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DATE: September 19, 2005

TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)

FROM: Clint Muhlfeld, Chair

SUBJECT: Revised Draft Agenda for the September 20, 2005 RFAC Meeting

**Resident Fish Advisory Committee Meeting
September 20, 2005
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Pacific)
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CBFWA Office, Portland, Oregon**

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- ITEM 1: Review Agenda**
- ITEM 2: Resident Fish Population Status Report**

During the June 2, 2005 RFAC teleconference, Bruce Suzumoto (NPCC), briefed the RFC on the AHA model and indicated that the model was not developed for resident fish thus the NPCC was relying on the CBFWA and the RFC to assist in developing a process for identifying biological objectives for resident fish. The RFC requested that Neil Ward review the subbasin plans and assemble a data set that includes population data for resident fish focal species throughout the basin.

During the August 31, 2005 RFC meeting, Neil provided the RFAC with a draft template (minus the Mountain Columbia Province) that could be used to assemble resident fish information that will be comparable to what anadromous fish managers will be gathering through the AHA process. In addition, Neil indicated that the template could be used for the resident fish section of the Status of the Resources Report and the Regional Management Plan.

Participants agreed that the template should be reviewed during the next RFAC meeting. Several questions that will have to be answered include:

- What populations should be included?
- Have the appropriate population parameters been identified?
- Does data exist for these populations and where is it located?
- How will data input occur?
- How do we inform the region about the results of this effort and their relationship to the upcoming policy effort to adopt biological objectives into the Fish and Wildlife Program?

ITEM 3: Discussion Regarding the Fish and Wildlife Program's 70-15-15: Creating a Resident Fish Placeholder

Two recent correspondences (i.e., July 29, 2005, letter from Greg Delwiche (BPA) to Melinda Eden (NPCC) and August 2, 2005, memo from Doug Marker and Patty O'Toole (NPCC Members)) highlighted the region's interest in conforming to the 70-15-15-balance between anadromous fish, resident fish, and wildlife projects, respectively. The NPCC indicated a desire to "ensure that that the Council's recommendations result in a 70-15-15 balance" and BPA indicated, "the overall levels of investment in anadromous fish, resident fish, and wildlife mitigation should be consistent with 70-15-15 allocation reflected in the Council Program."

The NPCC's and BPA's proposals to manage the Fish and Wildlife Program using the 70-15-15 suggests that additional funds will have to be dedicated to resident fish efforts during the 2007 solicitation for the Fish and Wildlife Program to achieve an allocation of 15% of its funds to such projects. Although recent correspondences indicate an interest in managing the Fish and Wildlife Program using the 70-15-15 approach, there has been no reference to a process that will ensure that additional funds will be earmarked for resident fish efforts or that stipulations will exist that will safeguard against the loss of current funds.

During the August 31, 2005, RFAC meeting, an ad hoc workgroup was formed to draft a correspondence that would be forwarded to the Members Advisory Group (MAG) highlighting the continued reduction in funds that the NPCC has recommended for resident fish projects. In addition, the memorandum would include a recommendation that the creation of project-type placeholders are essential to ensure that the resident fish segment of the Fish and Wildlife Project does not continue to absorb budget cuts.

The RFAC will be requested to review the memorandum and approve it for transmittal to the MAG.

Please contact Neil Ward at (503) 229-0191 or neil.ward@cbfwa.org if you have questions or would like to add additional items to the agenda.