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Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: October 30, 2007
TO: Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)
FROM: Ken MacDonald, CBFWA staff
SUBJECT: October 24-25, 2007 WAC Meeting Final Action Notes

October 2007 WAC Meeting October 24-25, 2007 CBFWA Office Portland, OR

The support material and reference documents for the meeting will be posted at:
<http://www.cbfwa.org/committees/Meetings.cfm?CommShort=WAC&meeting=all>

Final Action Notes

Attendees: **October 24** – Ken MacDonald, Brian Lipscomb, Tom Iverson, Neil Ward (CBFWA), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Gregg Servheen (IDFG), Angela Sondenaar (NPT), Tracy Hames (YN), Michael Pope (ODFW), David Speten (BPT), Nate Pamplin (WDFW), Anders Mikkelsen, Quanah Spencer, Cam Heusser (CDAT)

October 25 – Carl Scheeler (CTUIR), Gregg Servheen (IDFG), Angela Sondenaar (NPT), Tracy Hames (YN), Michael Pope (ODFW), David Speten (BPT), Nate Pamplin (WDFW), Ken MacDonald, Tom Iverson (CBFWA)

By Phone: **October 24** – Matt Berger (CCT), Scott Soult (KTOI), Mitch Silvers (Senator Crapo) plus two unidentified callers

October 25 - Matt Berger (CCT), Scott Soult (KTOI)

Time Allocation: Objective 1. Committee Participation 100%
Objective 2. Technical Review %
Objective 3. Presentation %

ITEM 1: Review and Approve October Agenda.

Discussion: Agenda was reviewed, no discussion.

ACTION: Agenda was approved as written.

ITEM 2: Review and Approve August 22, 2007 Action Notes

Discussion: None

ACTION: Action notes were approved as written.

ITEM 3: Elect New Vice Chair

Discussion: With the end of Michael Pope's term as WAC Chair, Angela Sondenaar became the new Chairperson. Nominations were opened for Vice Chair. Nate Pamplin was the only nominee. Nate accepted but wanted to make sure that everyone knew that WDFW had held the position in the recent

past. No concerns were raised by any of the meeting participants.

ACTION: Nate Pamplin was unanimously voted as Vice chair effective this meeting.

ITEM 4: Status of the Resource Report

Discussion: The latest template for the Status of the Resource Report, including the format to display the wildlife information, was reviewed and discussed using the Lower Columbia province and Willamette as an example. Ken MacDonald and Neil Ward (CBFWA) were provided feedback and some thoughts for consideration.

- ACTION:**
- Wildlife loss chart (page 2) needs units. In addition to HUs lost, add acres lost and acres protected. Remove protected, enhanced, and estimated from the title of the third column.
 - Change the title of the Wildlife loss table on page 2 to read “Currently Identified Estimated Constriction and Inundation Losses” and include all hydro facilities.
 - Page 3 “Wildlife Priority Focal Habitats” table change to “Wildlife Priority Habitat as Identified in Subbasin Plans.” In addition asterisk those Focal habitats that are the same as habitats used in the Construction/Inundation loss assessments.
 - If a subbasin plan does not identify focal habitats then do not try to interpret, leave table blank.
 - Page 4 BPA Funded Wildlife Project table add “through 2006” to the title and last column add “Dominate Focal Habitat Type” to the heading.
 - Ken will make sure HEP is explained in the glossary and that in the beginning of the document there is a general description of the wildlife program.
 - Group to send photos of project to Ken; an email reminder will be sent to the group.
 - Group will need to review Focal habitat types, Ken will send list of focal habitats by subbasin to group for review.
 - Group will need to review project list to be sure all projects are listed and will need to fill in dominate habitat types.
 - Ken needs to work with Angela on how we will display Dworshak projects.

