



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: January 26, 2009
TO: Fish Screening Oversight Committee
FROM: Dave Ward, CBFWA Staff
SUBJECT: January 23, 2009 FSOC Meeting Final Action Notes

Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and government agencies:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

FSOC Teleconference
January 23, 2009
8:30 AM PDT

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Dave Ward (CBFWA)

By Phone: Eric Egbers (WDFW), Pat Schille (WDFW), Alan Ritchey (ODFW), Ray Hartlerode (ODFW), Lynn Stratton (IDFG), Jody Brostrom (USFWS), Jana Grote (USFWS), Jamie Swan (BPA), 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 the addition of a discussion about the use of "Farmer's Horizontal Screens".

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

Discussion: The FSOC reviewed the draft action notes with a few minor revisions.

ITEM 4: Updates from the Chair and from the CBFWA Member's Meeting of January 22, 2009

Discussion:

- FSOC Charter – the Members approved the charter with minimal discussion. Most questions concerned language included in all technical committee charters, so no revisions were made.
- FRIMA Letter – the Members approved the letter urging support for re-authorization of the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act. The Members decided that the letter should include signatures by as many Members as possible in addition to the Chair. The Members also requested that the letter be targeted to members of the appropriate House and Senate committees (subsequently determined to be the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the House Natural Resources Committee), rather than going to all House and Senate members.

Ray Hartlerode reported that Senator Wyden (Oregon) included the re-authorization into the Wilderness bill that recently passed the Senate. The bill is expected to receive quick approval in the House, but it is still important to send the letter.

- Mitchell Act Funding Memo – Although one CBFWA Member questioned information regarding the President’s 2010 budget, all Members agreed that funding for screens is important and may be in danger. The Members assigned the FSOC to work with the Members Advisory Group (MAG) to develop strategies to maximize likelihood of full and continued funding.

Jamie Swan provided an update of funding decisions regarding John Day Screens. The Northwest Power and Conservation Council recommended funding to BPA, which has not yet announced a decision.

ACTION:

- Dave Ward will ensure the FRIMA letter is factually correct, and will ensure distribution to appropriate committee members, the Northwest delegation, and hopefully the local offices of the Northwest delegation. The letter should be sent by early February.
- FSOC members will begin the Mitchell Act funding assignment by providing Dave Ward with estimates of full annual funding for O&M of existing screens and installation of new/replacement screens. Information is due to Dave by February 9 so that Dave can discuss it with MAG on February 17.

ITEM 5: Fish Screens and Passageways for Pacific Lamprey

Discussion: The Columbia Basin Lamprey Technical Workgroup provided responses to questions from the FSOC regarding lampreys and screens. The Lamprey TWG also provided a number of reports and manuscripts as background material. The responses were provided very recently; therefore, the FSOC was not ready to discuss them. They will be discussed during the April teleconference. The FSOC envisions the eventual product of this interchange being proposals for research projects.

ACTION:

- Dave Ward will make the background material available either by posting or via email.
- FSOC members will review the responses and background material, and provide any additional questions to Dave by February 27.
- Dave will provide the questions to the Lamprey TWG so that any further responses can be discussed during the April FSOC teleconference.

ITEM 6: 2009 Pacific Northwest Fish Screening and Passage Workshop

Discussion: The next workshop will be held in Oregon, most likely in Newport (central coast) the week of September 14, 2009. The venue will probably be the Hallmark Hotel. More details will be discussed during the April FSOC teleconference, including a memo from CBFWA to all CBFWA Members encouraging attendance.

- ACTION:**
- Ray Hartlerode and Alan Ritchey will continue to develop workshop arrangements.
 - Dave Ward will draft a memo for review during the April FSOC teleconference.

ITEM 7: Farmer's Horizontal Screen Design

Bryan Nordlund began the discussion by expressing concern about using this design in locations and flows that may not be appropriate. The design is not "one size fits all" – the design is appropriate in a narrow set of circumstances with stable year-around flow. FSOC members agreed, although most felt that the screens would perform quite well where appropriate. They also may be good for lamprey passage.

The FSOC agreed that a "pilot program" should be developed to evaluate the design. "Sideboards" are needed for proper use of the design. Jamie Swan indicated that criteria for an evaluation program need to be developed.

Ray Hartlerode noted that the design should not be used for upstream passage.

- ACTION:**
- Bryan Nordlund and Jamie Swan will begin discussions to develop evaluation criteria, and will keep FSOC informed.

ITEM 8: Next FSOC Teleconference

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