



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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DATE: October 28, 2011
TO: Fish Screening Oversight Committee
FROM: Dave Ward, HDR Engineering, Inc.
SUBJECT: October 27, 2011 FSOC Teleconference Final Action Notes

FSOC Teleconference
October 27, 2011
8:30 PM PDT

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

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

Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

Attendees:	Dave Ward (HDR)	
By Phone:	Jody Brostrom (USFWS), Bryan Nordlund (NMFS), Jamie Swan (BPA), Alan Ritchey (ODFW), Pete Baki (ODFW), Ken Loffink (ODFW), Pat Schille (WDFW), Lynn Stratton (IDFG), Brian Zimmerman (CTUIR), Dan Shively (USFWS), Mark Lere (MDFWP), Paddy Murphy (IDFG).	
Time Allocation:	Objectives 1. Committee Participation Objectives 2. Technical Review Objectives 3. Presentation	100% 0% 0%
ITEM 1:	Introductions	
ITEM 2:	Approve Agenda	
Discussion:	The agenda was approved as provided.	
ITEM 3:	Approve Action Notes	
Discussion:	Action notes from the July 28, 2011 FSOC teleconference and September 13, 2011 FSOC meeting were approved, pending one adjustment to the attendance list for September 13.	
ITEM 4:	Select New FSOC Chair	
Discussion:	After a brief discussion regarding the duties of the Chair and a reminder of who has served as chair in the recent past, Bryan Nordlund agreed to reprise his role as Chair. Bryan previously served as chair in 2009-10. Bryan's nomination was approved, and Bryan immediately took over the role as chair.	
ITEM 5:	Concern About Criteria for Upstream Juvenile Passage	
Discussion:	This was one of the issues raised when the FSOC discussed potential topics of future concern. Brian Zimmerman provided a paragraph summarizing his concerns. Brian pointed out inconsistencies in adhering to criteria for maximum jump heights for juveniles. The	

	<p>FSOC reviewed Brian’s summary and discussed the issue.</p> <p>This topic is the primary reason that Alan Ritchey asked Ken Loffink to attend the teleconference. Ken is a passage coordinator for ODFW. Ken emphasized that the starting point for all jump height discussions should be a 6” maximum jump, but that it can be increased if need be.</p> <p>Bryan Nordlund offered that the key component in this issue is to address any conflicts between adult and juvenile criteria. Ken agreed, noting that there is a balance to be struck. The standard is 6”, but it can be adjusted if adults are a priority or to not exclude other priority species. Both agreed that attraction is key. The NMFS stance is often to defer to the weakest species as long as this is not a detriment to priority species. “All species all the time” can’t usually be accomplished.</p> <p>Brian Z. provided a few examples in the Umatilla and Walla Walla subbasins where the 6” criteria has dropped off the table early due to biological and non-biological issues such as cost. Brian would like FSOC to work on developing a recommendation for consistent criteria. Bryan N. re-phrased this to state that we don’t want to recommend a specific criterion (number), but rather to recommend a process. Dan Shively pointed out that this process needs to take into account species, life history, time of year, geomorphic constraints, etc.</p> <p>Jody Brostrom pointed out that the U.S. forest Service may have a start on this with their “Fish Xing”. Ken volunteered to take the lead on drafting the framework for a process. This draft is to be kept simple for now. Concurrently, Dave Ward will obtain and summarize the criteria used by various states and the NMFS to provide some background on the disparity. Ken will provide the draft to Dave by January 12, 2012, and Dave will distribute both products to the FSOC by January 19, 2012.</p>
<p>ITEM 6:</p>	<p>Fish Passage Training Session in 2012</p>
<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>In September, FSOC discussed the possibility of holding a training session in 2012 similar that held in Yakima in 2010. Feedback from the 2010 session was very good, and demand exceeded capacity.</p> <p>The FSOC discussed potential topics, location, venue, and time of year. It was generally agreed that the session should concentrate on small tributary systems rather than large, mainstem facilities. Topics should cover screens and passage, salmonids and non-salmonids, and items from a manual developed by Ken Bates and Mike Love for the U.S. Forest Service in California. Bryan N. will check on the availability of and costs associated with Ken Bates.</p>

	<p>Bryan stated that NMFS is willing to take this effort on and provide instructors. ODFW, WDFW, and IDFG all offered to provide presentations on operational issues and successes and failures.</p> <p>The FSOC agreed that the session should serve a larger audience than the 2010 session, which had a capacity of about 40. After some discussion, all agreed that a reasonable compromise between location convenience and proximity to field sites would be Hood River, Oregon. A likely venue would be the Best Western in Hood River. Site visits could include the USGS lab in Cook, Washington, some dam removal sites, and a number of diversions. After further discussion, the FSOC agreed that the first choice for dates would be the week of September 10, 2012, with the week of September 17 as second choice.</p>
ITEM 7:	2013 Fish Passage and Screening Workshop
Discussion:	In September, FSOC support for the 2013 workshop to be held in Montana was strong. This was confirmed, as was the likely location of Missoula. Mark Lere pointed out that he would need assistance pulling the workshop together.
ITEM 8:	Next FSOC Teleconference
Discussion:	The next FSOC teleconference is scheduled for January 26, 2012 at 8:30 AM PST. Topics will include following up on the juvenile criteria issue, further planning for the 2012 training session, and future operation of the FSOC given the uncertainty of CBFWA's status.