ITEM 5: CHAP Letter

Discussion: A draft letter to be brought before the CBFWA members to encourage the exploration of habitat assessment procedures in place of HEP was reviewed. The question was asked that if a more ecological approach for the wildlife program was to be pursued in the amendment process was it necessary to send the letter now? The response is that the letter addresses the current disconnect between the wildlife managers and ISRP regarding inferential based methodologies, and the letter should be forwarded to MAG and Members for action, and that the WAC follow-up in the Program

Amendment process.

ACTION: Some edits were made to the draft letter. The group decided that Ken MacDonald will send the edited version out to the WAC for final review and then forward the final version to the MAG for consideration for Member action.

ITEM 6: IEAB Task 116

Discussion: The group discussed the draft Task 116 report and determined that we should make sure we use that report as we develop program measures for O&M. In general the group is positive about working with IEAB on the task and the report. There was a feeling that IEAB should have more fully developed the trust fund discussion by examining how current agreements were operating. Some of the report's concerns with trust funds may have been addressed by such a review.

The group is concerned that IEAB may have another task regarding acquisitions but no one knows anything about the details of the task and WAC members have not been involved.

ACTION: The WAC will be prepared to review the final report. Michael Pope and Carl Scheeler will be prepared to address the Council when the report is presented. We will ask if Ray Entz would also like to participate.

ITEM 7: Review Bill Booth's Letter to Bonneville and CDAT Response

Discussion: Quannah Spencer discussed Coeur d'Alene Tribe's concern with the recent letter Council member Bill Booth sent to BPA, and BPA's subsequent response concerning a proposed tribal land acquisition in Benewah County, Idaho. The Coeur d'Alene's concerns are probably of interest to and should be shared by the members of CBFWA, especially tribal members. The Coeur d'Alene tribe followed all the requirements of the F&W Program including coordination with the State through IDFG in the Albeni Falls Work Group and public notice procedures. Any concerns from Mr. Booth should have been communicated to the State and Tribe as sovereigns and as implementers of the Council's Fish and Wildlife program.

Subsequently, when BPA went to meet with the County, the tribe and State should have been invited as the F&W program is not a BPA program.

Another issue is that the County may not want lands purchased by the tribe to go back into Trust. Currently the Council has no position on placing lands into trust nor should it. Managers need to be ready to react to potential amendment by counties regarding tribes putting purchased lands into Trust.

ACTION:

ITEM 8: Review BPA Cost Share Letter

Discussion: The main concern reflected in the discussion is how BPA intends to use the information. If it is simply to report other sources complimenting the project then that is probably ok, but if in the future projects may get ranked on the amount of cost share then there is big concern. If BPA does want to require cost share in the future then there are potential crediting issues to resolve.

There is also concern that PISCES is being used in ways that the managers cautioned it should not be used and may be becoming an administrative burden.

ACTION: WAC will keep the cost share issue in mind as amendment language is developed for crediting and in lieu.

Ken will work with Brian Lipscomb to get Bill Maslen to the next MAG meeting to discuss how BPA plans to use the cost share information.

ITEM 9: Wildlife Amendments

Discussion: Tom Iverson began the discussion by explaining the CBFWA approach to the amendment process including working within the current F&W Program structure. Tom also explained the CBFWA outline to approach development of amendments.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to development of the WAC amendment outline.

ACTION: After the outline was developed the following “chapter” assignments were made:

- Introduction including paradigm shift towards ecological function and linkage to subbasin plans – Nate Pamplin and Ken MacDonald
- RM&E - Michael Pope
- Crediting – Carl Scheeler
- Operational Losses – Scott Soultz - 9 portions of the operational loss write-up will likely be eventually included in the crediting and RM&E sections.
- O&M – Nate Pamplin and Ken MacDonald
- Write-ups due to Ken MacDonald for distribution by November 9.

At the next meeting, the WAC will begin to discuss implementation including in lieu and cost share, and linkage to fish habitat projects.

ITEM 10: Next Meetings

ACTION: November 19 1:00-5:00, November 20 8:00-12:00 (CBFWA office)
December 10, 1:00-5:00, December 11 8:00-12:00 (CBFWA office)