



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 300 | Pacific First Building | Portland, OR 97204-1339
Phone: 503-229-0191 | Fax: 503-229-0443 | Website: www.cbfwa.org

Final

DATE: July 8, 2009
TO: Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the July 1, 2009 Members Teleconference

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 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

**Members Teleconference
July 1, 2009**

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. PDT
@ CBFWA Office Portland, OR

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

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Elmer Ward, Chair, Rob Walton, NOAA Fisheries; Tony Nigro, ODFW; Tom Rien, ODFW; Nate Pamplin, WDFW; and CBFWA staff: Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Kathie Titzler, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, Dave Ward, Trina Gerlack

Phone/WebEx: William T. Towey, CCT; Lance Hebdon and Bill Schrader, IDFG; Joel Tohtz, MFWP; Dave Statler, NPT; Claude Broncho, SBT; Dan Diggs, USFWS

Time Allocation:

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

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

Discussion: The Members recommended the draft agenda be amended and Item 8 CBFWA Work Plan FY 2009 and FY 2010 be moved to item 2 and be discussed in Executive Session with final action taking place in open session.

Note: *The agenda items are listed in the order of discussion.*

Action: The Members approved the amended draft agenda. No objections.

Executive Session: The Members went into executive session to discuss RM&E and 2009 CBFWA work plan.

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

ITEM 8: CBFWA Work Plan FY 2009 Update & FY 2010

- **FY 2009:** At the June 3rd Members meeting, the Members deferred adoption of the RM&E portion of the FY09 work plan and budget and opted to hold a special face-to-face meeting to discuss it. On June 17th the Members met to discuss the workshop strategy, timeline, and budget allocations for the Anadromous Fish Monitoring Framework and gather some clarity on the level of commitment expected of the Members to complete the work successfully.

On June 17, the Members and staff had a detailed review and discussion of the expected outcomes in timeline/schedule, the tasks involved in developing the decision framework, the level of effort and commitment, and budget and funding allocations in the monitoring framework portion of revised CBFWA AWP work plan.

Three options to increase funding for participation by Oregon, Washington, Idaho and

the Nez Perce Tribe in the implementation of the Anadromous Fish Monitoring Framework Workshops were discussed:

1. Go back to BPA with a verified budget and request more funding.
2. Reduce CBFWA staff budget.
3. Members make up the funding difference.
 - The attending Members advised approaching BPA for more funding with caution considering BPA's past decisions and comments. Pending the results and analysis and the prospect of requesting additional funding for this effort, communication with BPA will be formal and presented by the Chair of CBFWA. The Members directed staff to contact the Members and verify the budget needs in the CBFWA AWP work plan to participate in the process, and prepare three alternatives for 30% reduction out of CBFWA staff budget as a contingency plan. Those impacts and options will be discussed at the July 1, 2009 Members teleconference. The subregional workshop schedule will be adjusted to accommodate the Members' July 1st decisions.
 - The Members expressed the importance of having permanent conversations regarding CBFWA's work plan and sustainability; creating a RM&E workgroup/committee to develop, implement, maintain, and adjust the work plan; having CBFWA Members communicating their formal actions with BPA and Council; and attending the CBFWA meetings in person.

Discussion: The Members came out of executive session and provided the following action in open session:

The Member rejected option 1. (request more BPA funding) and support a combination of option 2. (reduce CBFWA staff budget) and option 3. (Members make up the funding difference).

The Members directed the Executive Director to canvas all Members for their budgetary needs to participate in the RM&E work groups and tasks and develop a revised CBFWA budget to accommodate the needs of Members expenses to participate in the process within the existing FY 2009 \$500k RM&E budget of CBFWA. The Members requested that their meeting expenses not be cut and that a clear description of RM&E tasks and work expectations be provided to inform the Members of efforts and cost to participate in the RM&E workshops. Bruce Crawford, NOAA Fisheries will be available to facilitate in the process and it is important the States and Tribes participate and provide data.

