



October 29, 1999

TO: Resident Fish Managers (RFM)

FROM: Kelly Lillengreen, Chair

SUBJECT: RFM Meeting Action Notes-October 29, 1999

Attendees: **In Person** – Dave Ward (ODFW), Joe Maroney (KT), Kelly Lillengreen (CDA), Bert Bowler (IDFG), William Towey (J-U-B Engineers), Vinny Pero (SPT), Keith Underwood (STOI), Dave Statler (NPT), Trina Gerlack (CBFWA), Stacy Horton (NWPPC), Jim Uehara (WDFW), Ron Morinaka (BPA), Neil Ward (CBFWA)
By Phone – Sue Ireland (KTOI), Tom Iverson (CBFWA), Keith Kutchins (SBT), Dave Moser (SBT), Brian Allee (CBFWA)

Calendar:

- Nov 1.....Multi-Species Framework Management Committee Meeting, Twin Falls
- Nov 2-3NWPPC Meeting, Twin Falls, ID
- Nov 5.....BPA F&W 4th FY99 Quarterly Review Meeting at BPA Headquarters, Portland, OR
- Nov 5.....HGMP comments due to Mark Fritsch (NWPPC)
- Nov 8.....Artificial Production Review Meeting, at NWPPC, Portland, OR
- Nov 10.....MSG Meeting, CBFWA Office, Portland, OR
- Nov 10.....Subbasin Intercaucus Meeting, CBFWA Office, Portland, OR
- Nov 16.....AFM Meeting, CBFWA Office, Portland, OR
- Nov 30-Dec 1.....CBFWA Members Meeting, Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, WA
- Dec 2.....RFM Meeting, Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, WA
- Dec 7-8.....NWPPC Meeting, Portland, OR
- Dec 9 or 10.....Tentative Subbasin Planning Workshop at TBA

ITEM 1: Review and Approve September 14, 1999, Draft Action Notes and Discuss Possible Changes to Meeting Agenda

Discussion: The Draft Action Notes and Meeting Agenda were approved with no changes or additions.

ITEM 2: Artificial Production Review (APR) and the Hatchery and Genetics Management Plan (HGMP)

Information: Neil Ward provided copies of the APR that will be sent to Congress and an update on the status of the APR process and the HGMP Template. Neil indicated Council approved the APR for transmittal to Congress pending minor changes to the document's executive summary. Council staff has indicated the APR will be sent to Congress within the next two weeks. The document is currently being reviewed by the ISAB and will be forwarded to the ISRP when Congress returns it.

Neil informed the RFM the next step in the APR process is implementation planning and that at this time the Production Review Committee (PRC) has yet to establish a plan. In addition, Neil informed the group the PRC RFM representative position is vacant due to the departure of Bill Towey. Kelly Lillengreen requested two RFM volunteers to fill the position.

Discussion: Although comments and changes to the HGMP Template were not brought to the meeting, RFM voiced interest in providing comments. A discussion ensued as to whether a review of the template should be completed at the meeting. Due to the amount of time required to review the document, the RFM decided on an alternate approach to submitting the RFM concerns.

Action: Dave Statler and Joe Maroney volunteered to act as the PRC RFM representative and alternate, respectively.

Action: The RFM agreed that the RFM would submit comments directly to Mark Fritsch at the Northwest Power Planning Council (NWPPC) on Friday, November 5, 1999, and copies of these comments should also be forwarded to Dave Statler and Neil Ward on the same date.

ITEM 3: Subbasin Planning

Information: Tom Giese provided a review of the Principals Subbasin Planning Meeting and led the RFM in a subbasin planning discussion. The RFM were provided with the NWPPC proposed Multi-Species Framework Ecological Provinces and the subbasins which have been grouped into each province and a Working Draft Template for Fish and Wildlife Plans. The RFM were informed that an Intercaucus Subbasin Planning Work Group might potentially be developed to deliberate and eliminate differences among the Anadromous, Wildlife, and RFM Caucus. Later in the day, Tom Iverson having just returned from Wildlife Caucus Meeting, informed the RFM that the Wildlife Caucus had chosen representatives for an ad hoc Intercaucus Subbasin Planning Work Group. In addition, Tom indicated the Anadromous Fish Caucus would be developing such a group within the next week.

