



# 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

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead 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

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National Marine Fisheries Service

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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

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

**DATE:** July 19, 2010  
**TO:** Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)  
**FROM:** Chairman Doug Calvin, CBFWA  
**SUBJECT:** Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting

***WAC and WCF BBQ  
at Carl Scheeler's House  
Tuesday night at 6 pm.  
Bring \$20 for food, drinks, and band.***

**Wildlife Advisory Committee  
July 21-22, 2010  
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Nixyáawii Governance Center  
46411 Ti'mine Way, Pendleton, OR 97801  
541-276-3165**

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## Draft Agenda

**Start Day 1 July 21, 2010**

**8:30 am**

**ITEM 1: Introductions, Approve Agenda**

**Recommended Action:** Approve draft agenda.

**ITEM 2: Review and Approve as Final June Draft Action Notes**

**Recommended Actions:** Approve 06/22/2010 WAC Meeting draft action notes as final.

**ITEM 3: Development of Wildlife Management Plan Template and Review Criteria**

**(~10 min)**

BPA has requested a brief discussion to address a programmatic recommendation from the Wildlife Categorical Review Process to develop consistent management plans for all wildlife projects. The group will briefly discuss how best to address this recommendation.

**ITEM 4: Alignment of CBFWA Work Plan and NPCC Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Reporting Plan - Iverson**  
(~30 min)

With the development of the MERR Plan, the NPCC has identified a framework for monitoring and reporting for the Fish and Wildlife Program. The restructured 2010 CBFWA work plan places an explicit emphasis on coordinated basinwide assessments for fish and wildlife. Tom will review the CBFWA work plan and the latest iteration of the MERR and describe how CBFWA is well positioned to assist the NPCC in development the Wildlife Monitoring Implementation Strategy (WMIS).

**ITEM 5: Wildlife Monitoring Strategy Organization and Structure – Soultz**  
(~30 min)

Outline workshop strategy and expectations building from previous work on developing a wildlife monitoring strategy. Organization and structure of WMIS (needed outcomes), timelines/deadlines and additional needs. Moreover, how does language in June WMIS work and where does MERR document provide areas that should/should not be incorporated into WMIS.

The topics we will address at today’s workshop include the **highlighted** sections of the following eight components of the WMIS described in the July draft MERR:

- i. Management questions and indicators**
- ii. Objectives and performance standards**
- iii. Prioritization criteria and rationale
- iv. Identification of priorities
- v. Standards for data quality, including precision and accuracy
- vi. Preferred study designs and statistical analysis
- vii. Preferred performance measures and protocols, and
- viii. Data management, data sharing, and reporting.**

**ITEM 6: Biological Indicators for Wildlife**

Workshop  
Session #1  
(~2 hours)

Utilizing a bottom-up approach, discuss and review existing basin habitat typing and potential larger groupings as covered in existing HEP Projects/Brown Books/Subbasin Plan cover types (i.e., Excel Spreadsheet, etc.). Discuss “general” scale and metrics for these.

Work thru Habitat/Cover Types, identify and associate categories with WMIS as it applies to the listed MERR/WAC performance standards and measures. Consider linkages of different projects and measures/DFC/Reference Sites/Ecological Indicators at the basinwide scale and utilize existing documents and methods (M. Berger, NHI, UWMEP, reference sites, etc.)

**ITEM 7: Management Questions (MERR Vs WMIS)**

Workshop  
Session #2  
(~2 hours)

Discuss and align Council Management Questions from MERR with programmatic wildlife monitoring questions from draft WMIS.

Organize the Habitat/Cover Types and species response indicators identified in projects basin-wide and WMIS and collaboratively decide the roll-up process for WMIS that addresses the MERR Plan.

**ITEM 8: Reporting and use of HLI**

Workshop  
Session #3  
(~2 hour)

Discuss and review existing WMIS Reporting outline and potential “rough out” linking habitat indicators with existing HLI in an effort to mix/match.  
Discuss the high level indicators identified for Wildlife in the Council’s Program (i.e., Ecological Health), Ecological-based monitoring and MERR Document/Plan.  
Where can the HLI assist Wildlife Managers; NPPC, BPA, Biological Reporting, Mgmt Plans, functional redundancy, KEC/KEF, ETI, IBIs, etc. and propose/discuss future ways to determine successful wildlife mitigation.

**End of Day 1 Wrap-up Today and Plan for Tomorrow**

**5:00 pm** Develop agenda for tomorrow’s meeting.

**Start Day 2 July 22, 2010**

**8:30 am**

**ITEM 9: Implement agenda from yesterday’s meeting.**

**ITEM 10: Schedule Next WAC Meeting**

**Recommended Action:** Schedule next WAC meeting for Tuesday August 10, preceding the next Wildlife Crediting Forum Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

**End of Day 2**

**12:00 pm**

**MEETING REMINDER:**

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**Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation**  
**Nixyáawii Governance Center**  
**46411 Ti’mine Way, Pendleton, OR 97801**  
**541-276-3165**

*July 20, 2010 –10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

**Call-in: 800-786-1922, Guest Code: 33748659**

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