



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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**DATE:** February 2, 2011  
**TO:** Fish Screening Oversight Committee  
**FROM:** Dave Ward, CBFWA Staff  
**SUBJECT:** Final January 27, 2011 FSOC Meeting Draft Action Notes

FSOC Teleconference  
January 27, 2011  
8:30 AM PST

## Final Action Notes

**Attendees:** Dave Ward (CBFWA), Brian Allee (NMFS)  
**By Phone:** Jamie Swan (BPA), Jody Brostrom (USFWS), Bryan Nordlund (NMFS), Alan Ritchey (ODFW), Les Perkins (FCA), Julie O'Shea (FCA), Pat Schille (WDFW), Mark Lere (MDFWP), Dan Shively (USFWS), Lynn Stratton (IDFG), Bruce Heiner (WDFW), Mark Briggs (BOR), Paddy Murphy (IDFG), Brian Zimmerman (CTUIR).

**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 without revision.

**ITEM 3: Approve Action Notes**

**Discussion:** Because relatively few members were using WebEx and had not yet reviewed them, approval of action notes from October 28, 2010 and January 12, 2011 were deferred until the next teleconference.

**ITEM 4: Update from Brian Allee Regarding Surplus Property**

**Discussion:** Brian reported that he had new information regarding the potential use of surplus federal material by state agencies. The states may initiate the process by contacting Joyce Spalding of the GSA [Joyce.Spalding@gsa.gov](mailto:Joyce.Spalding@gsa.gov). Tribes and federal agencies have other options not available to the states.

**ITEM 5: Discuss Draft NMFS Criteria for Horizontal Screens**

**Discussion:** Bryan Nordlund led a discussion of the revised draft criteria, highlighting sections that had been modified based on discussions during the January 12, 2011 FSOC teleconference and comments received afterwards. Bryan reported that NMFS engineers have

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

Burns Paiute 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

agreed to the changes.

Bryan acknowledged that criteria for screen approach velocity were incorrect, and agreed to make corrections.

Initial discussion focused primarily on the process for NMFS approval of screens that meet the criteria. Bryan responded that submitting a statement to the effect that a proposed screen design is based on a successful screen already in place would be sufficient. The screens are moving away from the experimental stage, and the approval process will become less onerous. Bryan envisions eventual email approval.

Discussion then shifted to screens with 6" water depth, which do not meet the criteria. How do these get approved? Bryan responded that these are still on a case-by-case basis, and need to develop a longer track record. Alan Ritchey and Les Perkins noted that a track record will be partially developed by placing these screens in areas without anadromous salmonids or other ESA-listed species.

Les Perkins offered that the best science may not have been used in development of the criteria and that horizontal screens are being held to a higher standard than other screens. Bryan responded that the standard may be higher, but that other screen types have cleaning systems.

FSOC members agreed that the most important factor is for screens to operate within criteria and be safe for fish. Convenience to and satisfaction of the operators is secondary.

Voting FSOC members agreed that it was appropriate to consider technical approval of the draft criteria. A motion was made and seconded to approve the draft criteria with minor corrections agreed to during discussion. The motion received no objections. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Umatilla Tribe deferred to NMFS expertise. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks abstained because NMFS criteria are not applicable in Montana.

**ITEM 6: 2011 Pacific Northwest Fish Screening and Passage Workshop**

**Discussion:** Mark Briggs of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation provided a brief summary of plans to date. The workshop will be held either September 12-15 or September 19-22, probably in Cle Elum, Washington. Venues and field trip options are being explored. Any questions may be directed to Mark [mbriggs@usbr.gov](mailto:mbriggs@usbr.gov). The workshop will be discussed in-depth during the next teleconference.

**ITEM 7: Next FSOC Teleconference**

**Discussion:** The next FSOC teleconference is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2011, from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM PST.