



February 7, 2000

TO: Wildlife Committee (WC)

FROM: Michele Beucler, Chair *Franklin R. Young* for

SUBJECT: REVISED January 26, 2000 Wildlife Committee Meeting Draft Action Notes

If you have any questions or comments please contact Frank Young at (503) 229-0191 or by e-mail at frank@cbfwf.org no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 9, 2000. These action notes will become FINAL on February 11, 2000.

Attendees: Michele Beucler, and Bert Bowler (IDFG), Robert Walker (NWPPC), Haace St. Martin (BPT), Phil Havens (BPA), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Anders Mikkelsen (SBT), Cletus Paradise, Reggie Premo, Clayton M. Cota, Guy Dodson and Vinny Pero (SPT), Maureen Smith (USFWS), Susan Barnes (ODFW), Frank Young (CBFWA), Robert Matt (CDAT), Steve Judd (CT), and BJ Keiffer (STI).

By Phone: Ray Entz (KT), Stacey Stovall (IDFG), Greg Sieglitz (ODFW), Bill Bradley (YIN), Daniel Gonzalez (BPT), Paul Ashley and Jenene Ratassepp (WDFW), and Scott Soultz (KTI).

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Action Notes

Discussion: There was some discussion that the last notes had too little detail and that there was not a clear record of the crediting discussions that took place. Frank pointed out that it was difficult to discern when there were agreements. There was discussion of tape-recording the meetings. Michele requested input from the WC on the level of detail needed from the notes so that appropriate changes can be made if desired.

ACTION: The December 2, 1999 Action Notes were approved.

ITEM 2: Role of Wildlife Committee Under Revised Charter

Discussion: Frank said that a new CBFWA procedure manual was being prepared that should help to define the role of CBFWA committees under the new Charter. Frank stated that now that the Wildlife Committee is a technical committee it should expect to receive work assignments from the MMG and to elevate policy disputes to MMG. He further explained that the WC Chair represents the WC at all MMG meetings and that, in addition, each

entity has a representative on the MMG so there are many ways to inform MMG decisions.

ACTION: Michele requested that Committee members provide her with written recommendations on the future role of the Committee.

ITEM 3: Review and Approve Management Plan/O&M Budget for Idaho Projects

Discussion: Michele Beucler handed out the Draft Interim Deer Parks Wildlife Management Plan for review and approval. Some members needed more detail before they could adequately review the budget, especially with respect to the extent of ag-land restoration and the need to purchase a large tractor. They also indicated that they were uncomfortable approving a plan that they had not had the opportunity to review earlier.

ACTION: Michele requested members send her their questions and concerns. Project personnel will be available at the next WC meeting to respond to specific questions from the WC relating to the proposed budget and management plan.

ITEM 4: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)'s Upcoming Book of Rules

Discussion: Susan Barnes distributed a BPA document detailing administrative procedures that Doug Marker is working on in response to the Moss Adams report. Susan explained that this is BPA's effort to standardize contracting forms, work statements etc. There will be an opportunity to comment when drafts are distributed for review in March. The final administrative procedures will be approved by the NWPPC.

ITEM 5: BPA Funding of Wildlife Surveys

Discussion: Susan Barnes stated that BPA is unwilling to fund neotropical bird surveys for Burlington Bottoms and asked the group if BPA had funded any comparable surveys on other mitigation lands. Carl Scheeler said that BPA had paid for surveys for waterfowl on property where waterfowl is the target species and saw no reason why it would be inappropriate to cover similar surveys for Burlington Bottoms where the habitat was primarily for neotropical birds. Phil Havens said that BPA's refusal to fund these surveys was tied to contracting disputes that he felt were inappropriate to address with the group. The Committee felt CBFWA's support was documented in the AIWP and so they are hesitant to get involved in contract disputes. The Committee believes that this issue should be handled on a case-by-case basis as opposed to developing detailed guidelines.

ITEM 6: Update on Status of Draft Monitoring and Evaluation Report

Discussion: The Committee believes that it would be useful to have a map to help orient the reader to project location, but it is not practical to include a map at this time. Phil Havens volunteered to check into the possibility that BPA had a map that could be used for the Report. (He later reported that he was unable to find such a map.)

