



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

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead 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

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: April 22, 2010
TO: Directors and Tribal Chairs of CBFWA
FROM: Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the April 20, 2010 CBFWA Tribal Chairs and Directors Meeting

Face-to-Face
Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA)
Tribal Chairs and Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 2010
8:30am – 3:00pm (PST)
@
Embassy Suites Hotel
Portland, Oregon, International Airport

[Members Webpage](#)

Final Action Notes

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 – The Cedars Room

Attendees: Chairman Robert Walton, NOAA Fisheries; Vice Chairman Nathan Small, SBT; Charisse Soucie & Jason Kesling, BPT; Lynn DuCharme, CSKT; Ken Hall & Gary James, CTUIR; Olney Patt Jr., Elmer Ward, & Brad Houslet, CTWS; Director Cal Groen & Deputy Director Jim Unsworth, IDFG; Tribal Council Member Gary Aitken, Jr., Attorney General William Barquin & Sue Ireland, KTOI; Dave Statler, NPT; Elizabeth Gaar, NOAA Fisheries; Deputy Director Curt Melcher, Tony Nigro & Tom Rien, ODFW; Claude Broncho, SBT; Carol Perugini, SPT; Regional Director Robyn Thorson, USFWS; Mark Bagdovitz, & Scott Kahan, USFWS; Director Phil Anderson & Bill Tweit, WDFW; Executive Director Paul Lumley, CRITFC; Interim Director Chad Colter, USRT; Keith Kutchins, UCUT; CBFWA Staff: Brian Lipscomb, Jann Eckman, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward, Dave Ward, and Trina Gerlack

Time Allocation:

Objective 1. Committee Participation	50%
Objective 2. Technical Review	25 %
Objective 3. Presentation	25 %

Welcome and Opening Remarks by Chairman Robert Walton, NOAA Fisheries

Invocation by Claude Broncho, SBT

ITEM 1: Introductions, Roll Call, and Approve Agenda

Action: The CBFWA Tribal Chairs and Directors approved the draft agenda as written. No objections.

ITEM 2: Recognition of Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Efforts for Past Chairmanship

The Change of Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority Officers occurred on February 3, 2010. Chairman Elmer Ward passed the gavel to Robert G. Walton, NOAA Fisheries. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CCT) was scheduled to rotate into the Vice Chair position, but the Tribe had not confirmed the selection. Therefore, the Members agreed to move forward without a vice-chair and table the motion for a later date. The NOAA Fisheries alternate served as vice chair until the Colville Tribal Council provided their decision to CBFWA.

On March 18, 2010, the CCT notified CBFWA of their [official withdrawal](#) as a Member. As per Section 406 of the CBFWA Charter, the withdrawal would become effective 30 days from the date the letter was received in the CBFWA office, therefore as of April 22, 2010 the CCT will no longer be coordinating their fish and wildlife activities with the other fish and wildlife agencies and tribes through CBFWA. This decision impacted the CBFWA budget and required additional modifications to the CBFWA Charter.

Brian Lipscomb honored Elmer Ward on behalf of the staff and the Members for his contributions and support as the CBFWA Chair in 2009.

ITEM 3: Executive Session

- **CBFWA 2010 and beyond**
 1. Members' discussion relative to the new direction in fish and wildlife coordination as agreed to in the [2010 Work Plan](#).
 2. Identify Expectations and Evidence of Success from this change in direction.
 3. Discuss Potential Considerations for 2011 Work Plan.

Action: The Members went into Executive Session and requested that all CBFWA staff and non-members leave the room, except Brian Lipscomb who would leave after providing the introductory presentation to the Members.

ITEM 4: Member Actions:

The Members came out of Executive Session and provided the following decisions.

- Actions:**
1. The Members adopted the [CBFWA Charter](#) Amendments without the Members Executive Committee (MEC) language. No objections.
 2. The Members approved [Option 1](#) of the CBFWA Budget Amendment 2010-11 to accommodate the Colville Tribe withdrawal. No objections.
 3. The Members appointed Nathan Small, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall (SBT) as Vice Chair pursuant to the amended the CBFWA Charter. No objections.
 4. Chairman Rob Walton and Executive Director Brian Lipscomb will facilitate conversations with the remaining Members to set the next Members Meeting date and content.

Chairman Walton left to meet Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries. Alternate Vice Chair Gaar passed the gavel to the newly appointed Vice

Chair Nathan Small to chair the afternoon portion of the meeting.

ITEM 5: Status of the Resources (SOTR) Presentation and Discussion with Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC)

Brian Lipscomb welcomed Greg Delwiche, Vice President for Environment, Fish and Wildlife, BPA, Vice Chair Dick Wallace, NPCC, and Tony Grover, Fish and Wildlife Director, NPCC. Brian provided the [Status of the Resources presentation](#) and a quick tour of the [SOTR website](#).

Vice President EFW Delwiche, BPA, Vice Chairman Wallace, and F&W Director Grover, NPCC recognized the CBFWA's accomplishments regarding decisions to change the direction of the organization, managing the SOTR, and participation in adaptive management and RM&E processes. They are supportive of the good working relationships for meeting the needs of the Program for fish, wildlife, and power. They agreed the SOTR project is a key tool and requested that the reports continue to improve in quality and be consistent with other reporting styles and details being developed in the basin for high level review and presentation. They asked the F&W managers to help them with the priority setting by answering the following question. "What do you need to make those decisions to manage the risks?" The fish and wildlife managers' reports will help answer the "so what questions" asked by the rate payers and Congress.

The NPCC requested feedback on the Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Reporting Plan.

On June 1, 2010, the NPCC will open the Artificial Production/M&E Categorical Review with project proposals due August 1, 2010. The Council will release their pre-decision document in mid December 2010 with final project funding recommendations for all AP/M&E categories including coordination projects in February 2011.

Elizabeth Gaar, NOAA reported that web based live recovery plans are being developed for tracking and reporting. Building the SOTR database will provide information to the region and updated annually supporting future five year status review for ESU's.

Nathan Small thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting.