March 19th Members' meetings but CBFWA staff will facilitate the meetings along with Chairman Peterman and Chairman Marotz.

Meeting adjourned.

Consensus Follow-up w/Members not in Attendance at March 5, 2008 Teleconference

Follow-up by Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director

Actions Reviewed: Item 3 Coordination Funding

- 1) The Members approved the CBFWA FY 2008 budget as presented. No objections.
- 2) The Members approved the letter to the NPCC with the provision that Chairman Peterman work with Brian Lipscomb to make any minor revisions deemed appropriate for Chairman Peterson's signature. No objections.

Entity	Contact	Date	Method	Consensus?
US Fish & Wildlife Service	Mark Bagdovitz	3/7/08	phone	Action 1) yes Action 2) yes
Coeur d'Alene Tribe	Alfred Nomee	3/7/08	Phone	Action 1) yes Action 2) yes