

**Wildlife Advisory Committee**  
2007 Work Plan  
(Revised DRAFT)

**1) BPA funded wildlife acquisition Operation and Maintenance (O&M)**

There has been an ongoing discussion within the Northwest Power and Conservation Council regarding what the appropriate level of O&M for BPA funded wildlife acquisitions should be. Reports range from \$1/acre to \$1,000/acre for basic O&M depending on geographic location, management agency, and management purpose. The WAC could tackle this issue with an evaluation of all existing mitigation properties and development of guidelines for long term funding for acquisitions. The WAC could build from the 1998 CBFWA document and establish specific recommendations for incorporation into the Council's Program amendment process.

**2) BPA funded wildlife acquisition Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)**

BPA has been unilaterally reducing M&E budgets within wildlife projects within the Program. Clear and consistent guidance on what M&E should be funded and at what levels generally would fall under the O&M guidance above. However, this issue is important enough, and distinct enough, to merit its own work element. Wildlife mitigation is performed against a ledger of losses. BPA appears to believe that HEP evaluations will be adequate to monitor their mitigation obligation. The WAC members could establish what monitoring is necessary to validate HEP evaluations or support those evaluations where they are inadequate.

**3) Develop language for submission to the Program amendment process.**

The Council is going to open the Fish and Wildlife Program to amendments at the end of 2007. This may present an opportunity for the WAC to help BPA define obligations for mitigation, O&M, operational losses, and M&E for reporting success.

**4) Development of operational loss assessments for the FCRPS (Scott Soultis is working on this with a delivery date in the Spring of 2007)**

With several of the FCRPS projects being fully mitigated for construction losses, it may be time for the region to begin wrestling with calculating operational losses. The WAC could begin the discussion by formulating a recommendation to the Council on how to initiate that conversation and possibly how to perform the analysis.