



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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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

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: April 27, 2009
TO: Fish Screening Oversight Committee
FROM: Dave Ward, CBFWA Staff
SUBJECT: April 23, 2009 FSOC Meeting Final Action Notes

FSOC Teleconference
April 23, 2009
8:30 AM PDT

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Dave Ward (CBFWA), John Johnson (USFWS)

By Phone: Eric Egbers (WDFW), Chuck Lindberg (WDFW), Alan Ritchey (ODFW), Ray Hartlerode (ODFW), Lynn Stratton (IDFG), Jody Brostrom (USFWS), Sean Connolly (USFWS), Jamie Swan (BPA), Bryan Nordlund (NOAA), Mark Lere (MDFWP), Brian Zimmerman (CTUIR), Thad Mosey (Chelan PUD)

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 the addition of discussions about the process for obtaining NMFS approval for criteria exceptions, and about NRCS conservation and innovation grants.

ITEM 3: Approve Action Notes from October 23, 2008 FSOC Meeting

Discussion: The FSOC approved the draft action notes.

ITEM 4: Updates from the Chair and from the CBFWA MAG Meeting of April 21, 2009

Discussion:

- FRIMA Reauthorization – FRIMA was reauthorized as part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009. Changes to FRIMA include provisions specifically allowing the use of BPA funds as non-federal match, distribution of overhead costs to the states as well as to the USFWS, and reduction of the maximum project cost for priority consideration from \$5 million to \$2.5 million. Although authorized, no funds have been appropriated. In addition, the 2010 budget does not yet include any appropriation request from the USFWS.

Mitchell Act Funding – Lynn Stratton distributed a memo summarizing Mitchell Act funding for FY 2009. In general,

funding for screen increased slightly from FY 2008, but is still well below historic levels. Mitchell Act is the only source of O&M funds in the Columbia River Basin.

In January, the Members assigned the FSOC to work with the Members Advisory Group (MAG) to develop strategies to maximize likelihood of full and continued funding. To complete this assignment Washington and Oregon will provide more detail to their estimates of full Mitchell Act Funding, and Ray Hartlerode will discuss Mitchell Act needs with the MAG on May 18.

ACTION:

- The USFWS will look into the FRIMA appropriation request for FY 2010.
- Alan Ritchey will provide a link to recommendations for FY 2009 appropriation by the Oregon Water Resources Congress.
- Alan Ritchey and Ray Hartlerode will draft a letter to Congress from CBFWA recommending full appropriation for FY 2009. Dave Ward and Ray will guide the letter through the CBFWA process; however, individual entities may also use the draft as a basis for their own letter.
- Washington and Oregon will provide Mitchell Act funding needs to Dave Ward by May 11. Ray Hartlerode will discuss with MAG on May 18.

ITEM 5: Fish Screens and Passageways for Pacific Lamprey

Discussion: The FSOC briefly discussed Columbia Basin Lamprey Technical Workgroup responses to questions from the FSOC regarding lampreys and screens. It was agreed that more detail was needed in many areas. Some evaluation work is currently being done on the Farmer's Horizontal Screens. It was also agreed that the September workshop should include some talks on lamprey.

ITEM 6: 2009 Pacific Northwest Fish Screening and Passage Workshop

Discussion: The 2009 workshop will be held in Newport Oregon the week of September 14, 2009. Sessions will be scheduled for September 15-16, with a field tour on September 17. The venue will be the Hallmark Inn. Dave Ward reported that about \$6,000 in seed money is available from previous workshop profits. The workshop this year will likely include more information on "passage" than in recent years, rather than concentrating mostly of screens. The field tour may likely include facilities in the Willamette Valley, although broader interests such as tide gates were also discussed.

Travel authorization will likely be an issue in the current economy. A memo from CBFWA encouraging attendance will therefore be drafted.

- ACTION:**
- Ray Hartlerode and Alan Ritchey will continue to develop workshop arrangements.
 - Dave Ward will draft a memo for review via email. The memo should be distributed in early July.

ITEM 7: NMFS Screen Criteria Exceptions

Ray Hartlerode initiated a discussion regarding the process for obtaining exceptions to NMFS Criteria, using the Farmer's Horizontal Screens as an example. Bryan Nordlund noted that data is needed to justify exemptions. All agreed that in general, the need for data to justify exemptions is reasonable.

ITEM 8: NRCS Conservation/Innovation Grants

Jody Brostrom noted the possible submittal of screen projects for these grants. Maximum project cost for a grant is \$75,000. Jody will check to see if any screen projects were submitted.

ITEM 9: Screens/Passage Training

Bryan Nordlund noted that NMFS was developing a training class. It is possible the training will eventually be open to non-NMFS personnel.

ITEM 10: Next FSOC Teleconference

Discussion: The next FSOC teleconference is scheduled for July 23, 2009, at 8:30 AM PDT.