



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 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

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: October 3, 2008
TO: CBFWA Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the September 26, 2008 Special Members Meeting

**Special Pre-Meeting of CBFWA Members to
Discuss Consultation Meeting w/BPA and NPCC
Friday September 26, 2008
@ CBFWA Office, Portland OR
10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. PDT**

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

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Larry Peterman, MFWP; Wanda Johnson, BPT; Kathryn Brigham, CTUIR; Elizabeth Gaar, Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries; Tony Nigro, Tom Rien, ODFW; Mark Bagdovitz, USFWS; Tom Iverson, Brian Lipscomb, Ken MacDonald, Binh Quan, Neil Ward, Dave Ward, Patricia Burgess, CBFWA

Phone/WebEx: Lawrence Schwabe, BPT; John Platt, CRITFC; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Kyle R. Prior, USRT

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Agenda Review

Action: The Members accepted the agenda as presented.

ITEM 2: CBFWA Strategy Discussion for September 26, 2008 Consultation Meeting

Purpose of September 26, 2008 Consultation Meeting with CBFWA Members, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council): Consultation on the development of comprehensive work plans to implement the Fish and Wildlife Program, Biological Opinions, and Columbia Basin Fish Accords for FY09-17.

Expected outcomes:

- Commitment to develop comprehensive work plans.
- Clarification of essential elements for comprehensive work plans.
- Development of a common understanding of the roles of (1) fish and wildlife managers, (2) Bonneville Power Administration, and (3) the Northwest Power and Conservation Council in development and implementation of long-term work plans pursuant to the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Program (if needed, identify areas of disagreement and formulate a plan to resolve differences).
- Development of a process to move forward capitalizing on regional efforts.

The consultation meeting was requested with the Council and BPA via a letter sent in August 2008:

http://www.cbfwa.org/Committees/Members/meetings/2008_0806/FinalLetter&Attachment_L.Peterman_to_MssrsDelwicheBooth_ReqforConsult2008_0807.pdf. This special Members teleconference was scheduled to discuss the strategy of approach.

The Members formulated the following “bottom line” goals to achieve by the end of the consultation meeting:

- Be prepared with a back-up plan to seek a congressional hearing if the Council and BPA does not cooperate.
- Explain the structure and process within CBFWA and clarify that the agencies and Tribes are not “shells” for CBFWA staff.
- Clarify the reasoning behind the budget analysis exercise that the Members requested CBFWA staff to complete.
- Express that the Members need an understanding that the draft Program framework contains the key elements that we believe should be in it and request explanation of what appears to be significant omissions.
- Ask that CBFWA staff and agencies and Tribes staff have an opportunity to sit down with Council staff for an assessment and clarification of the draft Program.
- Send a strong statement that process is necessary but we are not going to agree to substitute process for substance (i.e., our recommendations are the substance).
- Also make it clear that we expect written findings or notification if they have not accepted recommendations.
- Request that BPA commit to work with the agencies and Tribes to expend the FY 09 budget to implement what Members recommended, specifically with regard to M&E (consistent with the BiOp).
- Comments are due October 30th, on October 1st Members will review the CBFWA staff analysis and contemplate how to proceed. Members could consider requesting an extension of the public comment period; however, the Council has done what they are required to do thus far but they are also required to give deference to the agencies’ and Tribes’ Fish and Wildlife Managers so consider/suggest that the program could be fixed through consultation.

Upcoming Meetings:

October Council Meeting: Oct 15-16th, Missoula, MT

October MAG Meeting (if approved): Tues, Oct 7th (10am-5pm) and Wed, Oct 8th (8am-12pm)

October Members Teleconference (if approved): Wed, Oct 15th (1-4pm)

October MAG Meeting: Tues, Oct 21st 9am-12pm (WebEx)

October Members Teleconference (if approved): Mon, Oct 27th (1-4pm)

November Members Teleconference (reschedule if approved): Wed, Nov 5th 1-4 pm

Council Public Hearing Schedule:

Northwest Power and Conservation Council links: [2008-2009 Program Amendments](#) and [NPCC Public Hearing Schedule](#)

- Thursday, October 30: due date for comments on draft Program.

Meeting adjourned.