



March 14, 2000

TO: Wildlife Committee (WC)

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

SUBJECT: WC February 24, 2000 Draft Action Notes

**These actions notes will be reviewed and approved at the March 15 & 16, 2000 Wildlife Committee meeting in Spokane, Washington. If you have any questions or comments please contact Frank Young by phone at 503-229-0191 or by e-mail at frank@cbfdwf.org.**

**Attendees:** Michele Beucler, Ed Bottum, and Don Kemner (IDFG), Robert Walker (NWPPC), Haace St. Martin (BPT), Phil Havens and Joe DeHerrera (BPA), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Anders Mikkelsen (SBT), Tracey Hames (YIN), Vinny Pero (SPT), Maureen Smith (USFWS), Susan Barnes, Ken Rutherford and Greg Sieglitz (ODFW), Frank Young (CBFWA), Paul Ashley (WDFW), Robert Matt (CDAT), Steve Judd and Matt Berger (CT), Ray Entz (KT), and BJ Keiffer (STI)

**By Phone:** Stacey Stovall (IDFG)

**Time Allocation:** Objective 1 = 20%, Objective 5 = 10%

**ITEM 1: Review and Approval of Agenda**

**ACTION:** The agenda was approved as modified.

**ITEM 2: Action Notes**

**ACTION:** The Committee agreed that the level of detail provided in the January 26, 2000 Action Notes was satisfactory.

**ITEM 3: Role of Wildlife Committee Under the Revised Charter**

**Discussion:** Frank reported that the procedures manual being developed by Jann Eckman is not yet completed.

**ITEM 4: Review and Approve Management Plan/O&M Budget for Idaho Projects**

**Discussion:** Ed Bottum provided an overview of the Deer Parks Management Plan, described the changes made in response to comments received at the

January meeting and thanked the group for their helpful suggestions. Don Kemner used a slide presentation to familiarize the Committee with the character of the property and answered questions about planned activities. There was general agreement that review of budget details is primarily a BPA responsibility but also of interest to the Committee since it provided reviewers with the opportunity to make suggestions to improve cost effectiveness.

**ACTION:** The Deer Parks Management Plan was found to be consistent with the CBFWA Operation, Maintenance and Enhancement Guidelines for Wildlife Projects.

**ITEM 5: Update on Status of Draft Monitoring and Evaluation Report**

**Discussion:** Frank Young stated that the report had already been approved at the January 26, 2000 WC meeting, subject to a number of changes, and that all changes had been completed with the exception of entering a few acreages for the properties in Appendix Table A, which will be completed soon. Frank distributed a draft transmittal letter for the Report for the Committees consideration.

**ACTION:** The draft transmittal letter was approved for consideration by the MMG.

**ITEM 6: Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Plan**

**Discussion:** Ray Entz requested that Committee members provide him with comments on the Draft Plan distributed as a part of the information packet for the February MMG meeting ASAP so that he can represent their concerns at the next Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Work Group meeting. The Plan needs to be finalized in time to submit by the Council's amendment process deadline of April 18.

**ACTION:** Provide comments on the Draft Plan to Ray Entz by March 10, 2000.

**ITEM 7: Review Draft Innovative Project Proposal Identification Criteria**

**Discussion:** Frank distributed the criteria for "innovative projects" developed by the RFC. Ray reported that he sent Neil Ward only those criteria (developed by the WC last year to review wildlife research proposals), that he believed were appropriate for use by the Council for identifying Innovative Projects.

**ACTION:** The Committee agreed to support the use of the criteria recommended by the RFC with an emphasis on *needed by fish and wildlife managers* in Criteria 1 and *address critical uncertainties* in Criteria 2. They also agreed that the criteria submitted by Ray was complementary to the

recommended criteria submitted by the RFC, which was also supported for MMG consideration. The WC will wait for Neil Ward's next draft before further commenting.

**ITEM 8: Crediting**

Discussion: Peter Paquet was unable to attend so this agenda item was deferred.

**ITEM 9: Council Staff "Strawman" Amendment Framework Proposal**

Discussion: Ray Entz reported that both he and Jenene Ratassepp provided detailed comments on how to include wildlife to John Shurts (informally) in the Strawman and the upon review of the new Draft Strawman discovered that their comments were completely ignored. Brian Allee was provided with copies of these informal comments for discussion with John Shurts today. The WC expressed several concerns about the Draft Strawman including the omission of wildlife in general and the emphasis on ESA species recovery (i.e., wildlife mitigation focuses more on protection, mitigation, and enhancement of habitat compared to ESA species recovery). Because the informal process is over, any consensus comments must now go through the formal CBFWA process.

ACTION: Frank Young will report on the results of Brian's meeting with John Shurts to the Amendment Subcommittee ASAP and a meeting of the Subcommittee will occur soon if necessary. In the meantime, the official Strawman will be distributed to the WC by March 3 and Members need to get comments to the Subcommittee ASAP.

**ITEM 10: FY 2001 Funding Process**

Discussion: Robert Walker discussed the process for renewal of ongoing projects outlined in the memos by John Ogan and Doug Marker which were approved at the February 23, 2000 Council meeting for release as staff recommendations. Robert indicated that the Council was not interested in spending any time discussing the definition of "ongoing" and had provided language intended to allow wildlife project acquisitions to move forward during this interim period outside the provincial review process. The Committee agreed that it was not clear how the interim process would work and how the funding would be allocated between wildlife, resident fish and anadromous fish and between the provinces being reviewed and projects that were not a part of the provincial review process.

ACTION: Robert Walker will talk further with Council staff and then meet with the Ad Hoc FY 2001 Process Subcommittee established by the WC to clarify the interim project renewal process. The Committee consists of Ray Entz

(Chair), Carl Scheeler, Michele Beucler, Susan Barnes and Anders Mikkelsen.

Michele's presentation on the common elements of wildlife projects was deferred until the next meeting.

**ITEM 11: Collaborative Analytical Process**

Discussion: Ray Entz reported that the Collaborative Analytical Process Work Group is meeting February 25 to develop a proposal to fund the Managers to evaluate the methodologies of the various analytical tools (EDT, CRI, VSP, PATH) to determine their appropriate use in the subbasin planning process. Ray requested input from the Committee to assist him in representing wildlife interests to this Work Group. There was general agreement that there is a need for analysis to determine the impact of secondary losses on watersheds.

ACTION: Ray and Carl Scheeler will brainstorm for other wildlife analysis needs and keep the group updated.

**ITEM 12: Subbasin Planning**

Discussion: Susan Barnes reported that the Subbasin Planning Work Group is now focusing on guiding the development of subbasin summaries for the upcoming provincial reviews and that a subcommittee has been formed to develop templates for watershed assessments, subbasin assessments and subbasin plans. These templates will be submitted to the Council as amendment proposals.

**ITEM 13: Time and Location of Next Meeting**

ACTION: The next meeting will be March 15-16, 2000 in Spokane.

**Subcommittees**

**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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Long Term Operations and Maintenance**

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

## **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.