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## Minutes

# Northwest Power Planning Council Regional Coordinating Group Meeting October 22, 2002

### Attendance:

Judi Danielson, NWPPC - Idaho  
 Tom Dayley, NWPPC - Idaho  
 Robert Austin, BPA - Portland  
 Kerry Berg, NWPPC - Montana  
 Dave Statler, Nez Perce Tribe  
 Brian Brown, NOAA - Fisheries  
 Vince Kozakiewicz, NOAA - Fisheries  
 Elizabeth Gaar, NOAA - Fisheries  
 Paul Ashley, WDFW  
 Pat Barclay, ICIE  
 Tom Iverson, CBFWA  
 Frank Young, CBFWA  
 Adele Merchant, Corps of Engineers  
 Jan Brady, BPA  
 Cheryl L. Lohman, BPA - EF&W  
 Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users  
 Mark Bagdovitz, U.S. Fish & Wildlife  
 John Piccininni, BPA  
 Gregg Servheer, IDFG  
 Chip McConnaha, Mobrand  
 Biometrics  
 Rick Williams, ISRP

Ira Jones, NPT  
 Jim Caswell, OSC  
 Lynn Palensky, NWPPC  
 Brian Allee, NWPPC  
 Alison Squier, IMP Coordinator  
 Sue Ireland, KTOI  
 Drew Parkin  
 Doug Marker, NWPPC  
 Peter Paquet, NWPPC  
 Carl Scheeler, CTVIR  
 Jim Owens, Oregon Coordination  
 Group  
 Claude M. Broncho, Shoshone-  
 Bannock Tribes  
 Guy Dodson, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes  
 Fred Olney, U.S. Fish & Wildlife  
 Service  
 Ken Bierly, Oregon Watershed  
 Enhancement Bd.  
 Joe Spinazola, USBR  
 Telephone Bridge: Tony Grover  
 Carole Schroeder, scribe

Judi Danielson, NWPPC Vice Chair, Idaho called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

### Introductions, Meeting Objectives, Review of Agenda:

After Ms. Danielson asked each person to introduce himself/herself, she reviewed the meeting objectives and the Agenda: recommendations to the Council for its November meeting in Coeur d'Alene on (1) subbasin assessment, (2) ISRP review criteria and (3) subbasin plan schedule.

### Status Reports from Level II Statewide/Provincial/Tribal Group:

Coordinators from each state made presentations, including Kerry Berg, Montana, Jim Owens, Oregon, Tony Grover, Washington (telephone bridge), Carl Scheeler, Washington, Tom Dayley, Idaho, Jim Caswell, Idaho, and Dave Statler, Idaho.

### Subbasin Assessment:

Brian Allee, NWPPC, distributed large notebooks as part of the regional tech support for subbasin planning. He reviewed the notebook and explained that these workshops are to train people for EDT. He asked for feedback and called especial attention to Tab 10, "Subbasin Assessment: A Brief Overview." He said that the NWPPC would like recommendations by the end of the meeting for three critical areas, subbasin assessment, ISRP review criteria, and schedule.

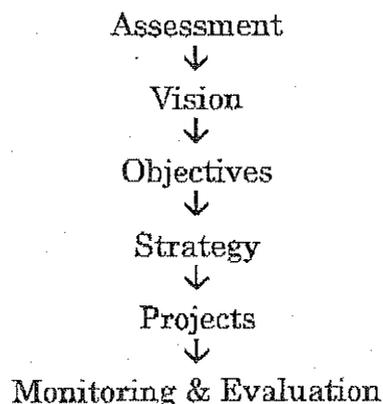
Mr. Allee introduced Mr. Drew Parkin, author of "Subbasin Assessment: a Brief Overview." Mr. Parkin explained the purpose of assessment and urged the group to work together on a common understanding of what assessment is and to make some specific recommendations to take to the Council. Next he reviewed the history of subbasin assessment and explained that it has the potential to meet multiple objectives. He reviewed Level 1 (subbasin), Level 2 (state/tribal/provincial) and Level 3 (regional). Mr. Parkin answered many questions throughout his presentation and his review of the analytical levels including EDT and IBUS.

Mr. Carl Scheeler, CTVIR, discussed wildlife (IBUS) assessment and Mr. Chip McConnaha, Mobrand, discussed fish (EDT) assessment; both answered multiple questions.

