

# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

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DATE: September 24, 2013  
TO: Fish Screen Oversight Committee  
FROM: Neil Ward (CBFWF)  
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for the September 17, 2013 FSOC Meeting

Fish Screen Oversight Committee Meeting  
September 17, 2013  
Missoula, MT

## Draft Action Notes

**Attendees:** Pete Baki (ODFW), Alan Ritchey (ODFW), Jody Brostrom (USFWS), Mark Lere (MFWP), Jamie Swan (BPA), Paddy Murphy (IDFG), Tim Burns (WDFW), Pat Schille (WDFW), Danny Didricksen (WDFW), Binh Quan (CBFWA), and Neil Ward (CBFWF)

**By Phone:** Chuck Lenberg (WDFW)

**ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda**

Because Bryan Nordlund was unable to participate, Alan Ritchey agreed to chair the meeting. The agenda was approved with the addition of Item 6 (i.e., discussion about upstream fish passage guidelines during the workshop).

**ITEM 2: Review and Approve July 25, 2013 FSOC Action Notes**

**ACTION:** The draft action notes for the July 25, 2013 FSOC meeting were reviewed and approved with no modifications.

**ITEM 3: 2014 Fish Screening Oversight Committee Fish Passage Training Session**

**Discussion:** Following the 2010 Fish Passage Training Session, the FSOC agreed that a training session should be convened every two years. Subsequently, a training session was held in Hood River, OR in 2012. As in 2010 and 2012, there is agreement that NOAA should take a co-lead in organizing and presenting the training session. In Bryan Nordlund's absence, Neil Ward briefed the meeting participants on an evolving situation that may affect how and if NOAA will be able to contribute their services towards convening the 2014 training session. Neil informed the participants that due to the reorganization/merger of NOAA's Northwest and Southwest regions, there is a lack of clarity regarding NOAA's future involvement in FSOC as well as who would be representing the agency.

Meeting participants stressed the importance of NOAA's continued involvement in the FSOC and suggested that each state, as well as the FSOC, should draft a letter to NOAA stressing the vital role that NOAA plays in FSOC.

**ACTION:** Neil Ward will contact Bryan Nordlund to obtain the most current information regarding the situation and will forward the information to FSOC participants for the purpose of potentially developing letters of support for NOAA's continued participation in FSOC.

**ITEM 4: 2015 Fish Passage and Screening Workshop**

**Discussion:** Neil Ward briefed the participants on the various locations where the workshop has been convened since 2006. Neil suggested that if the FSOC followed the current rotation, the site for the 2015 meeting would be in Idaho.

**ACTION:** Paddy Murphy indicated that pending final approval IDFG, they would host the 2015 workshop in Salmon, ID. Paddy indicated that he would be able to provide an update regarding IDFG's decision by the end of 2013.

**ITEM 5: Coordination and Facilitation of FSOC Activities**

**Discussion:** Neil Ward informed the FSOC participants that effective April 1, 2014, the CBFWF will no longer be available to provide the quarterly meeting, training session and workshop coordination/facilitation services that it has provided since the 1990s. Neil suggested that the FSOC needs to consider if and how it will continue to convene the committee.

Meeting participants stressed the importance of continuing the committee, as it is the only forum that provides a collaborative approach for the states, tribes and federal entities to address fish screening and passage issues in the Columbia River Basin. Due to the high level of interest in maintaining the committee, the participants performed a review of potential approaches to offset the loss of the services (e.g., preparation of materials, website maintenance, correspondence management, meeting coordination/facilitation, etc.) that have been historically provided by the CBFWA/CBFWF. Two approaches that the participants considered included: 1) distributing the work and responsibilities among committee participants and 2) contracting with a consultant to provide the services that were previous provided through the CBFWA/CBFWF.

**ITEM 6: Upstream Fish Passage Guidelines**

Participants discussed the potential of providing an overview of the Upstream Fish Passage Guidelines document during the workshop. Neil Ward and Jody Brostrom volunteered to work together to develop a short presentation that would be presented during the final day of the workshop.

**UPDATE:** The FSOC was unable to provide a presentation. Unfortunately the most current file could not be downloaded and time constraints prevented the FSOC from providing a presentation.

**ITEM 7: Next Meeting – October 24, 2013**