ACTION: The Report was approved with the following revisions:

1. Frank will add a column in Appendix Table A for acreage, which will be provided to him by Committee members.
2. The Summary will be replaced by a Conclusions section, which will be done by Robert Walker, Susan Barnes and Frank Young.
3. The IDFG edits will be included.

ITEM 7: Northwest Power Planning Council (NWPPC) Amendment Process

Discussion: Frank gave the following schedule for the amendment process:

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| January 11 | Request for recommendations released by the NWPPC. |
| February 1 | NWPPC staff presentation of "strawman" amendment proposal. |
| April 18 | Recommendations for amendments due to the NWPPC. |
| May 17 | Comments on the NWPPC amendment proposals due. |
| June 28 | Draft Program released for comment. |
| August 30 | Adoption of new program. |

The Committee discussed whether an amendment specific to wildlife should be submitted by the group. Nothing was settled and the group hoped to learn more after the NWPPC's "strawman" was released.

ACTION: The Ad Hoc Wildlife Amendment Subcommittee was established with Ray Entz (Chair under protest), Bill Bradley, Guy Dodson and Jenene Ratssepp as members. Frank Young will set up a conference call for 10 a.m. February 3 and notify the Subcommittee.

ITEM 8: FY 2001 Funding Process

Discussion: Frank distributed a draft memo from Doug Marker for his January 31 NWPPC presentation, outlining the process for renewing ongoing projects for funding in FY 2001. The Committee was very concerned over how BPA would determine which wildlife projects would qualify as ongoing. The main question is if new acquisitions under programmatic and/or umbrella projects count as ongoing. After some discussion it was determined that the Committee will probably not be able to develop a consensus on a definition for "ongoing project" to recommend to the

NWPPC. The Committee agreed that the NWPPC must provide guidance to BPA and CBFWA on the definition of ongoing projects for wildlife before the Committee can rank projects for FY 2001. The Committee also agreed to proceed as if wildlife projects will receive the \$15 million.

ACTION: Frank is to distribute the budget spreadsheet from the FY 2000 AIWP to the Committee so that members can each develop funding alternatives to be considered at the February WC meeting. Robert Walker will investigate the possibilities of freeing up the WC to submit “new” acquisitions and will get back to the Committee on the NWPPC’s definition of an ongoing project.

ITEM 9: Subbasin Planning Update

Discussion: Susan Barnes reported that the NWPPC was surprised by the CBFWA subbasin planning presentation at their January 11 meeting in Tacoma and asked that the presentation be made to their Fish and Wildlife Committee first. Frank Young said that it was his opinion that our presentation made it appear that CBFWA was getting out ahead of the NWPPC even though we had been working closely with NWPPC staff and were assuming that NWPPC members had been briefed. The Fish and Wildlife Committee is scheduled to address this issue at their January 31 meeting. We are hoping to receive guidance from this meeting on what role the NWPPC feels is appropriate for the fish and wildlife managers to take in subbasin planning.

ITEM 10: Crediting

Discussion: Michele reported that she was waiting to hear from Michael Powelson for a task list and time line. The crediting and operational losses subcommittees will work together to do the groundwork and will bring that to the WC when appropriate.

ITEM 11: Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 23-24 in Portland. The NWPPC meeting is February 22-23 in Portland.

Subcommittees

1. Crediting

Membership: Carl Scheeler (Chair), Joe DeHerrera, Phil Havens, 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. Work with the NWPPC and BPA to resolve crediting issues and bring recommendations to the WC for consensus.

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 Committee.

Timeline: Subcommittee will remain inactive until crediting issue is resolved and subbasin planning activities are completed.

3. Relative Values

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

Deliverables: This subcommittee will remain inactive until the crediting issue is resolved.

4. Operational Losses

Membership: Scott Soultz (Chair), Ed Bottum (, Paul Ashley, and Maureen Smith.

Deliverables: Develop a draft Request for Proposals, addressing wildlife losses due to dam operations, for full Committee review. Develop definition of operational losses with supporting rationale. This subcommittee will work with the Crediting Subcommittee to resolve crediting issues with the NWPPC and BPA.

5. Long Term Operations and Maintenance

Membership: Loren Kronemann (Chair), Michele Beucler, 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.

- Develop a prototype program for review within three months.
- Funding will be through the Wildlife Plan money.
- Complete program with a Committee review within six months.

- 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.

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