



# 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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- 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
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- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Nez Perce Tribe
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- Coordinating Agencies**
- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- Upper Columbia United Tribes
- Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

**DATE:** June 15, 2009

**TO:** CBFWA Members

**FROM:** Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Final Action Notes for the June 3, 2009 Members Teleconference

**Members Teleconference  
Wednesday, June 3, 2009  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
CBFWA Office, Portland OR (via WebEx)**

Meeting support material are posted at [http://www.cbfwa.org/committee\\_main.cfm](http://www.cbfwa.org/committee_main.cfm).

### Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** Ronald Peters, Cd'AT; Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, Dave Ward, Ken MacDonald, Pat Burgess, and Trina Gerlack, CBFWA staff

**Phone/WebEx:** Vice Chair Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries; Gary James, CTUIR; Jim Unsworth, IDFG; Brian Marotz, MFWP; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Claude Broncho, SBT; Carol Perugini, SPT; Dan Diggs, USFWS; and Nate Pamplin, WDFW

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

**ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**

**Action:** Vice Chair Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries chaired the meeting and the Members approved the draft agenda as written. No objections.

**ITEM 2: Approve May 6, 2009 Members Draft Action Notes**

**Action:** The Members approved the May 6, 2009 Members Teleconference action notes as final. No objections.

**ITEM 3: Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) Meeting Update**

**Background:** In May, the Members approved the final draft 2008 Status of the Resources (SOTR) template for presentation to the Council's Fish and Wildlife Committee and committed to tasking their technical staffs to complete the data verification in the SOTR by July 1, 2009. The SOTR website will be active in July. The final template is a 40 page basinwide summary with interactive disk and link to the SOTR website.

**Updates:** Brian Lipscomb provided updates for the following discussion items regarding the May and June Council meetings. The Council has been focusing on approving and finalizing the Program and the Power Plan, but is directing more time on the fish and wildlife issues.

**May 12-13, 2009 Council Meeting in Walla Walla, WA**

Brian attended the Council meeting and provided the updates on the following items.

- SOTR schedule update and presentation of final draft template to the F&W Committee and time has been requested on the Council's July meeting agenda to present the final SOTR report and accompanying website to the full Council pending the Members approval in July.
- HEP proposal funding approved for \$115k, but funding for CHAP assessment in the Willamette has not been identified.
- Monitoring workshop update to the full Council and F&W Committee addressed confusion regarding direction to Council staff on monitoring framework development. The workshops are a means in achieving the amended Program language for monitoring. There is a follow-up conversation planned with the full Council on monitoring workshop to provide updates and the Members comments.
- Multi Year Action Plan (MYAP) updates and thoughts on developing MYAPs were included in the final amended Program as the funding mechanism for consideration of measures into projects through ISRP reviews. Patty O'Toole, NPCC has been assigned to begin the process to assemble the MYAPs and provided examples for Kootenai and Lower Columbia. There is expectation of CBFWA to assist in facilitation and coordinate the development of MYAPs across the region in content and scheduling. Council will make the first cut at assembling the proposals received to fill out a MYAP for various subbasins. CBFWA will review those draft MYAPs for format and content. Some Members have had conversations on scheduling MYAP development in your specific areas and the Kootenai will be completed first and used as a pilot. This may influence the geographical reviews of the implementation for the amended Program.
- CBFWA Funding Issue (see briefing under Item 5)

**June 9, 2009 Council Meeting in Whitefish, MT**

Brian will attend the Council meeting and provide updates at the next meeting on the following items.

- Integration of Fish and Wildlife Program and the Power Plan – Brian asked if the Members should participate in Power Plan development process.
- Findings from the 2009 Amended Fish and Wildlife Program.
- Wildlife Crediting Forum update by Peter Paquet and update on agreement negotiations around the basin on 2:1 crediting issue. Wildlife Advisory Committee is preparing recommendations for communicating ideas to the Wildlife Crediting Forum pending MAG review and Members consideration in July.
- Categorical Reviews and Conversations
  - Wildlife - Briefing on final ISRP comments. The WAC is currently reviewing the ISRP's review and will provide the Members feedback in the future. The staff's wildlife project recommendations are being developed over the next four weeks and are being considered by the Council in July. Issues will be resolved and addressed through that recommendation process.

