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DATE: October 27, 2008
TO: Fish Screening Oversight Committee (FSOC)
FROM: Dave Ward, CBFWA Staff
SUBJECT: October 23, 2008 FSOC Meeting Final Action Notes

FSOC Teleconference
October 23, 2008
8:30 AM PDT

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Dave Ward (CBFWA)
By Phone: Eric Egbers (WDFW), Alan Ritchey (ODFW), Lynn Stratton (IDFG), Brian Zimmerman (CTUIR), Jody Brostrom (USFWS), Jamie Swan (BPA), Ray Hartlerode (ODFW), Bryan Nordlund (NOAA), Linda Ulmer (USFS)

Time Allocation:

Objectives 1. Committee Participation	100%
Objectives 2. Technical Review	0%
Objectives 3. Presentation	0%

ITEM 1: Introductions

ITEM 2: Approval of Agenda

Discussion: The agenda was approved with no revisions.

ITEM 3: Approve Action Notes from September 10, 2008 FSOC meeting.

Discussion: The FSOC reviewed the draft action notes in detail, and made a number of revisions. The revised notes were approved as final.

ITEM 4: Review Draft FSOC Distribution List and Charter

Discussion: Dave Ward summarized his efforts to update the FSOC distribution list. Dave sent a notice to the Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee representative of each CBFWA member, asking them to work within their agency to determine if they would appoint a representative to the FSOC. Dave also sent notice to potential representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Jody Brostrom noted that Jerry Van Meter of the USFWS should be added to the list, and that John Johnson, formerly on the list as an employee of NOAA, is now with the USFWS. Alan Ritchey noted that his email address was incorrect; hence, he had not received the meeting reminder and support material.

Dave then went over the draft FSOC charter, briefly pointing out important language. One example is that only CBFWA members may vote. Other participants are non-voting members. The charter is based on charters of the other CBFWA technical committees.

- ACTION:**
- Dave Ward will update the FSOC distribution list based on input received.
 - FSOC members will review the draft charter in detail and provide comments to Dave by October 31. Dave will revise the charter accordingly and send it back out for final approval. Ray Hartlerode and Dave will present the draft charter for approval at the Members Advisory Group (MAG) meeting of November 18, 2008.

ITEM 5: Mitchell Act Funding Concerns

Discussion: Dave Ward briefly reviewed the draft memo to MAG regarding the FSOC concerns about Mitchell Act funding for screens being reduced or eliminated. Dave summarized input from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho for the memo, and attached the full text provided by each state as an appendix. The FSOC generally supported the draft memo, but noted that some revisions and additional text were needed.

The general feeling of FSOC members was that states are showing concern for potential reductions in funding for hatcheries, but not for reductions or elimination of funding for screens.

ACTION:

- FSOC members from each state will provide final revisions to Dave Ward by October 31. Dave will revise the memo accordingly and send it back out for final approval. Ray Hartlerode and Dave will present the memo at the MAG meeting of November 18.

ITEM 6: FRIMA Reauthorization Concerns

Discussion: The FSOC reviewed the draft letter to Senators and House Members regarding FRIMA funding prepared by Alan Ritchey. Jody Brostrom suggested that the letter point out the importance of screens to “aquatic species”, rather than just “salmonids”. The FSOC noted that information on funding levels and number of projects needs to be filled in (using actual expenditures for completed projects and estimated expenditures for projects underway).

ACTION:

- Dave Ward will make minor modifications to the letter as discussed, and Alan Ritchey will provide Dave the updated information on funding and projects by October 31. Ray Hartlerode and Dave will present the draft letter at the MAG meeting of November 18.

ITEM 7: Fish Screens and Passageways for Pacific Lamprey

Discussion: A major concern of the FSOC is the lack of knowledge of juvenile lamprey passage needs at screen sites. The FSOC briefly reviewed the list of questions regarding available information developed by Eric Egbers. Oregon and Idaho will provide additional questions prior to the list being submitted to the Lamprey Technical Workgroup (LTWG).

ACTION:

- Oregon and Idaho will provide additional questions on lamprey at screens by October 31. Dave will compile all the questions into one list, and provide this list as a draft to the Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee (AFAC) on November 4. The intent is to have the AFAC assign the LTWG to prepare a short summary (white paper) of the information available regarding the questions.

ITEM 8: Next FSOC Teleconference

Discussion: The next FSOC teleconference is scheduled for January 22, 2009, at 8:30 AM PST.

Dave Ward noted that the semi-annual CBFWA Members meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 21-22 in Idaho. Dave suggested that the FSOC teleconference NOT be re-scheduled until more is known about the Member’s meeting. The teleconference was subsequently re-scheduled to January 23, 2009.