



# 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:

Burns Paiute Tribe

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 and 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: July 9, 2009  
TO: Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)  
FROM: Ken MacDonald, CBFWA  
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes June 24, 2009 WAC Teleconference

## WAC Teleconference

June 24, 2009

9:00am – 12:00pm

via WebEx

Support material is posted on the [WAC webpage](#).

## Final Action Notes

**Attendees (By Phone):** Ken MacDonald, Brian Lipscomb, Tom Iverson (CBFWA); Nate Pamplin (WDFW); Alan Wood, Dwight Bergeron (MFWP); Norm Merz, Scott Soultz (KTOI); Angela Sondena (NPT), Michael Pope (ODFW); Ray Entz (KT); Aren Edingsaas (SBT); Tom O'Neil (NHI)

**Time Allocation:**

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

### ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

**ACTION:** The agenda was approved as written.

### ITEM 2: Approve June 3, 2009 WAC Meeting Draft Action Notes

**ACTION:** The June 3, 2009 action notes were approved as written.

### ITEM 3: Wildlife Programmatic Review

**Discussion:** The NPCC staff presented their wildlife project categorical review recommendations to the NPCC Fish and Wildlife committee. As Lynn Palensky indicated at the last WAC meeting, the staff identified three programmatic issues, 1) weed control costs, 2) coordination costs, and 3) project HEP costs (see June 3 WAC Action Notes). The WAC decided to prepare a letter to the Council from Chairman Ward addressing the three issues. The letter should also ask the Council how they intend to address their policy of a 70/15/15 (anadromous fish/wildlife/resident fish) program funding distribution since the current wildlife program budget is less than 15% of the total program. The letter will also note the positive aspects of the staff report including the overall process (site visits, presentations, and response loop) and identification of the need for a common structure for management plans as well as updates to existing plans or completion of management plans. The letter should also commend language in the report clarifying HEP as an accounting tool and that there is still need for biological and effectiveness monitoring beyond HEP.

**ACTION:** Tom Iverson will work with Nate Pamplin to draft a letter for WAC review and subsequent action by the Members. (This action has been completed)

and the letter signed by CBFWA Chairman Elmer Ward has been sent to Chairman Bill Booth.)

**ITEM 4: August 18-20 WAC meeting and monitoring workshop in Usk, WA.**

**Discussion:** The WAC had a brief discussion regarding the August WAC monitoring workshop in Usk, WA. (After the meeting the workshop was rescheduled for September 15-17.) The objective of the workshop is for the WAC to begin discussions to develop a framework to monitor the effectiveness of the wildlife program and support adaptive management. The first day will include presentations on different monitoring approaches including the UCUT, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, WDFW and NHI. The day 1 discussions will be continued in the field reviewing some of the UCUT sites and how they are applying their approach. The final morning the WAC will have a discussion to identify the next steps. The intent is not to endorse any one approach but to learn about the different monitoring approaches and collectively determine how to proceed with development of a wildlife project monitoring framework for the Fish and Wildlife Program.

**ACTION:** Ken MacDonald will send the group the names of motels in the Newport area and nearby campgrounds (completed).

**ITEM 5: Next WAC Meetings**

**ACTION:** No additional meetings are scheduled prior to the September workshop.