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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: August 19, 2009
TO: CBFWA Members
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the September 2, 2009 Members Teleconference

Members Teleconference Wednesday, September 2, 2009

1:00-4:00 p.m. (Pacific)

@ CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon

WebEx w/Integrative Teleconference has been arranged for this meeting:

Select: [Members September 2 WebEx w/Integrative Teleconference](#)

Log in first: Enter your name and email address.

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http://www.cbfga.org/committee_main.cfm.

Draft Agenda

ITEM 1: Introductions, Roll Call, and Approve Agenda

Recommended Action: Approve draft agenda

ITEM 2: Approve as Final: Draft Action Notes from the [July 9, 2009](#) and July 29-30, 2009 Members Meetings

Recommended Actions: Approve July 9 Members Teleconference and July 29-30, 2009 Members Executive Session draft action notes as final.

ITEM 3: 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 Presentation: Proposed Methodology for Aquatic Habitat Loss Assessment](#)
- [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 Actions:

- Review and approve the RFAC proposed methodology for calculating lost resident fish habitat due to construction and inundation for recommendation to the Council.
- Review and approve the proposed changes the RFAC has recommended to the ISAB's draft risk assessment template for recommendation to the Council.

ITEM 4: 2008 Status of Fish and Wildlife Resources in the Columbia River Basin (SOTR) Report

- Endorsement by CBFWA Members
- Presentation to full Council

- Interactive website update
- Final reports available on request

ITEM 5: Independent Science Review Panel (ISRP) / Independent Science Advisory Board (ISAB) Tagging Report Recommendations

Background: The ISRP/ISAB released their report [ISRP/ISAB 2009-1, A comprehensive review of Columbia River Basin fish tagging technologies and programs in March 2009](#).

At the Council meeting in June, Jim Ruff, Council, Manager, Mainstem Passage and River Operations provided a memo to the Council Members on [Council staff's Management Recommendations from the ISRP/ISAB's Tagging Report #2009-1](#). Follow up on this issue is anticipated at the October Council meeting.

At the June MAG meeting, the Fish Passage Advisory Committee (FPAC) and the CSS Oversight Committee were directed to review the ISRP/ISAB 2009-1 report, and the Council staff recommendations, and report their findings to the MAG.

- The [CSS Oversight Committee comments](#) were distributed to the MAG via email on July 10th.
- The [FPAC comments](#) were distributed to the MAG via email on July 20th.

At the July meeting, the MAG directed CBFWA staff to initiate a draft letter of response using the CSS Oversight Committee and FPAC comments relative to the ISRP/ISAB report for review by the MAG at the August meeting for consideration by the Members at their September meeting.

At the August 17th meeting, the MAG provided comments and approved the [CBFWA draft comment letter](#) for Members consideration.

Recommended Action: Approve the CBFWA draft letter to the Council commenting on the ISRP/ISAB 2009-1 report and Council staff recommendations.

ITEM 6: Fish Screening Oversight Committee (FSOC)

- **Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act (FRIMA)**

Background: Dave Ward presented a FRIMA Letter drafted by FSOC for consideration by the MAG for forwarding to the Members for their approval in supporting the appropriation of \$25M. Dave Ward stated that \$25M is the original full amount that could potentially be authorized. According to FSOC, the most that has been spent per year is about \$4M but if enough was authorized they could easily get \$10M on the ground in any given year, especially with the current language in FRIMA that allows for BPA funds to be used for cost share.

Dave Ward stated that FRIMA is not limited to anadromous salmonids and the letter is purposely written so it can be used for screening of resident fish, lamprey, adult and juvenile salmonids, with the appropriate cost share in the four northwestern states. Lance Hebdon added that the program is broad and as long as it is irrigation diversion and native fish species then it is potentially eligible, with the diversion owner required to pony up funds. Lance stated that initially it was restricted to the Columbia Basin but that may have been broadened.

At the July 27 meeting, the MAG approved the [draft FRIMA letter](#) as written for Members' consideration. The USFWS and NOAA would abstain from the letter and an abstention footnote is included in the letter.

Recommended Action: Approve the draft letter supporting reauthorization of FRIMA and request appropriations. The NOAA Fisheries and USFWS abstain.

ITEM 7: FY 2010 CBFWA Work Plan Brief

Background: At the July 29-30, 2009 Executive Planning Session, the Members discussed the fish and wildlife coordination budget for FY 2010 and BPA's \$2.4M funding cap for coordination projects. They identified deliverables and core functions. The Members directed staff and MAG to further develop the draft CBFWA FY 2010 work plan with specific deliverables and

core functions for their consideration in October.

At the August 17th meeting, the MAG reviewed the first draft CBFWA FY 2010 work plan and deliverables. The MAG approved the format, directed staff to incorporate their comments, tie the tasks with the resources, develop an executive summary for further review, and prepare a brief for the Members on their progress.

ITEM 8: Northwest Power and Conservation Council August Meeting Updates

- [Update on RM&E and Artificial Production Category Reviews](#)
- [Options for Consideration of Hatchery Scientific Review Group \(HSRG\) recommendations](#)
- [Charter and schedule for Wildlife Crediting Forum](#)

Upcoming Meetings:

Members Teleconference: October 7, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

Members Policy Level Meeting: October 29, 2009 (details forthcoming)

MAG Teleconference: Sept. 21, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

Council Columbia River Estuary Science Policy Exchange: Sept. 10-11, Astoria, OR

Council Meetings: Sept. 9, Astoria, OR & Oct. 7-9, Ketchum, ID