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- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- Upper Columbia United Tribes

DATE: October 18, 2007

TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)

FROM: Mike Faler (Chair)

SUBJECT: DRAFT Agenda for the October 24, 2007, RFAC Conference Call

Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC) Conference Call
Wednesday, October 24, 2007
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Pacific)
Teleconference: 503-229-0449 ID: 593718

ITEM 1:
10:30–11:45am

Independent Scientific Advisory Board’s (ISAB) “Non-native Species Impacts on Native Salmonids and Guidelines for Use of Non-native Fishes in Resident Fish Substitution Projects Review”

In June 2007, the NPCC endorsed the ISAB’s proposal to conduct a review with the following tasks and objectives:

- Review and describe biological impacts and risks to native salmonid populations from non-intentionally and intentionally introduced species
- Review and describe the current status of management actions taken towards reducing or eliminating such impacts (e.g., brook trout and lake trout eradication efforts)
- Recommend strategies for protecting against or eliminating invasive species
- Recommend scientific guidelines for using resident fish substitutions

Listed below are the questions that the ISAB provided on October 17, 2007, regarding resident fish substitution, for which they have requested the RFAC provide answers.

- 1) Do the Resident Fish Managers currently have and use a set of criteria or guidelines to follow when selecting a resident fish species for substitution?
- 2) Are native salmonid species, listed ones or species of concern (e.g. bull trout, westslope cutthroat, redband trout) present in the system to be stocked? If so, what measures are/will be taken to avoid undesired consequences if non-natives are to be introduced or enhanced?
- 3) Is sufficient M&E incorporated into resident fish substitution projects to determine success or needs for adjustments?
- 4) Are the fish community goals in subbasin plans useful in developing resident fish substitution objectives?
- 5) Are goals for economic and cultural benefits of substituted species relative to the economic costs of the substitution program developed?

ITEM 2:
11:45am-12:00pm

ISAB Meeting

The RFAC has been requested to discuss the questions, listed above, with the ISAB during the ISAB’s Friday, October 26, 2007, meeting in Portland, OR. The RFAC is scheduled to meet with the ISAB from 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. To continue preparations for the meeting, the RFAC should consider meeting at the CBFWA Office during the morning of Friday, October 26, 2007, prior to meeting with the ISAB. **If you have a resident fish substitution project, the October 26, 2007, ISAB meeting is one meeting that you should not miss.**