Brian and Bruce will be providing the preparation work, tools, and spreadsheets to the Members via the RM&E subgroup participants.

The Members will schedule a meeting to review the Members needs after July 7, 2009.

Action: The Members directed the Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director to canvas all Members of CBFWA by July 7, 2009 for their budgetary needs to participate in the RM&E work groups and tasks, and develop a revised CBFWA budget to accommodate the needs of Members expenses within the existing RM&E budget of CBFWA, provided the budget reductions do not affect the ability of Members to conduct business and participate.

No objections.

Note: *Chairman Ward has scheduled a Special Members Teleconference on July 9, 2009 from 11am-12pm at CBFWA office to approve the revised FY09CBFWA work plan, SOTR distribution, and 6/3/09, 6/17/09, & 7/1/09 meeting action notes. Meeting logistics are forthcoming. If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Chairman Ward or Brian Lipscomb.*

FY 2010 and beyond: [In a letter to CBFWA from BPA dated June 9, 2009, Greg Delwiche](#) responded to the record provided in the [Coordination Funding Decisions](#)

[Briefing Memo dated May 4th](#) and the [follow-up memo dated May 14th](#), sent to Council Chairman Bill Booth and Fish and Wildlife Chair Rhonda Whiting, regarding CBFWA funding. The letter from Greg Delwiche provides several policy positions of BPA and proposes a path forward for consideration of funding for FY 2010 and beyond.

At the June 15 meeting, MAG directed staff to summarize the June 9 letter from Greg Delwiche, BPA for Members consideration.

Discussion: The Members reviewed the action in the addendum to [Item 8: Issue Briefing Paper – CBFWA FY 2010 and Beyond](#).

Action: The Members requested that the word “entire” be deleted from recommended action on page two and adopted the action in the issue briefing paper for CBFWA FY 2010 and beyond below.

Requested Action for July 1, 2009:

- Commit the two day Members meeting in Kalispell to consider the Members strategic use of CBFWA for coordinating activities for fish and wildlife management for FY 2010 and beyond.
- Assign a subcommittee to work with the Chair and ED to develop an agenda to:
 - Assess the Members’ current participation and use of CBFWA relative to historic strategic planning and evaluate successes and failures;
 - Assess the role of CBFWA as it relates to the Members participation in regional fish and wildlife activities for the foreseeable future; and
 - Develop alternative strategies for member consideration including full consideration of the default funding allocation provided by BPA in the June 9, 2009 letter.

No objections.

Brian stated while canvassing the Members for RM&E participation, he would be asking for volunteer participation in the subcommittee to develop the draft agenda and work with Chairman Ward to establish the first subcommittee meeting date.

Note: The subcommittee is scheduled to meet to discuss the action above on July 14, 2009 from 10am-2pm at the CBFWA office. Meeting logistics are forthcoming. If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Chairman Ward or Brian Lipscomb.

ITEM 6: CBFWA Comments on Wildlife Category Review

The Council’s Fish and Wildlife Committee reviewed Council staff recommendations for wildlife projects at a special meeting on June 18, 2009. The Council staff provided a five year annual average funding recommendation for each wildlife project with several outstanding programmatic issues to be managed by BPA, project by project, during the contracting process. The WAC proposed sending a comment letter to Council prior to their final deliberations by the full Council on July 14. Comments touch on several key programmatic issues raised by Council staff. The letter should be submitted to Council at least one week prior to the July 14 meeting.

Discussion: Tom Iverson and Nate Pamplin, WDFW provided an overview of the letter. The Members provided edits and requested the paragraph relating to weed control be deleted from the draft.

Action: The Members adopted the proposed letter regarding Wildlife Category Review as amended for distribution to the Council. No objections.

