



June 12, 2000

TO: Wildlife Committee (WC)

FROM: Michele Beucler, Chair

for

SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes from the May 30, 2000 Wildlife Committee Meeting in Portland, Oregon

**If there are no objections within five days, these actions will be considered approved. If you have any questions or comments please contact Frank Young by phone at 503-229-0191 or by e-mail at frank@cbfwf.org.**

**Attendees:** Michele Beucler (IDFG), Haace St. Martin (BPT), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Maureen Smith (USFWS), Susan Barnes and Ken Rutherford (ODFW), Frank Young (CBFWA), Paul Ashley (WDFW), Joe DeHerrera and Phil Havens (BPA), Guy Dodson Sr. (SPT), B. J. Keiffer (STOI), Cathy McDonald (TNC), Terry Luther (CTWSRO), Steve Judd (CTCR), and Robert Walker (NWPPC).

**By Phone:** Scott Soultz (KTOI), Greg Sieglitz (ODFW), Anders Mikkelson (SPT), Ray Entz (KT), Robert Matt (CDAT).

**Time Allocation:**

Objective 1. FY 2001 Project Renewal Process: 90%

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

**ACTION:** An M&E Subcommittee update by Paul Ashley was added to the agenda.

**ITEM 2: M & E Subcommittee Update**

**Discussion:** Paul Ashley reported that the computer specialist that we contracted with is nearly finished with the development of the computer program and provided a handout with an example of the program capabilities using a WDFW project.

**ACTION:** Provide comments on the handout to Paul by June 9, 2000.

**ITEM 3: Update on WC Funding Request Letter**

Discussion: The letter requests that the Council approve providing supplemental funding for wildlife acquisition projects that have been approved but underfunded for FY 2000 and 2001. The funds would come from unallocated and de-obligated funds under the MOA.

ACTION: The Committee recommended that the letter be redrafted by Michele to reflect Committee comments and sent to MMG for consideration at their June 8 meeting.

**ITEM 4: Balancing the FY 2001 Budget**

Discussion: The Committee discussed whether or not to “balance” the budget at last year’s level (\$14.4 million) or at a level more reflective of our requests (something between \$14.4 and \$28.2 million). Frank indicated that CBFWA has a contractual obligation to submit a balanced budget, but that it wouldn’t necessarily be a consensus budget. Most likely, the consensus budget would be greater than last year’s total.

The Strawman Budget was reviewed. Robert Matt pointed out that it was not appropriate to use last year's rankings (as the Strawman does) because many of the proposed acquisitions, which were the basis for last year's rankings, were different for FY 2001. Steve Judd expressed a concern that the playing field was not level for all projects since some project sponsors included the underfunded amount from FY 2000 in their FY 2001 funding request and some did not. There was no agreement on a method to balance the budget.

ACTION: The Committee decided to recommend a budget reflective of need (>\$14.4 million) and a budget balanced at \$14.4 million as a “Plan B”.

The Committee decided to attempt to reach agreement on a method of balancing the FY 2001 budget at the next meeting June 21-23 in Boise. Frank Young will distribute a listing of some alternative methods for balancing the budget prior to the next WC meeting.

**ITEM 5: Ongoing Projects**

ACTION: The Committee reviewed the list of wildlife projects which had been submitted with renewal requests for FY 2001 and found that all projects qualified as "ongoing".

**ITEM 6: Review of FY 2001 Project Scope**

Discussion: In general, Committee members indicated that the scopes of their FY 2001 project proposals had not been changed from FY 2000. However, Michele

indicated that a cursory project-by-project review will be needed at the June meeting.

**ITEM 7: FY 2001 Budget Allocation**

Discussion: Steve Judd stated that he believed that those who had used up the HUs of credit for projects in their area should be base funded for O&M only to free up funds for acquisitions for those project sponsors in areas with unused HUs.

ACTION: The Committee decided to deal with budget allocation at their next meeting.

**ITEM 8: Time and Location of Next Meeting**

Discussion: The next meeting is scheduled for June 21-23, 2000 in Boise.

**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 Bonneville Power Administration (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.