



December 10, 1999

TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC) formerly known as Resident Fish Managers (RFM)
FROM: Kelly Lillengreen, Chair *Neil Peters*
SUBJECT: RFC Meeting DRAFT Action Notes-December 3, 1999

Participants: **In Person** – Brian Marotz (MDFWP), Dave Ward (ODFW), Kelly Lillengreen and Ronald Peters (Cd'AT), Bert Bowler (IDFG), Sue Ireland (KTOI), Dave Statler (NPT), Ron Morinaka (BPA), Trina Gerlack, Tom Iverson, Tom Giese, and Neil Ward (CBFWA),
By Phone – Keith Underwood (STOI), Stacy Horton (NWPPC), Mike Faler (USFWS), Lawrence Schwabe (BPT)

Calendar:

Dec 7-8.....NWPPC Meeting, Portland, OR
Dec 9 and 10.....Subbasin Planning Workshop @ NWPPC, Portland, OR
Dec 13.....Artificial Production Review Meeting @ NWPPC, Portland, OR
Dec 21.....AFC Meeting @ CBFWA Office, Portland, OR
Jan 5.....MMG Meeting @ CBFWA Office, Portland OR
Jan 5.....RFC Meeting @ CBFWA Office, Portland, OR
Jan 6.....RFC Meeting @ CBFWA Office, Portland, OR
Jan 11-12.....NWPPC Meeting, Tacoma, WA
Jan 18.....AFC Meeting @ CBFWA Office, Portland, OR

ITEM 1: Amendment Process

Information: Tom Giese provided an overview of the Amendment process to the RFC and WC and recommended that the managers develop and recommend an entirely new program instead of editing the current version.

ITEM 2: Review and Approve October Draft Action Notes and Discuss Possible Changes to the Agenda

ACTION: The October Draft Action Notes were approved with no changes or additions. As a result of the Members Meeting and recent CBFWA correspondence with NWPPC, the following three items were added to the agenda.

- The outcome of the Members Meeting discussion regarding the CBFWA Charter.
- The November 23, 1999, letter from Brian Allee to Bob Lohn reiterating the managers belief as to how Tier 1-3 and innovative projects should be funded.
- Clarification of the unallocated \$1.7 million in the resident fish placeholder balance.

ITEM 3: Discuss Outcome from the Members Meeting Discussion Regarding the CBFWA Charter

Information: At the September Members Meeting the Members decided to continue the Interim Charter until the December meeting, at which time the Members would discuss adopting the Interim Charter or reverting to its previous structure.

Discussion: Kelly Lillengreen provided a general overview of the revised CBFWA structure that was developed during the December Members Meeting. Instead of the recent four level structure, (i.e., Members, MSG, Cross Caucus Group, and Caucuses), the Members decided to restructure the CBFWA so that there are three levels, (i.e., Members (policy level), Members' Management Group, and Committees (technical level)). The Members will be policy-level representatives and will meet at least once a year. The Members' Management Group (MMG) will be comprised of senior level representatives from the agencies and Tribes and will meet once a month. In addition, the MMG can assign work to the Committees. The Resident Fish, Anadromous Fish, Wildlife, and Fish Passage Advisory Committees will meet on an as needed basis.

ITEM 4: November 23, 1999, Letter from Brian Allee to Bob Lohn

Information: On November 23, 1999, Brian Allee sent a letter to Bob Lohn reiterating the importance of all Tier 1 projects that received a do not fund classification from the ISRP. Brian requested that the NWPPC provide a written explanation for each decision to help in understanding the rationale for not funding these priority projects and assist in preparing for future project reviews. The NWPPC has stated that \$2 million exist for funding new and innovative projects. In the letter it was requested that Tier 2 innovative and new projects be funded before Tier 3 projects. The letter also requested that any remaining balance be placed in the unallocated resident fish, anadromous fish, and wildlife placeholders. In addition, the idea was proposed that the CBFWA and the NWPPC collaborate to develop criteria for defining and qualifying innovative projects.

Discussion: A motion to draft a letter to the MMG requesting clarification of the November 23, 1999 and that money reduced from Resident Fish Managers

projects be returned and prioritized by the Resident Fish Managers was rejected. Also included in that letter would have been criteria for innovative and new projects.

ACTION: It was decided that each RFC member would provide their own response to the NWPPC.

Brian Marotz suggested the following criteria for new and innovative project selection and prioritization be discussed and edited at the next meeting:

1. Resident Fish Managers consider the project high priority.
2. The project is short-term, two years or less.
3. Project budget has a small budget impact that can be accommodated through quarterly review process or funded without negative impacts to other projects deemed high priority.
4. The action must be taken immediately or the action will be lost, because there is little chance that the benefits to resident fish can be achieved if the project is deferred to future years
5. In the case of innovative: the project represents a new technique or treatment that has broad applicability throughout the basin if the project is successful.

ITEM 5: Clarification of the Unallocated \$1.7 Million In the Resident Fish Placeholder Balance

Information: Tom Giese provided an update on the resident fish unallocated placeholder balance. Tom informed the group that the Resident Fish Managers have already used \$1,005,766 of the \$1,764,181 identified by BPA at their November 5, 1999, Quarterly Review Meeting. Tom indicated that there is \$758,475 from the 1999 unallocated funds available.

ACTION: The RFC added to the proposed agenda for the January meeting that they would continue the discussion of drafting a letter for submittal to the MMG regarding allocation of funds.

ITEM 6: Subbasin Planning

Information: Tom Iverson provided an overview of the products from the Intercaucus Ad Hoc Subbasin Planning Work Group and provided an update on the December 9-10, 1999, Subbasin Planning Workshop being sponsored by the NWPPC in Portland, OR.

ACTION: Instead of identifying subbasins in which they would be **potential** leads or co-leads while at the meeting, the managers decided they would provide their comments to Tom Iverson by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6,

1999. In addition, the managers were asked to review the table for accuracy.

ITEM 7: Next Meeting and Proposed Agenda

ACTION: The next RFC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 5, 2000, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the CBFWA Office in Portland, OR. If needed, the RFC Meeting will continue on Thursday, January 6, 2000, starting at 9:00 a.m.

The proposed agenda will include:

1. Subbasin Planning
2. Amendment Process Update
3. Discuss Drafting a Letter for Submittal to the MMG Regarding Allocation of Funds.

If you have any questions or items that you would like added to the agenda please contact Neil Ward at (503) 229-0191 or by e-mail at neil@cbfwf.org no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2000.