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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: May 7, 2010
TO: Fish Screening Oversight Committee
FROM: Dave Ward, CBFWA Staff
SUBJECT: April 22, 2010 FSOC Meeting Final Action Notes

FSOC Teleconference
April 22, 2010
8:30 AM PDT

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Dave Ward (CBFWA); Brian Allee (NMFS)

By Phone: Jamie Swan (BPA), Jody Brostrom (USFWS), Bryan Nordlund (NMFS), Ray Hartlerode (ODFW), Alan Ritchey (ODFW), Les Perkins (FCA), Pat Schille (WDFW), Lynn Stratton (IDFG), Steve Montague (USBR).

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 after adding two new items (1) a briefing from Ray Hartlerode regarding a visit from Australian fish passage researchers in September, and (2) an update from Dave Ward regarding CBFWA.

ITEM 3: Approve Action Notes from January 28, 2010 FSOC Teleconference

Discussion: The FSOC approved the draft action notes as final.

ITEM 4: Updates from Brian Allee:

Discussion:

- Use of Federal Surplus Material and Equipment - Brian reported that the contact person regarding this subject is Nicole Hill in the NOAA Seattle office. He has been working with Nicole on this and will provide another update during the July teleconference.
- Ownership of Mitchell Act Passage Facilities – Brian reported that facilities belong to and are the property of the state. Brian obtained his information on this matter from R. Z. Smith. Material can be turned over to the landowner. Brian will follow up with Brian Zimmerman regarding placement of lamprey passage facilities at Mitchell Act facilities.

ITEM 4: Updates from Brian Allee (continued):

Discussion:

- Multi-Year Contracts – Brian reported that these are moving forward and working out well so far. Brian will provide an update from his Fiscal Department regarding due dates of reports and withholding of funds if reports are late.

ACTION:

- Brian Allee will continue to investigate (1) the use of federal surplus equipment and (2) reporting requirements and withholding of funds, and provide an update during the next FSOC teleconference.

ITEM 5: Discussion of Farmer’s Conservation Alliance Screen Selection Criteria

Discussion: FSOC Members were to review the revised FCA documents previously posted and provide comments by March 19. Les and Julie were to provide any further revisions by April 9.

The FSOC discussed comments from ODFW on the FCA’s siting criteria, and the FCA’s response to the comments. Les Perkins noted that he will modify the siting criteria based on ODFW comments by April 30. The comments are posted on the FSOC web page

http://www.cbfwa.org/committee_FSOC.cfm

Bryan Nordlund stated that he would then provide the revised siting criteria to NOAA engineers for review.

Upon approval by FSOC and NOAA engineers, the horizontal screens with 12” water depth over the screens can have the term “experimental status” removed, which could then allow NOAA to do a “programmatic consultation” rather than a case by case consultation.

Regarding screens with shallower depths – the USGS will be evaluating acceptance/rejection by smolt-sized salmonids (not fry, at screens with 6”, 9”, and 12” bypass depths. Les Perkins will provide the study design for posting. The FSOC will receive a report on the evaluations during the next teleconference.

If all goes well, Bryan will look into drafting generic language for horizontal screens to include in the NOAA criteria document.

ACTION:

- Les will modify the siting criteria and provide to Dave Ward for posting by April 30.
- Les will provide the study design to Dave Ward for posting.
- The FSOC will discuss study results and ramifications thereof during the next teleconference

ITEM 6: Screen and Passage Training

Discussion: FSOC Members were to come to the teleconference prepared to suggest (1) specific training topics, (2) potential training dates (autumn), (3) training location (Portland, Yakima, or Pendleton), and (4) recommendations for

instructors for specific topics.

The FSOC engaged in a general discussion regarding training. Topics discussed included screening and passage, including ladders, culverts, and weirs, from both an upstream and downstream perspective. The need to include lamprey topics was also mentioned. The FSOC considers providing the training to non-agency engineers a priority.

The FSOC discussed deferring the training until spring, but that would put it in the same calendar year as the Screening and Passage Workshop. Mid-September was settled on as the preferred timeframe, but that leaves little time for organization and publicity. The training will likely take two full days, plus an optional field day.

Yakima was chosen as the most likely location to facilitate attendance.

Bryan Nordlund volunteered to draft a topic agenda before the next teleconference. Dave Ward will facilitate discussions via email so that topics, instructors, dates, and venue can be approved during the next teleconference.

- ACTION:**
- Bryan Nordlund will draft an agenda for distribution prior to the next teleconference. Dave Ward will distribute and request feedback prior to the teleconference.

ITEM 7: Australian Fish Passage Researchers

Discussion: Ray Hartlerode reported that he had been contacted by researchers from Australia who will be visiting the Pacific Northwest in early September 2010, and would like to discuss passage and screening work in Oregon and throughout the Northwest. ODFW will be hosting the visitors on September 7th or 8th. FSOC members can contact Ray for further information.

ITEM 8: CBFWA News

Discussion: Dave Ward reported that at their meeting on April 20, 2010, CBFWA Members discussed various scenarios regarding the future of CBFWA. FSOC members wanting more information should contact their CBFWA Member.

ITEM 9: Next FSOC Teleconference

Discussion: The next FSOC teleconference is scheduled for Thursday, July 22, 2010, from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM PDT.