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

Fish Screen Oversight Committee Teleconference
October 24 2013
Portland, OR

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Neil Ward (CBFWF)

By Phone: Alan Ritchey (ODFW), Jody Brostrom (USFWS), Mark Lere (MFWP), Jamie Swan (BPA), Paddy Murphy (IDFG), Pat Schille (WDFW), Danny Didricksen (WDFW), Bryan Nordlund (NOAA), Brian Zimmerman (CTUIR), Ken Loffink (ODFW), Pete Baki (ODFW), and Chuck Lenberg (WDFW)

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

The agenda was approved with no additions.

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

ACTION: The draft action notes for the September 17, 2013 FSOC meeting were reviewed and approved with no modifications.

ITEM 3: 2013 Fish Passage and Screening Workshop – Recap

Discussion: Mark Lere and Neil Ward provided a summary of the workshop. With a final attendance of almost 100 participants, the meeting was a success in bringing together individuals with diverse backgrounds representing, state, federal, tribal, and non-government organizations. Overall, participants indicated that they were pleased with the program and were looking forward to the 2015 workshop.

ITEM 4: 2015 Fish Passage and Screening Workshop – Update

Discussion: During the September 17, 2013 FSOC meeting, Paddy Murphy indicated that IDFG, pending final approval, would host the 2015 workshop in Salmon, ID. Paddy indicated he has initiated discussions with management; however, a decision has not been made. Paddy informed the committee that he would be able to provide a more detailed update during the January FSOC meeting. Paddy did indicate that with the termination of the CBFWF/CBFWA, there could be some potential challenges to coordinating/facilitating the workshop.

ITEM 5: 2014 Fish Screening Oversight Committee Fish Passage Training Session – Preliminary Discussion

Discussion: Bryan Nordlund confirmed that the NMFS is interest in continuing to lead the fish passage training sessions; however, Bryan indicated that because he will be retiring in September 2014, he likely will not be participating. Although Bryan

identified a few potential replacements, a final decision has not been made regarding who will represent NMFS on the FSOC. Participants discussed potential topics and locations. Potential themes included culvert design and high-head dam passage. Because of travel restrictions for federal entities, Bryan stressed the importance of convening the training session close to the NMFS offices. This suggestion coupled with WDFW's release of their new culvert manual, led the participants to discuss the possibility of convening the training session in the Portland/Vancouver area. Participants acknowledged that despite the potential traffic problems that might be encountered during site the visits, there would be a collection of projects to view.

To get a better idea of the training needs that may exist among potential attendees, Neil Ward will solicit input from those that attended the 2012 training session in Hood River.

ITEM 6: Coordination and Facilitation of FSOC Activities – Continuation of September FSOC 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.

During the September 17, 2013, the committee members expressed an interest in 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 briefly discussed 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 CBFW/CBFWF.

As in September, participants inquired about the estimated costs to coordinate, facilitate, and implement the various actions associated with the committee. Neil confirmed that the total cost for four quarterly meetings would be approximately \$2,500 (includes developing an agenda, three-hour meeting, completing action notes, web development/maintenance, and associated emails/phone calls, etc.). Relative to the training session and workshop, Neil suggested that the cost for the associated services (e.g., website development/maintenance, all correspondence, registration management, bookkeeping, program development/printing, all hotel/meeting facility arrangements, transportation arrangements, etc.) would be approximately \$13,000.

ITEM 7: Next Meeting – January 23, 2013