



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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

**The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and fish and wildlife agencies:**

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Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

## **Coordinating Agencies**

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

**DATE:** May 5, 2008  
**TO:** Wildlife Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Ken MacDonald, CBFWA  
**SUBJECT:** Final Action Notes from the April 30, 2008 WAC Teleconference

April WAC Teleconference  
April 30, 2008  
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** Ken MacDonald (CBFWA), Angela Sondenaa (NPT), Nate Pamplin (WDFW), Alan Wood (MFWP), Scott Soultz (KTOI), Ray Entz (KT), Carl Scheeler (CTUIR)

**By Phone:**

<b>Time Allocation:</b>	Objective 1. Committee Participation	100%
	Objective 2. Technical Review	%
	Objective 3. Presentation	%

### **ITEM 1: Review and Approve Meeting Agenda**

**ACTION:** Agenda was approved as written.

### **ITEM 2: Review and Approve February 6, 2008 Action Notes**

**ACTION:** February 6, 2008 Action Notes were approved as final.

### **ITEM 3: Report on WAC Presentation to Council regarding IEAB Tasks 116 and 117**

**Discussion:** Angela Sondenaa briefed the group on the presentation she, Nate Pamplin and Ray Entz gave the Council's Fish and Wildlife Committee at the Council's April meeting in Whitefish (see talking points posted as support material). The presentation recommended that no letter regarding implementation of recommendations from the IEAB reports should be sent to BPA at this time given the amendment process and upcoming project solicitation. The presentation pointed out that many of the IEAB recommendations were covered in the manager's amendment recommendations or could be included in the project solicitation process. Bill Maslen (BPA) also supported no Council action at this time pointing out that changes to PISCES may be costly and unnecessary given changes they have made to the system and that the PISCES technical support contract will end soon.

**ITEM 4: CBFWA/WAC Participation in Program Amendment Public Comment Period**

**Discussion:** The general topic of discussion focused on the level of WAC involvement in providing comments to the amendment recommendations of other parties. It was agreed that individual managers will review and comment on amendments as each individual agency/tribe sees fit. The exception being the recommendations from BPA.

The BPA recommendations may be in conflict with the managers' recommendations as presented in the CBFWA and individual manager recommendations, therefore should the WAC prepare comments to be submitted through CBFWA. The group discussed whether commenting on the BPA recommendations was necessary due to the deference owed the managers but then preparing comments pointing out the inconsistencies and restating the managers recommendations could help inform the Council.

The Members of CBFWA will be deciding what action to take during the comment period at the May 7 meeting. It was pointed out that BPA's recommendations on resident fish and wildlife may be of particular concern. The WAC decided that no action would be taken until after the Members Meeting, other than an analysis of the inconsistencies between the BPA and CBFWA recommendations. Such an analysis could then be used to prepare a CBFWA consensus comment if the Members so direct or could be used by individual managers' comments. Individual managers involved will respond to BPA's Albeni Falls and Willamette recommendations as they see fit.

**ACTION:** The WAC charged Ken MacDonald to prepare the analysis comparing BPA and CBFWA recommendations. The draft analysis will be circulated for WAC review by May 16.

**ITEM 5: Wildlife Project Solicitation Process**

**Discussion:** The Council is discussing their strategy for the FY 2010 project solicitation process starting with wildlife. The manager's need to be involved to help shape the process. Nate Pamplin pointed out that this is an opportunity to develop a needs based budget for ongoing projects, based upon project management plans and set a process so management of wildlife projects does not need to be constantly reviewed.

Ken MacDonald reported that during a meeting he and Tom Iverson had with Lynn Palensky, a solicitation process that resulted in a 10 year work plan similar to that in the draft MOAs be developed with the solicitation process. The solicitation process should be: consistent with the CBFWA amendments; include specific actions for 3-5 year period including funding needs (including COLA) of ongoing projects based upon management plans; identify funding needs for projects with significant changes in scope; include new acquisitions, programmatic if need be for out years, for acquisitions in priority areas as identified in subbasin plans and State Conservation strategies; include monitoring (Item 6)

The process and timelines have not been finalized and the Council is meeting with staff April 30 for further discussions. Ray Entz will be attending that meeting. Lynn Palensky has provided dates she can meet with the WAC to discuss and take input on the process.

**ACTION:** Ray Entz will prepare brief notes on the outcome of the meeting and send them to Angela Sondenaa for distribution. The next WAC meeting will be scheduled to accommodate Lynn's availability (see Item 7)

**ITEM 6: Program Monitoring**

Discussion: Tom Karier is leading a Council effort to build a RM&E framework. Nate Pamplin briefed the group on a meeting Dr. Karier called in Spokane on April 25. At the meeting, Dr Karier discussed the need for the Council to have high level indicators to report the Program's performance to Congress and governors. The discussion at the meeting included not only the needs for the indicators but a data management system and the necessary monitoring programs. This process will be important for deciding future monitoring projects with a target council decision at the August meeting.

The Spokane discussions were primarily centered on anadromous fish but resident fish and wildlife was discussed as well. Dr. Karier will discuss the Spokane meeting with the full Council at their May meeting. Brian Lipscomb will also discuss the role the SOTR can play in the reporting and monitoring program.

It was pointed out that this should be a good time for the managers to define the wildlife RM&E program consistent with their amendment recommendations. However concern was expressed regarding the tight time schedule.

**ITEM 7: Schedule WAC Meetings**

Discussion: Angela expressed a desire to schedule WAC meetings through the summer including a field trip to review a project. The May meeting would need to be face to face in Portland to accommodate Lynn Palensky. It was discussed that an early June teleconference should be scheduled if follow-up needed based upon the May project solicitation discussions and in case actions are needed prior to the close of the amendment comment period June 12.

**ACTION:** The WAC will have an all day meeting May 22 at the CBFWA office in Portland. Initial topics are the project solicitation process and Ken MacDonald will invite Alan Christensen from the Western Rivers Conservancy to discuss how that group may be able to assist the wildlife program. Future WAC meetings will be scheduled.

- WAC Teleconference June 5, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM (PDT)