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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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Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

DATE: November 4, 2010
TO: Fish Screening Oversight Committee
FROM: Dave Ward, CBFWA Staff
SUBJECT: Final October 28, 2010 FSOC Meeting Action Notes

FSOC Teleconference
October 28, 2010
8:30 AM PDT

Final Action Notes

Attendees: Dave Ward (CBFWA)
By Phone: Jamie Swan (BPA), Jody Brostrom (USFWS), Bryan Nordlund (NMFS), Alan Ritchey (ODFW), Les Perkins (FCA), Julie O'Shea (FSOC), Pat Schille (WDFW), Patrick Murphy (IDFG), Mark Lere (MDFWP), Dan Shively (USFWS), Ray Hartlerode (ODFW).

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 from July 22, 2010 FSOC Teleconference.

Discussion: Actions were approved pending a few minor revisions.

ITEM 4: Feedback From Screen and Passage Held in Yakima

Discussion: Most attendees thought that the training was informative and well organized. Almost all comments were positive. Training fostered good discussion during the formal sessions, during informal evening events, and later, within respective agencies. The general consensus was that the training should be available more often, perhaps every two years.

The location and venue for the training also received positive reviews.

Ideas on how to improve training for next time included:

- Open training to a broader audience
- Insert more subject matter dealing with biology and ecology
- Spread out the work load and instructor-base among agencies
- Narrow the focus to strictly tributary, small diversions
- Hold again in two years and perhaps every two years.

FSOC agreed that holding the training again in two years would be beneficial, and will allow time to incorporate new ideas and not feel “rushed” putting the training together. The next training will likely be held in 2012 at a location other than Yakima.

ITEM 5: Discussion of Farmer’s Conservation Alliance Screens

Discussion:

- Comments on the USGS report were due August 13

The USGS received a few comments from FSOC members. Comments are being incorporated and the USGS will provide a revised draft soon. A common theme in comments was that mixing and matching results for two years made the report confusing and hard to follow. This will be corrected during the revision process.

- Report from Bryan Nordlund on meetings of NOAA engineers

Bryan had hoped to have discussions regarding the FCA screens in September or October but the engineer’s meeting was cancelled. Specific discussions on the FCA screens will be scheduled for the November meeting.

At this time, NOAA is not ready to move 6” depth screens from experimental status yet. One issue is maintenance of screens at that depth. This has been an issue at some John Day sites; however, design changes have likely corrected the problem.

Bryan would like to do a revision to the criteria document by the end of the year. The goal is to move the FCA screens (the criteria document will be for screens that fit the FCA specifications, but will not reference FCA) from being considered an experimental design to fitting under a programmatic consultation. A major problem will be developing generic criteria for unique designs. Although the FCA patent is relatively broad, this might be difficult.

- Discuss potential FSOC recommendations

FSOC members will provide comments to Bryan regarding FCA screens and criteria by the end of November. Dave Ward will send out a reminder soon and will include links to pertinent documents.

Bryan will try to have a draft revision to the criteria document out by the end of 2010. FSOC members will review the draft and discuss during the next teleconference, scheduled for January 27th, 2011.

To help expedite this process, a meeting has been tentatively scheduled for January 12, 2011 to discuss and try to resolve remaining issues. The meeting will be held at the FCA office in Hood River.

- ACTION:**
- Dave Ward will send out a reminder to provide comments to Bryan Nordlund.
 - FSOC members will provide comments to Bryan by November 30.
 - Bryan will distribute a draft criteria revision by December 31.

ITEM 6: Updates from Field Tours**Discussion: • Australian Fish Passage Researchers**

Australian scientists toured some FCA screens, the ODFW screen shop at The Dalles, and other facilities. Alan Ritchey and Les Perkins reported that it was a good learning experience for the visitors. Discussion concentrated more on biology than engineering.

• FRIMA Tour

Attendees included representatives of various environmental groups, tribes, and irrigators, the Bonneville Power Administration, the FCA, and a staff member from Senator Wyden's office. Mid-Willamette facilities were toured on Day 1, with Deschutes facilities toured on Day 2. The purpose of the tour was to raise awareness of and re-vitalize FRIMA, which has been re-authorized but is not funded.

Dan Shively reported that the tours went well. Dan is hopeful that funding can be restored by 2012. Dan will travel to Washington D.D. in January or February to follow-up. Dan plans to have a draft report of FRIMA accomplishments out by the end of 2010.

ITEM 7: FSOC Business

Discussion: Although ODFW and WDFW are leaving CBFWA effective April 1, 2011, both have made it clear that they will continue to engage in regional forums, including FSOC.

Pat Schille agreed to have WDFW be the Chair of FSOC for 2011. Either Pat or Eric Egbers will chair meetings.

ITEM 8: Next FSOC Teleconference

Discussion: The next FSOC teleconference is scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2011, from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM PST.