



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH & WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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April 27, 2006

TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)
FROM: Neil Ward, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the April 26, 2006, RFAC Meeting

Attendees: Ron Peters (CDAT) and Neil Ward (CBFWA)

By Phone: Dave Ward (ODFW), Jason Fenton (BPT), Jim Uehara (WDFW), Sheri Sears (CTCR),
Chris Brun (CTWSRO)

Time	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Technical Review	0%
	Objective 3. Presentation	0%

Draft Action Notes

ITEM 1: Project Proposal Reviews

During the February 7 and 22, 2006, RFAC meetings, participants discussed the utility of providing technical/management reviews of resident fish proposals submitted for consideration for funding during fiscal years 2007-2009 and agreed that the RFAC should review the proposals. Lawrence Schwabe informed the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) Members, during their February 22-23, 2006, meeting, of the action that was approved by the RFAC. On April 5, 2006, the Members directed the CBFWA technical committees to review the proposals in the context of the Independent Scientific Review Panel's and provincial/subbasin work groups comments.

Neil Ward briefed the RFAC regarding the discussions that occurred during the April 25, 2006, Members Advisory Group (MAG) meeting pertaining to the technical committees' project reviews. Neil indicated that the members of the MAG suggested that the technical committees should evaluate the proposals using the following criteria: 1.) Does the proposed work address a critical management need and if the proposal is not funded is there an unacceptable risk to the resources, 2.) Is the proposed work duplicative (i.e., are there other projects performing the same tasks, 3.) Is the proposal technically sound, and 4.) Is the budget appropriate for the efforts that have been proposed (i.e., is the proposed project cost effective). The RFAC participants agreed that the proposed criteria was logical and that the RFAC should use it for reviewing the resident fish proposals.

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The RFAC will be required to review approximately 100 proposals. Although these proposals will have been reviewed by CBFWA members during the provincial/subbasin reviews, it is essential that RFAC participants from outside the respective provinces provide a review of the ISRP and provincial/subbasin workgroup comments. The RFAC's expectation is for one member to provide a review to the RFAC for a group discussion. Neil indicated that he would provide the initial proposal review assignments (Attached) based on his perception of those that are the best qualified to review specific types of projects as well as those that have institutional knowledge relative to specific projects. Based on the number of members that participate in the RFAC, each entity will likely be responsible for reviewing between 7 and 10 proposals. Neil indicated that he would contact the RFAC participants, prior to the next meeting, to confirm their willingness to review the projects he tentatively assigned to them.

The RFAC's group review of the project proposals is scheduled for June 26 -29, 2005. Thanks to assistance of Mike Faler, USFWS a location for the retreat has been identified and reserved. For more information regarding the retreat location , please visit <http://www.bungalowoutfittersllc.com/index.htm> . More information regarding the retreat and associated logistics will be provided during the next meeting.

ITEM 2: Next Meeting

The next RFAC meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. (Pacific). An agenda for the meeting will be distributed during the week of May 15, 2006.