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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

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: August 11, 2010
TO: Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)
FROM: Chairman Doug Calvin, CBFWA
SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the August 18, 2010 Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting

**Wildlife Advisory Committee
Wednesday, August 18, 2010
10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Pacific)**

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**Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT) Office
The Mezzanine Conference Room
Community Building
35 W. Main
Spokane, WA 99201
UCUT Office Phone#: 509/838-1057**

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turn right (U-Turn) up the hall into the mezzanine conference room.

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Draft Agenda

ITEM 1: Introductions, Approve Agenda

Recommended Action: Approve draft agenda.

ITEM 2: Review and Approve as Final July Draft Action Notes

Use review of workshop action notes to set the context for today's meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve 07/21-22/2010 WAC Workshop draft action notes as final.

ITEM 3: National Vegetation Class System (NVCS) Evaluation – Calvin/Iverson

Discussion: The WAC will review the decision to proceed based on the NVCS framework by

reviewing Table 1 from the July WAC Action Notes and confirming the applicability of the NVCS for the purpose of presenting HLIs for wildlife under the MERR context.

ITEM 4: Comparison of NVCS with HEP – Pierce/Schroeder/Dahmer

Discussion: WDFW will present their findings in comparing the NVCS framework with HEP evaluations to determine if the core data currently being collected for most wildlife projects will roll-up within the NVCS vegetation classes.

ITEM 5: Review Comparison Analysis of HSIs and ecological services - Soultz

Discussion: Scott will present his findings in cross walking existing HSIs for each hydro-project within the ecological services framework.

ITEM 6: How Do We Express Ecological Integrity as a High Level Indicator for Wildlife?

Discussion: The Wildlife Monitoring Implementation Strategy (WMIS) should support reporting high level indicators that represent the ecological integrity of the vegetation classes at the basinwide scale. We agreed at the last WAC meeting that there is no single tool for evaluating ecological integrity in use across the basin. In fact, each project may employ several different tools depending on their project's monitoring objectives. The WAC needs to continue discussion about how best to report ecological integrity at the basinwide scale while relying on data from many different tools at the subbasin/project scale.

ITEM 7: Wildlife Management Plans and NEPA Reviews - Byrnes

Discussion: David will continue the discussion of the importance of wildlife area management plans and their relation to NEPA reviews following acquisitions.

ITEM 8: Wildlife Crediting Forum Update

Discussion: At the last Wildlife Crediting Forum meeting, the facilitator agreed to provide a write-up of the issues that have been discussed over the past few months. The group will discuss the current status of the discussions and the next steps anticipated for the Forum.

ITEM 9: Next WAC Meeting

Recommended Action: Schedule next WAC meeting.

MEETING REMINDER: *September 15, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

Wildlife Crediting Forum
Council Central Offices – Large Conference Room
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