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DATE: August 7, 2006
TO: Wildlife Advisory Committee
FROM: Frank Young, Coordinator
SUBJECT: Revised Action Notes for the July 19-20 WAC Meeting in Toppenish

Wildlife Advisory Committee
July 19-20, 2006
Toppenish, WA

Draft Action Notes – Version 2

Attendees: Dick Stone (WDFW), Tracy Hames (YN), Michael Pope (ODFW), David Speten and Jason Kesling (BPT), Richard Whitney (CCT), Loren Kronemann (NPT) and Frank Young, CBFWA

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

ITEM 1: Tour of Yakima Area Wildlife Mitigation Projects.

Discussion: Tracy Hames conducted a very informative tour of the YN wildlife mitigation projects in the Toppenish area with WDFW continuing the tour by showing the WAC some of the WDFW Sunnyside Wildlife Management Area properties further downstream along the Yakima River. Following the tour the WAC proceeded to Tracy Hame’s house for a barbeque. Unfortunately, the meal was not up to the usual high standard the Committee has come to expect. Tracy explained that the barbequed duck and bratwurst sausage would have been much better if Carl Scheeler had been present to provide his home grown peppers for seasoning and his expert advice in the preparation and cooking of the duck. Tracy lamented that a WAC barbeque without Carl is like a wetland without reed canary grass.

ITEM 2: Waterfowl Banding

The WAC decided to defer the remainder of the scheduled WAC Agenda and instead participate in a waterfowl banding project on nearby YN wildlife management lands.

ITEM 3: Selection of WAC Chair

Discussion: With Dick Stone's retirement July 30 the WAC will need to select a new chair. A new WAC coordinator will be on board October 1 with Frank Young's retirement September 30.

ACTION: Please send nominations for WAC Chair to Frank Young by September 1.

ITEM 4: Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a tour of Precious Lands managed by the NPT and Zumwalt Prairie managed by TNC tentatively scheduled for a date TBA in September.

Discussion: The waterfowl (all mallards) were caught in baited traps. All birds caught were banded and biological data were recorded as part of a project to band around 800 ducks annually. In addition to the banding operation, technicians from the USDA Olympia office were present to sample each captured bird for avian flu. Dick Stone showed a remarkable talent for exposing the cloaca of each captured bird so that they could be sexed and a fecal sample taken for the bird flu monitoring project.