



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and government agencies:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

## Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

DATE: January 14, 2008  
TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)  
FROM: Mike Faler (Chair)  
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the January 9, 2008, RFAC Teleconference

## Resident Fish Advisory Committee Teleconference Wednesday, January 9, 2008 Portland, Oregon

**Attendees:** Mike Faler (USFWS), Brian Lipscomb (CBFWA), and Neil Ward (CBFWA)  
**Phone:** Christine Mallette (ODFW), Ed Shallenberger (CCT), Scott Grunder (IDFG), Hunter Osborne (SBT), Ron Peters (CDAT), Dave Statler (NPT), Lawrence Schwabe (BPT), and Melo Maiolie (IDFG)  
**Time Allocation:**  
Objective 1. Committee Participation 100%  
Objective 2. Technical Review 0%  
Objective 3. Presentation 0%

### ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

ITEM 3, "Request for an Amendment Process Extension" was added to the agenda.

### ITEM 2: Review and Approve Action Notes for the November 28, 2007, RFAC Meeting

The Action Notes were approved with no modifications.

### ITEM 3: Request for an Amendment Process Extension

On January 3, 2008, the CBFWA submitted a formal request to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) requesting a 60 day extension of the Amendment Recommendation Record. Brian Lipscomb informed the RFAC that, based on his discussions with several NPCC members, the deadline for submitting recommendations would likely be extended an additional 60 days. Brian also indicated that the Bonneville Power Administration requested, on January 9, 2008, that the NPCC extend the due date for Fish and Wildlife Program amendment recommendations until April 4, 2008.

### ITEM 4: Amendment Template Update

Neil Ward updated the RFAC on the status of templates that have been received and reminded the participants to submit their templates as soon as possible. In addition, Neil described the CBFWA approach for "packaging" the information contained in each template as follows:

#### Measures and Strategies

- Province
  - Subbasin
    - Focal Species\Population Biological Objective
    - Limiting factors\Threats
    - Actions\Expected Outcomes

**ITEM 5: Review and Approve an RFAC Proposed Amendment for a Request for Proposals to Develop Resident Fish Loss Assessment Methodology**

During the November 28, 2007, RFAC Meeting, the RFAC directed Mike Faler, Sheri Sears, and Neil Ward to develop a draft amendment for the RFAC's review. The draft amendment would take the form of an RFP that requests technical assistance (contractors identified by the resident fish managers) to develop resident fish inundation and operational loss assessment procedures taking into account habitat quality and other issues, notwithstanding, existing resident fish projects. Listed below is draft language for the RFAC's review.

**Fishery Managers and Council**

1.1 - The fishery managers are to complete assessments of resident fish losses related to construction and operation of each hydropower facility throughout the Columbia River Basin and submit to Council for approval and adoption into the Program. Implementation of existing and new resident fish mitigation and substitution measures and strategies would not be delayed pending the completion of loss assessments.

**Bonneville**

1.2 - In consultation with the Members of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority, fund the development of a Columbia River Basin Resident Fish Loss Assessment Methodology. Include recommendations for assessing, in a consistent manner, resident fish and habitat losses due to: 1) development and 2.) operation of hydropower facilities throughout the Columbia River Basin. Implementation of existing and new resident fish mitigation and substitution measures and strategies would not be delayed pending the completion of loss assessments.

1.3 - Fund the completion of assessments of resident fish losses throughout the Columbia River Basin as called for in 1.1. The fishery managers expect Council and Bonneville to act immediately to implement resident fish and mitigation measures in this Program. Implementation of resident fish mitigation and substitution measures is not to be delayed pending the completion of loss assessments. Implementation of existing and new resident fish mitigation and substitution measures and strategies would not be delayed pending the completion of loss assessments.

**Action:** The RFAC approved the proposed amendment as follows:

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1.2 - In consultation with the Members of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority, fund the development of a Columbia River Basin Resident Fish Loss Assessment Methodology. Include recommendations, to be completed in 2010, for assessing, in a consistent manner, resident fish and habitat losses due to: 1) development and 2.) operation of hydropower facilities throughout the Columbia River Basin, notwithstanding existing resident fish projects. Implementation of existing and new resident fish mitigation and substitution measures and strategies should not be delayed pending the completion of loss assessments.

1.2 - Fund the completion of assessments of resident fish losses throughout the Columbia River Basin as called for in 1.2, notwithstanding existing projects. The fishery managers expect Council and Bonneville to act immediately to implement resident fish substitution and mitigation measures in this Program. Implementation of resident fish mitigation and substitution measures is not to be delayed pending the completion of loss assessments.

**Fishery Managers and Council**

1.3 The fishery managers are to complete assessments of resident fish losses related to construction and operation of each hydropower facility throughout the Columbia River Basin and submit to Council for approval and adoption into the Program, notwithstanding existing projects. Implementation of existing and new resident fish mitigation and substitution measures and strategies should. not be delayed pending the completion of loss assessments.

**ITEM 6: Legislative Mark-up of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (NPCC) 2000 Fish and Wildlife Program**

During the November 20, 2007, MAG meeting, the technical committees were directed to perform a review of the sections of the NPCC's 2000 Fish and Wildlife Program that are pertinent to the each of the committees. Subsequently, the RFAC reviewed sections of pages 17 and 21 that pertain to resident fish. The only edits that were made occurred to the text associated with the first "bullet" in the "Resident Fish Losses" section. During the November 28, 2007 RFAC Meeting, the RFAC approved the deletion of "resulting from the hydrosystem" and the insertion of "as a result of: 1.) development and 2.) operation of the hydrosystem" at the end of the existing sentence. During the January 9, 2007, RFAC meeting, no additional edits were recommended. Based on a review of the 1994 Fish and Wildlife Program, Neil Ward suggested that the RFAC consider submitting language from the 1994 Fish and Wildlife Program for inclusion in the amended 2000 Fish and Wildlife Program. In addition, Dave Statler recommended that that the proposed amendment should include bull trout-specific language, similar white sturgeon description.

**Action:** Neil Ward will review the NPCC's 1994 Fish and Wildlife Program and provide a recommendation for the RFAC's review during the January 24, 2004 RFAC meeting.

**ITEM 7: Review Mark Bagdovitz (USFWS) Request**

Mark Bagdovitz requested that the AFAC and RFAC his that pertains to reintroducing anadromous fish to the blocked areas as well removing obsolete infrastructure from Columbia River tributaries.

**Action:** The RFAC organized an ad hoc workgroup consisting of Ron Peters, Lawrence Schwabe, Mike Faler and Neil Ward to develop a response for the RFAC review. The ad hoc workgroup will meet on Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at the CBFWA to develop the response and submit to the RFAC for their review during the January 24, 2008, RFAC meeting.

**ITEM 8: Next Meeting**

**Thursday, January 24, 2008**

**UCUT Office**

**Large Conference Room in Community Building**

**25 W. Main Suite 418**

**Spokane, WA 99201**

**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**