



August 17, 2000

TO: Wildlife Committee

FROM: Michele Beucler (*Frank Young* for)

SUBJECT: Action Notes from the August 10 Wildlife Committee Conference Call

Attendees: Michele Beucler (IDFG), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Maureen Smith (USFWS), Greg Sieglitz (ODFW), Jenene Ratassepp and Paul Ashley (WDFW), Joe DeHerrera (BPA), Guy Dodson Sr. (SPT), B. J. Keiffer (STOI), Bill Bradley and Tracy Hames (YIN), Steve Judd and Matt Berger (CTCR), Robert Walker (NWPPC), Scott Soultis (KTOI), Robert Matt (CDAT) and Frank Young (CBFWA).

If there are no objections within five days, these actions will be considered final.

Time Allocation: *Objective 5. Coordinate Program Amendments* 90%

ITEM 1: Strategy Discussion on Approach to Upcoming Crediting Negotiations

Discussion: Concerns were expressed over the amount of flexibility required by the Crediting Subcommittee to deal effectively with Bonneville (BPA) during crediting negotiations. Bill Bradley stated that we should realize that hydro-allocation will come off the table at the end of the MOA period and that will be a consideration as to how it will influence the crediting issue. Jenene Ratassepp felt that discussions on protection credit should focus on HUs rather than acres. Steve Judd pointed out that unless the Subcommittee was given some latitude to have open discussions with BPA they could not be effective.

ACTION: The Committee authorized the Crediting Subcommittee of Carl Scheeler (chair), Susan Barnes, Michele Beucler and Steve Judd to meet with representatives of BPA to explore alternative proposals for reaching agreement on the application of protection credit for wildlife acquisitions. Those proposals that the Subcommittee considers viable will be brought back to the full Committee for their consideration. Only proposals approved by the Committee will be forwarded for approval at the policy level. The Committee also agreed that the Northwest Power Planning Council (Council) and CBFWA staff should be present during these discussions.

ITEM 2: Selection of New Wildlife Committee Chair

ACTION: Carl Scheeler nominated Susan Barnes to chair the Committee during FY 2001. Michele Beucler will become Vice-Chair October 1. Final selection will be made at the next meeting. Contact Michele with further nominations.

ITEM 3: Date and Location of Next Meeting

ACTION: August 28 was identified as the tentative date for another conference call meeting, if needed (depending upon the outcome of initial discussions [tentatively set for August 25] with BPA). September 27-28 in Portland was identified as the tentative date for the next Wildlife Committee meeting after the 45-day period for addressing crediting has passed.