- RM&E – Anadromous Monitoring Framework Workshops will include a briefing to the Council and comments from the Members. Several M&E projects are included in the categorical review but are not for anadromous fish monitoring. Brian will request information on scheduling, timing for recommendation and ISRP review of proposals for the remaining projects, less coordination.
- Artificial Production – Scheduling review conversations just started. NOAA and Council plan to coordinate the Council’s artificial production review with the requirements with NOAA to perform consultation and assure NEPA compliance on hatchery across the basin. Draft timelines and process steps are being developed to unite the NOAA, Council and ISRP review groups into one process and this categorical review of artificial production is for BPA funded projects only. When the drafts are developed, they will be available for Members review.
- Geographic reviews are influenced by MYAPs – As the MYAPs are being developed across the region, timing is important and need to drive the geographic review by the ISRP. The [draft schedule](#) posted on Council’s website should be revised with a strategic design of a development of MYAPs across the region. Staff will continue to provide updates to the Members.
- Tagging Report summary – The report was assembled by the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) and Independent Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB), a “[Tagging Report--A Comprehensive Review of Columbia River Basin Fish Tagging Technologies and Programs](#)” dated March 17, 2009 (ISRP/ISAB 2009-1). The Council staff provided a 6-page summary memo “[Management Recommendations from ISRP/ISAB’s Tagging Report #2009-1](#)” dated May 28, 2009, of the ISRP’s tagging report discussing the management implications and work underway to address the issues raised by the ISRP-ISAB Tagging Report on coordination of tagging and having an integrating tagging Program within the Columbia River Basin. The monitoring workshops could address these issues. Conversations are planned with CSS and Fish Passage Center regarding the monitoring workshop referencing ISRP-ISAB Tagging Report and addressing coordination of mainstem monitoring and monitoring workshops.
- Anadromous Fish Monitoring Framework Workshop and Design conversations will continue.

Brian Lipscomb and Ken MacDonald will be attending the June 9 Council meeting and have scheduled a coordination meeting with Greg Delwiche, Tony Grover, Scott Rumsey and others to discuss updates on monitoring workshops.

**ITEM 4: Implementation of the Anadromous Fish Monitoring Framework Workshops and Design**

Background: The MAG and RM&E subcommittee have reviewed and provided comments on the Monitoring Workshops Strategy and Timeline for Members consideration.

- [Updated Strategy for Monitoring Workshops](#)
- [Updated Timeline for Monitoring Workshops](#)

Discussion: Brian Lipscomb stated the Member approved description of deliverables developed by the RM&E subcommittee has been incorporated into the ongoing work for VSP parameters in the design of several workshops around the region to consider and

assemble RM&E framework for anadromous fish VSP parameters, hatchery and habitat at the ESU/DPS level and coordinate that for mainstem monitoring for passage.

Brian asked the Members to review and approve the workshop design, and timeline, commit to participate in the process and complete the timely tasks to accommodate these workshops; and develop the recommendations in addition to the [January 2009 CBFWA SOW and budget request](#). BPA has agreed to provide additional funding approximately \$335k for CBFWA staff and \$160k for CBFWA Members participation in the process to accommodate the development of the work plan. This would make CBFWA's funding whole as identified in the [updated CBFWA budget and work plan](#).

Brian provided an overview of the monitoring workshops strategy and timeline asked the Members to review and approve the workshop design and budgets.

Two options were suggested and discussed :

1. Members approve the approach in concept, commit to start the work, go ahead with schedule, attend the meetings, etc. and negotiate the budgets later.
2. Members approve the approach in concept, but work out the budgets before committing to the work.

