


September 2, 1999

TO: Wildlife Caucus Distribution

FROM: Ray Entz, Chair 

SUBJECT: August 26, 1999 Wildlife Caucus Meeting Draft Action Notes

**Attendees:** Michele Beucler (IDFG), Ray Entz (KT), Susan Barnes and Greg Sieglitz [phone] (ODFW), Haace St. Martin (BPT), Tracy Hames (YIN), Cletis Paradise (SPT), Peter Paquet and Robert Walker (NPPC), Anders Mikkelsen [phone] (SBT), Paul Ashley (WDFW), Phil Havens and Joe De Herrera (BPA) Maureen Smith (USFWS), Robert Matt [phone] (CDAT), Scott Soultz (KTOI), Matthew Berger (CCT), B.J. Kieffer (STOI), and Frank Young (CBFWA).

**ITEM 1: Review of Agenda**

**Action:** Yakama Nation HEP Field Work Assistance, Approval of Crediting Subcommittee Report and FY 2000 Funding for Eagle Lakes were added as items 7,8 and 9.

**ITEM 2: Election of New Chair**

**Action:** Michele Beucler was selected as the new Wildlife Caucus Chair beginning October 1, 1999. Ray Entz will serve as Vice-Chair.

**ITEM 3: MSG Update**

**Discussion:** Ray summarized the actions relative to WC interests from the August 4, 1999 MSG Meeting.

**ITEM 4: M&E Subcommittee Report**

**Discussion:** Presentation of the M&E Computer Model was deferred until the September meeting. Robert Walker presented the final draft of the M&E Report for Caucus review.

**Action:** The Caucus approved spending up to \$10,000, of the approximately \$175,000 reserved for M&E, to cover the cost of initial modeling efforts. This is expected to cover development costs through the prototype stage.

**ITEM 5: Discussion of Council's Process for FY 2000 Proposals with Conflicting Recommendations from CBFWA and ISRP**

**Discussion:** Peter Paquet discussed the proposed process for dealing with project proposals that had conflicting recommendations from CBFWA and ISRP. This process is described in the August 16, 1999 Version 3 Memorandum from the Council's fish and wildlife staff.

**ITEM 6: Discussion of Council Staff Proposal for FY 2001 Procurement Process**

**Discussion:** Peter presented the information also contained in the August 16, 1999 Version 3 Memorandum from the Council's fish and wildlife staff on the FY 2001 Procurement Process and stated that the fish and wildlife manager's role in this new proposed process is still under discussion. Frank Young distributed a draft response to this memorandum developed by Authority staff for consideration by the Authority Members at their August 31 - September 1, 1999 meeting in Portland.

**ITEM 7: Yakama Nation HEP Field Work Assistance**

**Action:** Tracy Hames reported that the planned August HEP field activities for his project had been completed successfully thanks to the positive assistance he had received from other Caucus members. He expressed his appreciation to the following people for their assistance: Paul Ashley (WDFW), Brian M. Auld (KT), Susan Barnes (ODFW), Darren Holmes (KT), Steven Lewis (USFWS), David Nunn (SYCD), Brooke Palmer (USFWS), Bill Stewart (USFWS), Haace St. Martin (BPT), and Richard Temple (retired rancher from Burns).

**ITEM 8: Approval of Crediting Subcommittee Report**

**Discussion:** Ray Entz distributed an Executive Summary of preferred recommendations from the Crediting Subcommittee's Issue Paper, which was discussed and modified by the Caucus. In addition, the original Crediting Issue Paper was reviewed and modified in response to recommendations from the Caucus.

**Action:** The Executive Summary was approved as modified to send from CBFWA to the Council. The Crediting Issue Paper was approved as modified to act as a supporting document to the Executive Summary.

**ITEM 9: Funding for Reallocation for FY 2000 Projects**

**Action:** It was determined that since the USFWS had not used up their Interim Agreement funds that they were not eligible to receive the \$287,500 allocated by the Caucus for the Eagle Lakes Project. It was further agreed that the \$287,500 would be distributed among the remaining projects on the prioritized

list (from March 24-25, 1999 Action Notes) according to the proportion they are of the total original allocation:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ORIGINAL AMT.</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>	<u>NEW AMT.</u>
CCT	\$183,500	34.4	\$ 98,774
OWC	\$150,000	28.1	\$ 80,685
<u>Albeni Falls</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>37.5</u>	<u>\$107,675</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$533,500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>\$287,500</b>

It is expected that the USFWS will fund the Eagle Lakes Project from Interim Agreement funds.

**ITEM 10: Agenda and Location for Next Meeting**

**Action:** The next meeting is scheduled for September 29-30, 1999 in Pocatello, ID.

**Subcommittees**

**1. Crediting**

**Membership:** Carl Scheeler (Chair), Joe DeHerrera, Phil Havens, Greg Sieglitz, Susan Barnes, and Michele Beucler.

**Deliverables:** Develop method of dealing with crediting for operational and secondary losses. Develop assigned definitions and draft rationale for recommended approach. Distribute revised issue paper prior to August 26, 1999 WC meeting.

**2. Ranking**

**Membership:** Ray Entz (Chair), Anders Mikkelsen, and Stacey Horton.

**Deliverables:** Develop proposal for new criteria to be reviewed and commented on by the Caucus.

**Timeline:** Final draft to Caucus by the August 26 meeting; final recommended changes by end of FY 99.

**3. Relative Values**

**Membership:** Paul Ashley (Chair), Matt Berger, Susan Barnes, Robert Matt, and Ray Entz.

**4. Operational Losses**

**Membership:** Ed Bottum (Chair), Scott Soultis, Paul Ashley, and Bruce Wiseman.

Deliverables: Develop a draft Request for Proposals, addressing wildlife losses due to dam operations, for full Caucus review. Develop definition of operational losses with supporting rationale. Revise issue paper based on comments and distribute prior to August 26 WC meeting.

## **5. Long Term Operations and Maintenance**

Membership: Michele Beucler (Chair), Loren Kronemann, Carl Scheeler, and Jenene Ratassepp.

## **6. Monitoring and Evaluation**

Membership: Robert Walker (Chair), Paul Ashley, Susan Barnes, Matt Berger, Carl Scheeler and Joe DeHerrera.

Deliverables: 1. Develop an interactive/standardized HEP modeling program that ties both vegetative and species response to mitigation activities.

- a) Develop a prototype program for review within 3 months
- b) Funding will be through the Wildlife Plan money
- c) Complete program with a Caucus review within 6 months
- d) Make program available through existing web sources, i.e. BPA Net or StreamNet; also explore a stand-alone system (CD, Diskettes, etc.) cost vs the Net cost

2. Robert Walker has prepared a report describing M&E efforts to date for the Council in response to ISRP comments. The report is available in draft for Caucus action September 29-30.