**Lunch Break:**

Vice Chair Judi Danielson broke the group for lunch at 11:40 and reconvened at 1:10.

Mr. Rick Williams, ISRP, reported on the ISRP Review of Subbasin Plans. He shared his schematic:



Mr. Williams, also, answered many questions. He and others stressed that the Council, as a policy matter, wants a creative system from the community.

Mr. Brian Allee, NWPPC, asked the group for a set of recommendations and Ms. Alison Squier, IMP Coordinator, recommended a white paper, guidance on how to coordinate the assessment with the synthesis and more guidance in defining the strategies on how to meet goals and objectives. Mr. Allee referred to the "Technical Guide for Subbasin Planners", tab 9 in the notebook, and Vice Chair Judi Danielson referred specifically to pages 18 and 19 in that publication for guidance.

Following a ten minute break, and with extensive audience participation, Mr. Allee recorded the following discussion summarizing points:

**Discussion/Summarizing Points:**

- Wildlife assessment required? (in guide?)
- Need specific guidance on working hypothesis.

- Timing of out-of-basin information to planners.
- What information provided and when information provided to model EPT from planners?
- Money to provide information; where to utilize; from which source?
- How do we add socio-economic data?
- How do we integrate all the data? File cabinets, etc. (IBIS-EDT integration)/other sources and methods
- Tools – which ones and how?
- Regional integration of data? Fish and wildlife (ICEBMP?) to use at subbasin level.
- Future scenarios (population growth impact).
- How do non EDT areas identify requirements, identify funds to accomplish?
- How to address the equity question – access to model or usable processes

After yet more discussion, Mr. Allee summarized:

**Discussion/Recommendations:**

1. White paper from ISRP
  - More specific guidance on consistency from Council for subbasin plans
  - Coordinated assessment of synthesis
  - Better focus and defining of assessment requirements
  - Data information – what are the steps
  - Synthesis strategies – move to define the direction to specific areas or reaches
  - Specific LC's
  - ISRP noted no synthesis or analysis of land \_\_\_\_\_ accomplishments
2. Need directions on objectives for subbasin plans
  - Population based
  - Habitat based
  - Type and scale
  - Integrate ESA and NWPA using andromomous recovery plans for population statistics
  - What are types of strategic approaches
  - Hatchery/supplementation approach habitat
3. Tentative process with first subbasin plan
  - Can't do all, don't be distracted
  - Need to provide consistency across subbasins
4. What are subbasin assessments to be used?
5. Strategies are locally controlled
  - Page 18 of 2000 program
6. Do we need to use models?
7. Level III guidance
  - Wildlife assessments
  - Integratioon
  - ID regional level data
  - Use of analytical models

- OSB effects
  - ISRP criteria
  - Ask Council to give Level III responsibility to develop guidance to subbasin planners on the above tasks, item 7.
8. Workshop for region regarding assessment
  9. Existing guidance sufficient
  10. Need higher scale, provincial, regional scale guidance
  11. Need institutional consistency where possible and necessary (Council establish regional assessment and planning tools).
    - Summarize landscape level assessment
    - Develop own regional strategy to capture province and regional scale
    - Build regional capabilities to support range
  12. Apply results to range forum to help give subbasin planning
    - Federal and state and tribal meeting on ESAD and NWPA

Mr. Allee summarized the final discussion:

**Final Recommendations:**

1. Direct states' Level II Groups to disseminate Drew's white paper as guidance and for comment within one week
  - Get feedback from Level II and amend
  - Incorporate into Technical Guide
2. Sponsor/fund workshop on wildlife modeling guidance, integration with aquatic modeling, wildlife out-of-basin effects within 60 days
3. Replace Level III group with Carl's proposed Regional Assessment Team
  - Scrub/steppe strategies
  - Assign deadlines for each task
4. Council to request ISRP to provide detailed guidance or review criteria within 60 days
  - ISRP respond to 2000 program
5. What aspects of subbasin plans should be consistent?
  - Look to the 2000 plan for consistency
6. Clarify accepted scientific protocol
  - What are the expectations for province and regional level vision, goals, objectives and strategies?

**Discussion:** controversy over item #3; this is in direct conflict with what the Council promotes with the bottom-up focus.  
 Items 1, 2 and 4 most favored

**Schedule:**

Practical deadline: May 4

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carole Schroeder