The Members expressed concerns on the expectations and cost for the Members to participate in RM&E workshops. They felt it was unfortunate that the federal agencies scheduled the July and August subregional RM&E workshops in the middle of field season. Most Members plan to participate at the subregional workshops, but have staff resource and budget limitations. The workshop participation obligations and resource costs are undefined and conversations for the Members without funding are needed. The first approach to start work and request more money later concerned the Members.

Tony Nigro recommended that before CBFWA assumes that more money is needed, the Members request confirmation that BPA is providing approximately \$500k for this task to be used amongst the Members and CBFWA staff and verify how that money is allocated. He requested a meeting to discuss the specifics and expectations of work to be completed by staff and Members under this proposal and confirm that the allocation in current draft budget is the best allocation. If the conclusion is that more money is needed for Members and/or staff to do the work, a meeting with BPA should be scheduled to have those conversations. Tony does not want to send an unnecessary message to BPA that we need more than \$500k to complete this task. The more appropriate message to BPA would be that we have been involved in these conversations and the timeline and tasks outlined makes sense and are reasonable and the direction is an appropriate way to proceed, but we need a better understanding of the level of commitment involved to achieve success and avoid failure. CBFWA is requesting more conversations with the Members, staffs, and others on what this work entails before we can commit to participate in doing this work.

Rob Walton stated that NOAA Fisheries would contribute to the discussion by asking Bruce Crawford and Scott Rumsey to articulate the level of expectations from Members to make this process successful. In addition, Brian will work with Members to clarify the allocation of the money from BPA.

Brian Lipscomb suggested scheduling a half or full day meeting with the Anadromous Fish Managers and CBFWA staff to contemplate what we see at the end of this process and what the final report will look like by working backwards

through the various steps to contemplate what level of commitment and time from staff is required to be successful. Several conversations have occurred regarding the amount of work and time required to complete this process and more conversations are anticipated. Brian supports having a meeting at the CBFWA office to discuss the specifics with the Members.

Tony Nigro supports having a face-to-face roll up the sleeves workshop meeting for those CBFWA participants who are being asked to commit time and need to lay claim to the available dollars and obtain a full understanding of what is expected of them to complete the tasks. A message back to BPA and Council would be that the CBFWA organization supports their direction but we are unsure the timeframe outlined is reasonable given staff commitments over the summer and we need additional time to work out the details and verify that the amount of money allocated is adequate.

The Members agreed to schedule a CBFWA meeting and provided the following options for meeting dates (June 11, 16, 17, or 18, 2009) to have conversations on the RM&E workshop participant's roles, expectations, and budgets. The attending Members will contact and check the schedules of the appropriate staffs who will be participating in this process. CBFWA staff will poll the Members for a preferred meeting date and provide meeting details.

The Members outlined the following meeting elements.

1. Description of CBFWA staff's roles in the process.
2. Guidance and expectations for Members' contribution as related to the outcome of the workshops and associated analysis to understand what is expected from staff commitments.
3. Discuss available funding and financial support levels and allocation.

*Update: The Special Members Face-to-face Meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2009 from 9am-4pm at the CBFWA office. A teleconference will be scheduled for the participants who are unable to attend in person.*

**ITEM 5: CBFWA Work Plan Updates**

**Background:** Representatives from CBFWA, Council, and BPA, met May 5 and May 7, 2009 to discuss the CBFWA annual work plan, FY09 funding decisions, RM&E work plan, monitoring workload, and budgets to participate in the process.

The FY 2009 work plan relative to the previous discussion will be reviewed with a required budget to implement the work plan in FY 2009. BPA has agreed to provide funding adequate to fund staff facilitation and Member participation in the development of an Anadromous Fish Monitoring Framework in addition to the \$1.556M funding provided for other work elements defined in our work plan from January.

