



February 26, 1999

TO: Wildlife Caucus Distribution

FROM: Ray Entz, Chair *Drina for*

SUBJECT: February 23 – 26, 1999 Wildlife Caucus Draft Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Jenene Ratassepp (on phone) and Paul Ashley (WDFW), Bruce Wiseman, Steve Bouffard, and Ralph Webber (USFWS), Tracy Hames (YIN), Ed Bottum, Stacey Stovall, and Michele Beucler (IDFG), Ray Entz (KT), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Susan Barnes, Mark Nebeker, David Harcombe, David Larson, Russell Morgan, and Greg Sieglitz (ODFW), Sherry Hudson (UofI), Terry Luther (CTWSRO), Steve Judd (CTCR), Phil Havens and Allyn Meuleman (BPA), Scott Soultz (KTI), Haace St. Martin and Daniel Gonzalez (BPT), Vincent Pero (SHO-PI), Peter Paquet and Michael Powellson (NPPC), Loren Kronemann (NPT), Cathy McDonald (TNC), Anders Mikkelsen (SBT), and Frank Young (CBFWA).

### Meeting Business

#### **Item 1. CBFWA Members Meeting**

Discussion: Ray reported that the director level CBFWA Members meeting is scheduled for May 4 -5, 1999 in Couer d' Alene.

#### **Item 2. Scientific Advisory Group Meeting**

Discussion: Ray attended the February 18 Scientific Advisory's Group meeting under the Council's Framework process. He still wants comments of the draft paper on process circulated earlier. Ray requested that anyone willing to serve as an alternate to him at the SAG meetings should give him a call.

#### **Item 3. Skalski Letter**

Discussion: Ray reported that the M&E Subcommittee will meet at noon today to discuss the draft response to the Skalski letter. *Meeting results reported below.*

**Item 4. Monitoring and Evaluation Subcommittee**

The Subcommittee met on three occasions during the February 23-26 proposal review to address various assignments.

- Skalski Proposal

Action: The Subcommittee recommended the following language, which was approved by the full Caucus.

Develop an interactive/standardized HEP modeling program that ties both vegetative and species response to mitigation activities.

- A) Prototype program for review within three months
- B) Complete program with Caucus input within six months
- C) Funding will be from Wildlife Plan funds
- D) Make program available through existing WEB resources

Paul was instructed to use this language to guide further discussions with potential contractors for this task.

- Monitoring and Evaluation Methodology

Action: Frank was instructed to draft a narrative explaining the Caucus' approach to monitoring and evaluation methodology relative to ISRP comments for the Wildlife portion of the DAIWP.

- Review of Monitoring and Evaluation Proposals

Discussion: The Caucus referred the Songbird, Flow Regulation, and Landsat Imagery proposals to the Subcommittee for consideration because the existing criteria for reviewing projects were determined to be inappropriate to review research proposals.

Action: Carl was assigned to draft appropriate criteria under the Wildlife Caucus' interim research needs evaluation. These criteria will be used for the review of research proposals at the March 11, 1999 Caucus meeting when these proposals will be reviewed.

**Project Reviews**

**Item 1. Riparian Songbird 20014, Sherry Hudson U of I**

Action: The group determined that the proposal did not fit the criteria for ranking purposes and referred it to the M&E Subcommittee for ranking at their 7 p.m. meeting.

**Item 2. Landsat Imagery for John Day Watershed 20015, Chris Killsgaard  
NW Hab. Inst.**

Discussion: The project sponsor was not present to make a presentation.

Action: The criteria were determined to be inappropriate for ranking this project and it was referred to the M&E Subcommittee for a recommendation.

**Item 3. Impact of Flow Regulation on Riparian Habitat 20034, Bob Jamieson  
BQI**

Discussion: The project sponsor was not present to make a presentation.

Action: The proposal was referred to the M&E Subcommittee for a recommendation.

**Item 4. Multnomah Channel O&M 20128, Greg Sieglitz ODFW**

Action: The proposal was found to be consistent with the OM&E Guidelines.

