



July 7, 2000

TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)

FROM: Neil Ward

SUBJECT: RFC Phone Conference –Develop a procedure that allows for equitable allocation of RFC Placeholder funds

**Resident Fish Committee Conference Call
Wednesday, July 12, 2000**

10:00 a.m. (Pacific time)

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On June 22, 2000, the Bonneville Power Administration indicated that \$2,355,333 exists in the RFC Placeholder. On June 26, 2000, the CBFWA received a request from the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes (SPT) that their project proposal 20094 titled “Assess Resident Fish Stocks of the Owyhee Basin, D.V.I.R.” be considered for funding through the RFC Placeholder. Project proposal 20094 was categorized by the RFC as a Tier 2 (i.e., fund when money becomes available in the future) and was classified by the ISRP as “fund.” On July 5, 2000, two members (i.e., Dave Ward - ODFW, Keith Underwood - STOI) reviewed the request that was presented by Vinny Pero (SPT) via phone conference. Because so few people participated in the conference call, Dave and Keith suggested that the SPT forward the request to the Members Management Group (MMG) for review.

A major concern that the MMG had was whether the RFC had reviewed the request. Although the MMG provided favorable reviews of the SPT request, they judged that the timing of the meeting (July 5, 2000, one day after what was a 4-5 day weekend for many of the RFC members) coupled with the distribution date of the meeting announcement (i.e., June 29, 2000) prevented RFC members from having adequate notice to participate in the conference call. As a result, the MMG instructed the RFC to conduct a phone conference meeting as soon as possible to address this request as well as the potential funding of the other Tier 2 projects proposals.

Time Allocation:

CBFWA Members Coordination Contract*	
Objective 1. FY 2001 Project Renewal Process	0%
Objective 2. Rolling Province Review	0%
Objective 3. FY 2000 Project Adjustments	100%
Objective 4. Watershed and Subbasin Assessment and Plan	0%
Objective 5. Coordinate Program Amendments	0%

* Not all agenda items support the objectives identified in the coordination contract.

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