On May 14, 2009, via a request from Chairman Booth, Brian Lipscomb distributed the [CBFWA follow up summary memo](#) to Bill Booth and Rhonda Whiting, with copies to the Council Members, Greg Delwiche, BPA, and CBFWA Members to address BPA's funding decision concerns outlined in the CBFWA May 4, 2009 briefing memo.

At the May 18, 2009 meeting, the MAG reviewed and approved the CBFWA FY 2009 budget and work plan for Members consideration. The amount shown in the budget for RM&E is entered as a placeholder until the ODFW, IDFG, WDFW, and NPT Members confirm their participation costs.

Discussion: Brian gave an overview of the CBFWA letter sent to Chairman Booth on May 14, 2009 to address BPA's funding decision concerns outlined in the CBFWA May 4, 2009 briefing memo.

Due to the previous discussion regarding RM&E workload expectations and funding allocations pending the June 17 Special Members Meeting, the recommended action to approve the [draft updated FY 2009 CBFWA budget and work plan](#) was postponed to July 1, 2009 Members Teleconference.

**ITEM 6: Council Amendment Program Review**

Update:

- Update on the AFAC, RFAC, and WAC amended Program review.
- Update on the Program findings and final availability timeline.
- Update on the Council categorical/geographical review process.

Discussion: Dave Ward presented the [Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee Amended Program Review](#) and reviewed the recommendations and future work elements. The AFAC looked at the Program and compared it to their original recommendations at a very high level for basinwide provisions. He confirmed that data from the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG) and *other sources* will be considered in the Program. The Program language regarding the Fish Passage Center (FPC) did not change but FPC is specifically mentioned in the Accords.

Ken MacDonald provided the [Wildlife Advisory Committee Amended Program Review](#) and updated the Members on the 2009 work elements. The categorical review is on going and ISRP will be presenting their final report at the next Council meeting. On [June 18, 2009, a special meeting is scheduled](#) to present Council's staff recommendations and concerns regarding the projects under review in the Wildlife category. Some issues that will be addressed are projects that have dollars associated with Regional Coordination and how HEP projects are coordinated. The Wildlife Crediting Forum will present the final wildlife crediting letter to the MAG on June 15, 2009. The WAC will also be discussing operational losses and monitoring framework for wildlife and wildlife projects. A three-day WAC meeting/workshop is scheduled August 18-20, 2009 in Usk, Washington to settle on an approach on how to develop a wildlife monitoring framework.

Neil Ward provided an update on the Resident Fish Advisory Committee's efforts on their amended Program Review. After a preliminary look, the RFAC found there are many similarities between what the RFAC submitted and what is in the amended Program. The RFAC plan to have their draft review of the amended Program available for Members review in July. The RFAC will be focusing their efforts on developing methodology for loss assessments operations and inundation and working with ISRP and Council on finalizing the ISAB's draft non-native species risk assessment template.

Brian Lipscomb provided updates on Program findings, timeline, Council's categorical/geographical review process in the discussions under Items 3 and 4.

**ITEM 7: Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) High Level Indicator (HLI) Report**

Background: The PNAMP steering committee has completed a final draft High Level Indicator Report to recommend a core set of watershed health and anadromous salmonid HLIs of common interest to governments, Tribes and others in the Northwest. The letter from PNAMP, which CBFWA is a partner too, references this draft report. The CBFWA Members were asked to approve this draft report as a final PNAMP product.

CBFWA staff provided an overview of the PNAMP HLI report and informed the Members that the draft PNAMP HLI report is a recommendation to the Council. The report is consistent with the more detailed indicators CBFWA is reporting through the development of the Status of the Resources report.

Some of the PNAMP recommendations offered for consideration by executives include a short core list of indicators, request for support for additional work to continue to work out the underlying details (such as CBFWA has done for the SOTR) for core indicators to be addressed for watershed health and reporting measures for existing and new indicators among the short list, to explore obstacles to efficient use of existing and new data for the indicators, and identify impediments and solutions to improve access and sharing.

