



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.

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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 Fish, Wildlife & 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

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Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: July 15, 2008
TO: CBFWA Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the July 9, 2008 Members Teleconference

Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) Members Teleconference Wednesday, July 9, 2008 Via WebEx @ CBFWA Office, Portland OR 9:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. PST

All support material is posted at http://www.cbfwa.org/committee_main.cfm.

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson, Ken MacDonald, Binh Quan, Neil Ward, Dave Ward, Patricia Burgess, CBFWA

By Phone/ WebEx: Elmer Ward, CTWS; Lawrence Schwabe, BPT; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Gary James, CTUIR; Brad Houslet, CTWS; Ed Schriever, IDFG; Sue Ireland, KTOI; Brian Marotz, MFWP; Dave Statler, NPT; Elizabeth Gaar, Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries; Tom Rien, ODFW; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Nate Pamplin, WDFW

Time Allocation:

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

This teleconference was scheduled by the Members during the June 25-26th summer Members meeting in lieu of the regularly scheduled July teleconference. Vice-chair Elmer Ward, CTWS, chaired the meeting.

Action: The Members approved the agenda as presented. No objections.

ITEM 2: Approve as Final: Draft Action Notes from the June 25-26, 2008 Members Meeting

The approval of the June 25-26, 2008 Members Meeting action notes was deferred to the August 6, 2008 Members Teleconference. CBFWA Vice-chairman Ward requested an attendee list edit, noting that Ron Suppah is Chairman of the Warm Springs Tribe, not Vice-chair.

ITEM 3: Antimycin

Brian Marotz, MFWP, attended the meeting on behalf of Larry Peterman, MFWP, for the discussion on Antimycin. Brian stated that this point in time there is only one source for Antimycin, and that source is a small manufacturer. Due to a recent death in the manufacturer's family, the future availability of Antimycin is threatened. In addition, there have been problems with variable toxicity levels prompting anyone using the piscicide to have to do their own toxicity studies.

At the May 20th meeting, the Members Advisory Group (MAG) directed CBFWA staff to draft a letter, with the assistance of Chairman Marotz, to the state American Fisheries Society (AFS) chapters requesting that they raise the issue of the availability,

toxicity, and relicensing of the piscicide Antimycin with the national AFS. At the June 17th meeting, the MAG directed that the letter be addressed to the Western Division AFS president prompting review by the AFS executive committee at their monthly meeting who would in turn distribute it to the various AFS state chapters for recommendation to the national AFS.

A draft letter was presented for Members review and approval.

Action: The Members approved the letter regarding Antimycin to the Western Division AFS president. No objections.

Update: Final letter sent to AFS Western Division President on July 10, 2008:
http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0709/CBFWAtoAFSreFintrolAntimycin2008_0710Final.pdf

ITEM 4: Predation Workshop

Dave Ward, CBFWA, advised that a workshop on predation by exotic fish predators is included as an action in the draft Biological Opinion. At the May 20th meeting, the MAG recommended that CBFWA staff work with action agencies and others as appropriate to develop a workshop on predation for Members consideration and approval.

Dave summarized that the workshop is a first step toward reviewing, evaluating, and developing strategies to reduce non-native fish predation on juvenile salmonids. The workshop will include presentations of what is known and not known about native and non-native predators and predation. Speakers and attendees will then participate in a facilitated panel discussion and question/answer period followed by facilitated discussions on the technical feasibility and social/political reality of methods to manage non-native predators and predation. A discussion on potential next steps will conclude the workshop. The target audience for the workshop includes both technical and policy staff from fish managers and action agencies.

The workshop will be hosted and paid for by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Dave Ward advised that the Members are asked to approve CBFWA staff's participation and assistance in organizing the workshop and also to support sending attendees to the workshop.

Brian Lipscomb added that it is not a foregone conclusion from the workshop set-up that predation by piscivorous fish is a significant issue for migrating salmon in the Columbia but by Members committing to participate in this workshop, a message will be sent that the agencies and Tribes, who have the authority to manage the resources, are willing to participate in the conversation.

Action: The Members approved CBFWA's sponsorship and participation in the predation workshop scheduled for September 2008. No objections.

Update: Dave Ward emailed a workshop announcement the afternoon of July 9th; however, on July 11th, Dave Ward sent an update stating that the date and location had to be changed and provided a revised announcement:
[http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0709/Predation%20Workshop%20Announcement\(2\).pdf](http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0709/Predation%20Workshop%20Announcement(2).pdf). Dave stated that he will send a detailed agenda out once the registration period closes (by the end of August 2008).

ITEM 5: Draft CBFWA Comment Letter on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (Council) Draft High Level Indicators (HLI)

Brian Lipscomb referenced the presentation that Council Member Dr. Tom Karier provided to Members at the June 25-26th meeting via WebEx. During the presentation, Dr. Karier advised that the draft set of HLIs developed by the Council are designed to measure success of the Fish and Wildlife Program (Program) and the high-level biological and implementation indicators could become part of the Program. The draft set of HLIs were released at the Council's June 11th meeting in Spokane for public comment. The comment period extends to July 11, 2008.

Brian recalled that at the June 25-26th meeting, the Members reviewed a draft letter and attachment detailing comments on the draft HLIs and requested that CBFWA staff revise the comment letter and attachment for Members' consideration at today's meeting.

Brian stated that the letter and attachment was emailed to the Members and the MAG on July 3rd and the only comment received was from Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS. CBFWA staff agreed that Mark's changes improved the documents and used the USFWS edited version for the review with the Members. Upon considerable review and real-time editing of the letter and attachment the Members made the decision to move forward with the comments to the Council with the caveat that CBFWA staff would format the Members edits before transmitting the comments.

Action: The Members approved the edited CBFWA comment letter and attachment to the Council on their draft set of HLIs with the understanding that CBFWA staff would incorporate the edits suggested by Members in today's meeting.

Motion Discussion: Elizabeth Gaar, NOAA, stated that NOAA supports sending the comments but requested an opportunity to review the documents again before they are sent. Brian Lipscomb agreed that CBFWA staff would email the revised drafts for review by COB July 9th with requested edits due by COB July 10th. Brian added that if the edits received are substantive, the documents will be sent out to the Members and MAG for another review; otherwise CBFWA staff will prepare and transmit the documents. The motion passed without objection.

Update: At COB on July 9th, CBFWA staff emailed the revised letter and attachment to the Members and MAG for review. Some additional editorial edits were received and incorporated into the document. On July 11, 2008, CBFWA staff transmitted the final comments on behalf of the CBFWA Members Agencies and Tribes:
http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0709/CBFWA_AT_HLIcomments_Ltr&Attach_to_NPCC_2008_0711.pdf

ITEM 6: BOG Process Changes Update
http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0709/Memo_from_CBFWastaff_to_MAG_BOGupdate.doc

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred until the August 6, 2008 Members Teleconference.

ITEM 7: Members Winter Meeting Location and Date

- Select date and location for the Winter Members Meeting.

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred until the August 6, 2008 Members Teleconference.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Special MAG Meeting via WebEx July 24, 2008 8:30-10:30 a.m. to review SOTR Next Edition
- August Members Teleconference: August 6, 2008 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- August MAG Meeting: August 19, 2008 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (via WebEx)
- August Northwest Power and Conservation Council Meeting: August 12-14, 2008 in Spokane, WA.

Meeting Adjourned.