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DATE: January 31, 2013
TO: Fish Screen Oversight Committee
FROM: Neil Ward (CBFWF)
SUBJECT: Final Action Notes for the January 24, 2013 FSOC Teleconference

Fish Screen Oversight Committee Meeting
January 24, 2013
CBFWF – Portland, OR

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Neil Ward (CBFWF)

By Phone: Ken Loffink (ODFW), Pete Baki (ODFW), Bryan Nordlund (NOAA), Jody Brostrom (USFWS), Pat Schille (WDFW), Julie Henning (WDFW), Bruce Heiner (WDFW), Mark Lere (MFWP), Les Perkins (FCA), Dan Shively (USFWS)

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

Agenda approved with no additions.

ITEM 2: Review and Approve as Final Draft Action Notes

ACTION: The draft action notes for the October 25, 2012 FSOC meeting were reviewed and after adding Pete Baki to the list of participants the notes were approved.

ITEM 3: Upstream Fish Passage: Design Selection Process

Discussion: Since the October 25, 2013 FSOC meeting, the Upstream Fish Passage Guidance Subgroup has continued to review and update Ken Loffink's "FSOC Fishway Description and Fish Use" and "Species Applicability" templates which led to Bryan Nordlund taking the lead on the development of an upstream fish passage design selection process that includes scoring/rating criteria. Participants reviewed and discussed the documents (Upstream Fish Passage Design Selection Process, Scoring Criteria, Fishway Types, Species Applicability, and Photos of Fishways) and provided suggested edits.

ACTION: Neil Ward and Bryan Nordlund will revise the documents, per the FSOC's recommendations, and distribute the updated documents to the FSOC for a one-month review. Dan Shively volunteered to assist with developing a climate change section for the Scoring Criteria Key. In addition, in an effort to provide better visual examples of the various types of fishways, FSOC participants were asked to provide photos of fishways to Bryan.

ITEM 4: Coordination/Facilitation of FSOC: Status Update

Discussion: During the October 25, 2012 FSOC meeting, Neil Ward provided an update regarding the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (NPCC) draft recommendation pertaining to the FSOC for April 2013 – March 2014. Neil informed the participants that the NPCC recommended that the Bonneville Power

Administration (BPA) continue to support the FSOC's quarterly teleconference meetings and annual training and workshops. Although the NPCC has recommended to BPA that the technical services that have historically been provided by the CBFWA should continue, it appears that BPA has received little input from the region supporting the need for the continuation of the coordination/facilitation services.

Per a decision by the remaining members of the CBFWA, effective April 1, 2013, the FSOC coordination/facilitation services will no longer be funded directly through the Members' coordination funds, but instead will be funded through contracted agreements for said services.

Neil informed the FSOC that the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department (a former CBFWF Member) will be contracting with the CBFWF to ensure coordination/facilitation services are available for the 2013 Fish Passage and Screening Workshop. He also indicated that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game *may* also make some funds available. Neil reported that despite these contributions, funds are not available to coordinate/facilitate the quarterly FSOC meetings and any additional subgroup meetings after April 1, 2013. The estimated cost (includes overhead charges) for preparing/managing materials and coordinating/facilitating the four meetings and any additional subgroup meetings is approximately \$5,000.

Participants discussed potential scenarios and models for securing funds to ensure the coordination/facilitation services are available during 2013 and beyond. Although funds associated with current BPA-funded coordination contracts are likely already earmarked for the current contract period, BPA has indicated that the renewal date for the coordination contracts is April 1, 2013. Representatives from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife reported that their representatives have contacted BPA and other participants indicated that they would be contacting the appropriate personnel in their agency to discuss the issue. Another approach that was proposed was to increase registration fees for the 2013 Workshop to ensure funds would be available to cover coordination/facilitation services in 2014.

Despite the funding uncertainty, the situation does not mean that FSOC will be dissolved. The FSOC will continue to evaluate various options that may exist for continuing to coordinate and implement its activities

ITEM 5: 2013 Fish Passage and Screening Workshop

Discussion: During the 2011 Fish Passage and Screening Workshop, the FSOC selected Missoula, MT as the site for the 2013 workshop. The FSOC briefly discussed the 2013 Workshop.

ACTION: Neil Ward and Mark Lere will identify a host hotel and initiate the contracting process. In addition, Neil and Mark will develop a list of potential topics for which, through a survey, they will seek FSOC input.

ITEM 6: Next Meeting

**FSOC Teleconference Meeting
April 25, 2013
8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Pacific)**