Regarding implementation, there was a PNAMP retreat where work plan priorities were identified. Ken MacDonald, Ken Kimball, Washington Governors Monitoring Forum, Jeff Rodgers, ODFW and Eric Neatherlin, WDFW are taking the lead to collect information from different reports and further develop HLIs, habitat/watershed indicators which the two are linked, and align reporting in the region.

Brian clarified that CBFWA are partners to PNAMP and as partners, the CBFWA Members consider what is being discussed to develop the coordinated monitoring strategy. Brian asked the Members if they agree with the content in draft PNAMP report and support implementing the recommendations.

**Action:** The Members reviewed the [May 12, 2009 final draft High Level Indicators for Watershed Health and Salmon report prepared by the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership](#) and endorsed the report as a final PNAMP product. No objections.

**ITEM 8: Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) Update**

**Update:** Update on the PTAGIS project and the Adult PIT Tag Oversight Committee's (APTOC) role in the reconstructions of its database format as well as the rest of the projects at PSMFC.

Brian stated that several projects are engulfed in the monitoring framework conversations that occur at PSMFC. Those contracts are between BPA and PSMFC and they have jurisdiction to modify projects and contracts. Brian suggested that the Members communicate their ideas and concerns during the review process to ensure no unilateral decisions are made to modify projects or contracts without the Members participation. The RM&E workshops will help identify and clarify the timeline for Members participation in the review process for those projects. Brian will continue having conversations with Randy Fisher and will keep the Members updated.

Rob Walton reported that he heard that the PTAGIS database is DOS based, an old software with character field limitations, which fit well for its original use for mainstem monitoring of pit tag information. There is a PTAGIS Committee reviewing options and potential to expand the pit tag database to carry information out into the tributaries that could enhance the abilities to monitor populations at various stages. Rob is impressed with the potential of a new infrastructure to expand the PTAGIS database and anticipates the committee's recommendations.

**ITEM 9: Members Summer Face-to-Face Meeting**

**Background:** Two meeting dates were discussed by the MAG, August 4 & 5, 2009 and July 28 & 29, 2009 and according to the rotation schedule, the CBFWA is anticipating the two day Summer Members Meeting to be held in Montana, hosted by Montana Fish,

Wildlife, & Parks (MFWP). Brian will contact MFWP regarding hosting the meeting.

Some suggested agenda items are CBFWA Work Plan, Anadromous Fish Monitoring Framework Workshops and design, RM&E committee chartering, Council Amendment Program Review update, FSOC: Mitchell Act Funding and FRIMA update, PSMFC and CBFWA MOA, StreamNet Data Management Update, future work developments, and Obama administration updates on climate change.

**Update:** Brian contacted MFWP and the best dates for the meeting are July 29 & 30, 2009 in Kalispell. Staff has tentatively reserved meeting space in Kalispell pending Members approval.

**Action:** The Members approved the July 29 and 30, 2009 meeting dates and location in Kalispell, Montana and agreed to the potential agenda items for the Summer Members Meeting as suggested. Staff will email a meeting notice with hotel information to the CBFWA Members. No objections.

*July 29-30,  
2009 Summer  
Members  
Meeting Hotel  
Information:*

*The Summer Members Meeting is schedule for July 29 and July 30, 2009 in Kalispell, Montana.*

*Hotel Reservations:*

*Red Lion Hotel-Kalispell  
20 N. Main St.  
Kalispell, MT 59901*

*Reservations: 800-733-5466*

*Reservation Cut-off date: 7-7-09*

*Block of Guest Rooms Reserved Under: "CBFWA"*

*Government per diem rate: \$106.00*

***Upcoming  
Meetings:***

**Members July Teleconference**, Wed, July 1, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

**Members August Teleconference**, Wed, August 5, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

MAG June Teleconference, Mon, June 15, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

MAG July Teleconference, Mon, July 20, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

Council Meetings: June 9-11, Whitefish, MT & July 14-16, Portland, OR & August 11-13, Spokane, WA.