



DATE: September 25, 2002
TO: FSOC Distribution
FROM: Frank Young *Franklin R. Young*
SUBJECT: Action Notes for September 17, 2002 FSOC Meeting in Portland

If there are no objections within five days these actions will be considered final.

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Doug DeHart (USFWS), R. Z. Smith (NMFS), Ray Hartlerode (ODFW) and Frank Young (CBFWA).

By Phone: Lynn Stratton (IDFG) and Al Simpson (USBR)

ITEM 1: Critique Idaho Workshop and Discuss Plans for Next Year in Oregon

DISCUSSION: There was agreement that the Annual Fish Passage and Screening Workshop held this year in Salmon, ID was a great success and that IDFG personnel are to be congratulated. Oregon is already making plans for hosting the annual workshop next year and is considering Central Point, both for its proximity to the Medford Airport and the many challenging fish passage issues in this area resulting from listings under the ESA.

ITEM 2: Review Draft Letter to Agency Directors

ACTION: The draft letter was approved as written and will be sent immediately.

ITEM 3: Suggestions for How to Manage the FSOC Fund

DISCUSSION: Frank stated that about \$9,000 in unspent registration fees had accumulated in the FSOC Workshop Fund over the years and is available for disbursement by the Committee. He recommended that \$3,000 be held in reserve to assist with upfront costs associated with the annual workshops and that \$6,000 be considered for worthwhile projects. The following ideas were discussed:

- a. reimbursing travel expenses of workers from member agencies who would otherwise be unable to attend the annual workshop,
- b. lowering the registration fee for the next workshop,
- c. constructing a model screen that could be used in trade show exhibits, and
- d. covering printing costs for a tri-fold brochure that would provide information on regional fish passage programs (NMFS, USFWS, NWPPC and states) and list web sites and phone numbers providing follow-up information.

ACTION: Committee members are to further consider these options and determine their agency's ability to contribute.

ITEM 4: Status of Fish Screening Funding

DISCUSSION: R. Z. reported that Committee members should assume level funding in developing their FY 2003 budgets for Mitchell Act funding. Currently there is an attempt to increase the budget in Congress with no assurance that this effort will be successful. If additional funds become available budgets can be amended later. There is the expectation that BPA funds will remain the same since all current BPA-funded projects address Biological Opinion RPAs. Doug reported that he expects level funding next year for the new USFWS screening and passage program. He pointed out that there is the opportunity to increase this funding in the future under the original authorization, but it would require an effective lobbying effort by local interests.

ITEM 5: Date and Location of Next Meeting

DISCUSSION: The Committee discussed the possibility of holding a workshop to assure uniformity within the Region among the NMFS, USFWS and the states for fish passage criteria for both resident and anadromous fish for screens, ladders and culverts. It was agreed that further discussion with others on the need for such a workshop and the availability of staff to participate would be necessary before a date is set.