Note: [The final CBFWA comment letter to Chairman Booth, Council regarding the Wildlife Category Review was distributed on July 6, 2009.](#)

ITEM 7: CBFWA Comments on Draft 8th Annual Report to the NW Governors on Expenditures of BPA

On June 15, the MAG directed CBFWA staff to develop a draft letter commenting on the [Draft Eighth Annual Report to the Northwest Governors on Expenditures of the Bonneville Power Administration](#). The comments were reviewed by the MAG electronically and prepared for Members consideration. The report is posted on the Council website at <http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/2009/2009-06.htm>. Comments are due to the Council by COB July 10th.

Discussion: Brian and Tom presented an overview and summarized the draft comments provided by the MAG. The Members reviewed each paragraph of the draft and provided edits. The Members requested that the tone of the letter be revised. Chairman Ward will review and approve the revised draft before it is finalized and distributed.

Action: The Members directed staff to work with Chairman Ward to revise the letter as amended, add the standard abstention language that NOAA Fisheries and USFWS abstain, approve as final prior to distribution to the Council. No objections.

Note: [The final CBFWA comments to Mark Walker, Council regarding the Council's Draft 8th Annual Report to the NW Governors on Expenditures of BPA was distributed on July 6, 2009.](#)

ITEM 5: Wildlife Crediting Forum

The Wildlife Advisory Committee developed a letter, which MAG approved on June 15 for Members consideration for the creation of the Wildlife Mitigation Crediting Forum to charter with the Council and BPA to implement this portion of the Fish and Wildlife Program.

Discussion: Nate Pamplin, WDFW provided an overview and summarized the draft comments developed by the WAC and reviewed by the MAG for Members consideration and distribution to the Council. The Members provided comments and staff incorporated their edits during the meeting.

Action: The Members adopted the Wildlife Crediting Forum letter with the edits and amended language as final for distribution to the Council. No objections.

Note: [The final CBFWA letter to the Chairman Booth, Council regarding the Wildlife Crediting Forum distributed on July 6, 2009.](#)

Remaining Agenda Items:

The Members did not have time to review the agenda items below. Brian suggested while he is canvassing the Members for the opportunity to reconvene for consideration of the FY09 budget and accompanying work plan the remaining agenda items be included at that time.

Meeting adjourn.

ITEM 2: June 3, 2009 and June 17, 2009 Members Meetings Draft Action Notes

Recommended Action: Approve action notes as final.

ITEM 3: Draft Status of the Resources (SOTR) Report

Background: A request has been submitted to present the final draft SOTR template and accompanying website to the Council and public in July, pending the Members review and approval.

Recommended Action: Approve SOTR template as final for distribution.

ITEM 4: Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) June Meeting Updates

- High Level Indicators
- Findings on 2009 Amended Fish and Wildlife Program
- Integration of the 2009 Fish and Wildlife Program into the Power Plan
- Categorical Reviews
 - RM&E
 - Artificial Production
- ISAB/ISRP Tagging Report Recommendations

ITEM 9: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC) Recommendations

Neil Ward, CBFWA and Sheri Sears, RFAC Chair presented the RFAC recommendations to the MAG on June 15 and the MAG approved the following for Members consideration.

- RFAC proposed Methodology for Calculating Lost Resident Fish Habitat Due to Construction and Inundation
- [RFAC proposed changes](#) to the [ISAB's 2008-4](#) Draft Non-Native Species Risk Assessment Template

Recommended Action: Review and approve the RFAC proposed methodology for calculating lost resident fish habitat due to construction and inundation for recommendation to the Council.

Recommended Action: Review and approve the proposed changes the RFAC has recommended to the ISAB's draft risk assessment template for recommendation to the Council.

ITEM 10: July 29-30, 2009 Members Summer Face-to-Face Meeting***Upcoming Meetings:***

Members Teleconference: July 9, 2009 from 11am-noon @ CBFWA office

Members Subcommittee Teleconference: July 14, 2009 from 10am-2pm @ CBFWA

Members Summer Face-to-Face Meeting: July 29-30, 2009 in Kalispell, MT

Members August Meeting: Wed, August 5, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

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

Council Meetings: July 14-16th in Portland, OR & August 11-13th in Spokane, WA