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DATE: March 30, 2006

TO: Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)

FROM: Dick Stone, Chair

SUBJECT: Revised Draft Action Notes for the March 23, 2006 Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting at CBFWA in Portland

Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting
March 23, 2006
Portland, Oregon

Draft Action Notes Version 2

Attendees: Dick Stone (WDFW), Terry Luther (CTWSRO), Joe DeHerrera (BPA), David Speten (BPT), and Frank Young (CBFWA)

By Phone: Kathy Cousins (IDFG) and Beth Chase (KTOI)

Time	Objective 1. Project Recommendations	%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Regional Issues	100%
	Objective 3. Annual Report	%

ITEM 1: Election of WAC Chair for 2006

Discussion: Frank reported that he had received no nominations for WAC Chair.

Action: Dick Stone agreed to continue serving as WAC Chair. Kathy Cousins agreed to serve as Vice Chair. There were no objections.

ITEM 2: Development of WAC 2005 Work Plan

Discussion: Some frustration was expressed over the poor attendance at recent WAC meetings and the inability to reach consensus on any of the HEP crediting issues after many months of discussion. The group agreed that information exchange was the primary value of the WAC. Kathy Cousins suggested that each wildlife project submit an executive summary providing information on their accomplishments to date. Frank Young pointed out that this was done in 2004 and that all wildlife projects that provided information were entered into the CBFWA Project Information Report (available on the CBFWA Website). It some projects did not yet have a management plan or a measurable response to protection or enhancement measures implemented. It was suggested that PICES work elements may provide some of the information for an Executive Summary.

Action: The following were agreed to as Work Plan Elements for 2006:

1. Conclude work on HEP crediting with report to MAG and August 23 Members meeting
2. Site visit to BPT wildlife mitigation site
3. Site visit to Yakima area wildlife mitigation sites conducted jointly by YN and WDFW
4. Tour of Caspian Tern colony at East Sand Island near the mouth of the Columbia River

Kathy will prepare an example Executive Summary to demonstrate what she is advocating for all projects.

ITEM 4: Continue Discussions of HEP Crediting Issues

Discussion: Dick stated that he welcomed suggestions for improvement and will continue to refine his PowerPoint presentation and send it out again for review by the WAC prior to presentations to MAG and the Members.

ITEM 5: Update on Oregon Trust Fund Negotiations

Discussion: Terry Luther reported that discussions involving a possible long-term mitigation agreement for Oregon wildlife losses are continuing between interested parties and BPA. Their next meeting is March 24. He said that they should know by the end of April whether an agreement is possible.

ITEM 6: Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively set for May 31-June 1 in Burns with a site visit to the Denny Jones Wildlife Management Area.