**Item 5. Burlington Bottoms O&M 9107800, Mark Nebeker ODFW**

Action: The proposal was found to be consistent with the OM&E Guidelines.

**Item 6. Irrigon WMA Additions 20115, Dave Harcombe ODFW**

Action: The proposal was found to be consistent with the OM&E Guidelines.

**Item 7. Pine Creek O&M (*Project no.*) Terry Luther CTWSRO**

Action: The proposal was found to be consistent with the OM&E Guidelines. Approval contingent upon project land purchases occurring in FY 99.

**Item 8. South Fork Crooked River 20113, Greg Sieglitz ODFW**

Action: It was determined that the scope of the project had changed so much from the original approved project that it must be resubmitted for FY01 for review as a new project.

**Item 9. Logan Valley WM 20090, Daniel Gonzalez BPT**

Action: The proposal was ranked.

**Item 10. Wenaha WMA Additions 20112, Dave Harcombe ODFW**

Action: The proposal was ranked.

**Item 11. Ladd Marsh WMA Addition 20114, Dave Larson ODFW**

Action: The proposal was ranked.

**Item 12. Horne Butte WMA Additions 20116, Russell Morgan ODFW**

Action: The proposal was ranked.

**Item 13. Acquire Oxbow Ranch 20134, Terry Luther CTWSRO**

Action: The proposal was ranked.

**Item 14. Tualatin NWR Additions 20140, Ralph Webber USFWS**

Action: The proposal was ranked.

**Item 15. Amazon Basin – Phase II 9205900, Kathy Macdonald TNC**

Action: The proposal was ranked.

**Item 16. Willamette Basin Mitigation 9206800, Greg Sieglitz ODFW**

Action: The project was found to be consistent with the OM&E Guidelines. Approval contingent upon project land purchases occurring in FY 99.

**Item 17. Secure Mitigation Sites in Oregon 9705900, Susan Barnes ODFW**

Action: The project was found to be consistent with the OM&E Guidelines.

**Item 18. Malheur Acquisition 20137, BPT**

Discussion: Ray reported that the BPT has requested that the score for FY99 for this proposal be carried forward.

Action: The proposal was assigned last year's score.

**Item 19. Inventory Wildlife Losses 20092, Vincent Pero SPT**

Action: It was determined that the scope of this proposal was outside of the authority of the Wildlife Caucus since it addressed operational and secondary losses which are not in the Council's Program. Ray agreed to draft a letter, with the assistance of Peter and Frank, explaining the reasons for the Caucus decision.

- Item 20. Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation 9206100, Stacey Stovall IDFG**
- Action: The proposal was ranked.
- Item 21. Southern Idaho Mitigation 9505700, Ed Bottum IDFG**
- Action: The proposal was ranked.
- Item 22. Lower Crab Creek Riparian Restoration 20083, Kate Terrell USFWS**
- Discussion: This is primarily an anadromous fish proposal that was originally sent to another Caucus for review and just now sent to the Wildlife Caucus.
- Action: The group decided to send the proposal to the AFM and RFM for review since the benefits are primarily to fish.
- Item 23. Restore Crab Lake 20079, Andy Engilis, Jr. DU**
- Action: The proposal was ranked. Ray will contact the sponsor and give him the opportunity to make a presentation at the next meeting to answer the many questions that came up during ranking.
- Item 24. N.E. Oregon Mitigation Trust Fund 20130, Loren Kronemann NPT**
- Action: Not recommended for funding based upon need vs. budgetary constraint issue. Recommendation from Caucus centered on the need for an increased base budget that would allow for trust fund type settlements for all ongoing O&M projects. Referred to O&M Subcommittee for discussion and recommended solution.
- Item 25. NPT Dworshak mitigation CRM funding request 20129, Loren Kronemann NPT**
- Action: Not recommended for funding based upon discussions by the caucus centering on the issue that it should have been funded under the original trust fund settlement. Recommendation from Caucus centered on the need for the NPT and BPA to discuss the situation and recommend a solution.
- Item 26. Rainwater O&M budget request 20082, Carl Scheeler, CTUIR**
- Action: The proposal was found to be consistent with the OM&E Guidelines.