Discussion: The RFM reviewed and discussed the NWPPC’s proposed provinces and associated subbasins. The RFM debated how to choose the pilot provinces (e.g., Columbia Gorge as described by the NWPPC and two additional provinces) and subbasins (e.g., one or more subbasins from the remaining provinces) that would be submitted to the ad hoc Intercaucus Subbasin Planning Work Group. In addition, the RFM debated how the group of provinces and subbasins would be delivered to the work group. Finally, the RFM expressed their dissatisfaction with the content of the Draft Template. Tom Iverson indicated a more comprehensive plan exists.

Action: The RFM agreed with the NWPPC provincial/subbasin designations.

Action: The RFM selected the Mountain Snake (blocked, variety of resident fish, ESA issues, three co-managers, needs immediate work, information exists), Inter Mountain (substitution issues, ESA issues, mainstem versus tributaries, information exists), and the Columbia River Gorge (limited resident fish data) provinces as those that would be submitted to the ad hoc Intercaucus Subbasin Planning Work Group for consideration as a pilot province.

Action: The RFM agreed to select one or more subbasins from each province for submission to the Ad Hoc Intercaucus Subbasin Planning Work Group. The following subbasins were chosen by the RFM.

Province	Subbasin	Rationale
Lower Columbia	Willamette	Information exists
	Lewis	ESA issues
Columbia Gorge	Hood	Information exists
Columbia Plateau	Yakima	Information exist
	Tucannon	ESA issues
	Umatilla	Information exists
Columbia Cascade	Methow	ESA issues for resident and anadromous, water-use issues,
	Okanogan	ESA and transboundry issues
Inter Mountain	Spokane	Information exists
	Coeur d’Alene	Information exists
Mountain Columbia	Pend Oreille	ESA issues
	Kootenai	ESA and flow (hydro) issues
Blue Mountain	Grand Ronde	Complete survey exists, ESA issues
Mountain Snake	Salmon	ESA issues
	Clearwater	Information being developed
Middle Snake	Owyhee	Limited resident fish information
Middle Snake	Malheur	ESA issues
Upper Snake	Closed basin east of Shoshone Falls	

Action: The Chair will draft a letter to the Members Steering Group in which the RFM request formation of an ad hoc Intercaucus Subbasin Planning Work Group that will review proposed provinces and subbasins and thus identify an appropriate pilot province and one subbasin from the remaining provinces for review in FY2000.

Action: Pending MSG approval, the RFM intercaucus representatives will deliver to the ad hoc Intercaucus Subbasin Planning Work Group on Wednesday, November 10, 1999, a list of potential pilot provinces and subbasins developed during the October RFM Meeting.

Action: An Intercaucus Subbasin Planning Work Group consisting of Kelly Lillengreen, Bert Bowler, Dave Statler, and Dave Ward was formed to represent RFM.

Action: Tom Iverson will distribute a more detailed version of the subbasin planning template. Comments and suggested changes are due to Tom Iverson by Tuesday, November 9, 1999.

ITEM 4: Status of FY2000 Project Selection

Information: Neil Ward provided a brief update on the current status of the FY2000 project selection process and distributed a memorandum (dated October 26, 1999) that was received by CBFWA staff from Bob Lohn addressing the criteria and process for review of policy issues for existing projects that do not receive a “fund” rating in the ISRP second review.

ITEM 5: Amendment Process

Information: Tom Giese provided an overview of the amendment process and will distribute a more thorough review within the next 10 working days.

ITEM 6: Next Meeting and Proposed Agenda

Discussion: The next RFM Meeting will be Thursday, December 2, 1999, (9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.) at the Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, WA. This meeting will follow the Members Meeting which is planned for November 30 and December 1 at the same location.

The proposed agenda will include:

1. Subbasin Planning
2. Amendment Process Update