

# Unified Plan Workplan

## December 1998

### OBJECTIVE

Resolve fish issues posed by the FCRPS by December 1999, in a way that is successful for the fish and affordable for BPA and its customers.

- Identify equitable fish and wildlife conservation measures to be undertaken by the federal dam owners and managers that will result in no jeopardy (or a legally defensible reasonable and prudent alternative), assist in recovery, and contribute to an increase in harvestable fish runs,
- Preserve below market, at cost Federal power
- Develop a critical mass of regional support from states, tribes, and river users.

A “unified plan” that resolves fish and wildlife issues will include the following:

- Define BPA/COE/BOR legal, biological, and financial obligations for fish and wildlife.
- Determine performance standards and measures to be undertaken directly by the hydropower system.
- Establish “off-site” mitigation in the form of harvest, habitat, and other appropriate programs.

#### *Key BPA Objectives in Plan Development*

- Build trust in the region
- Keep decisions in the region
- Support/advocate an open, objective process
- Advocate public involvement

#### *Key BPA Actions in Plan Development*

- BPA will act as facilitator to bring consensus among Federal parties, states, and tribal interests.
- BPA will not necessarily develop its own alternative. Rather, BPA will provide discussion papers that incorporate regional thoughts and interests.
- The current BPA options slide is a form of discussion paper in that it generally outlines the three options that have been discussed regionally.

### STRATEGIES

Strategies should address:

What vehicles will we use to develop the plan?

Relationship w/federal family/Federal Team

Relationship w/Framework

Relationship w/Columbia Basin Forum

Approach to '99 Operations and new Listings

Approach/timing for BPA's Biological Assessment

## TEAM WORKPLAN

**Element 1: Creating the Plan/Unified Plan Oversight** **Lead: Bodi**

**Team: Lohn, Fox, Delwiche, Lamb, Luce, McNary,**

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| A. Participation/Facilitation of Federal Family<br>Coordination with Federal Counsel | Bodi (Smith,Lohn)<br>Luce, McNary                |
| B. Framework Participation   |  |
| Management   | Bodi (Lohn)                                      |
| Public Involvement   | Caroline Whitney                                 |
| Alternatives   | Bodi   |
| Socio-Economic   | Kathy Fisher/Audrey Perino                       |
| Ecological   | Dan Daley/Bill Maslen (Bob please check on this) |
| C. Development of BPA/Regional Alternatives  |  |
| Hydro  | Fox/Delwiche/Thor/Bettin/Landauer                |
| Habitat  | Lohn   |
| Hatchery   | Lohn/Jean Edwards                                |
| Harvest  | Lohn   |
| Legal Coverage   | Luce/McNaryKey                                   |
| Trust and Treaty   | Lohn/Smith                                       |
| D. Scientific Support of Alternatives  |  |
| Legal Review   | Fox/Lohn/Consultants<br>Luce/McNary              |
| E. Columbia Basin Forum/NPPC   |  |
|  | Karen Hunt                                       |

**Element 2: Financial and Funding Plan**

**Lead: Lamb**

**Team:Thor, Perino, Maichel, Schiewe, Lohn, DeWolf, Lefler, Chang, Moorman, McNary**

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| A. Develop BPA cost estimate for alternatives                    | Lamb/Thor/Lohn/Landauer |
| B. Develop cash flow impacts by year/end of period reserves      | Lamb/Lefler             |
| C. Develop proposals for non-BPA funding sources and commitments | Lamb et al              |
| D. Develop funding plan (FCCF, 4(h)10c, revenue finance, etc)    | Lamb/Dewolf/Lefler      |
| E. Coordination to Rate Case                                     | Lamb/Thor               |
| F. Legal Coverage: McNary  |                         |

**Element 3: Programmatic EIS**

**Lead: Alton**

**Team: Key, Fischer, Pierce, Luce, Whitney, McGuire, Daly, Thor, Lamb,**

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| A. Ensure Federal Family Buyoff on EIS     | Bodi, Luce, Alton |
| B. Develop Alternatives                    | Alton             |
| C. Determine Issues                        | Alton             |
| D. Integrate with other regional processes | Alton             |

**Element 4: Communications and Outreach Plan**

**Lead: Whitney**

**Team: Morgado, Bodi, Hunt, Cheney, Mosey, Taves, Mueleman  
Kinsey**

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| A. Develop Messages  | Bodi/Wright        |
| B. Plan for dissemination of messages internally           | Whitney            |
| C. Plan for dissemination of messages externally           | Whitney            |
| D. Enlist key supports from interest groups                | Bodi/Whitney/Taves |
| E. Internal Briefings on state of independent science      | Bodi/Fox           |
| F. Obtain ISAB support for final agreement                 | Bodi/Lohn          |
| G. Obtain Tribal support for final agreement               | Cheney             |
| H. Check time frames on all statutes and regulations       | Kinsey             |
| I. Assure materials placed in administrative record of COE | Kinsey             |
| J. Coordinate communication timeline with NEPA process     | Alton/Whitney      |
| K. Develop plan for establishing a public record           | Kinsey             |

**Element 5: Implementation**

**A. Smith**

**Team: Smith, Lohn, Fox, Thor, Delwiche, Bodi, Wright, Whitney, Lamb, Hunt  
Luce, McNary**

What mechanisms will be used to implement the plan All

**Element 6: Biological Assessment and Opinion**

**Kinsey**

**Team: Daly/Thor/Kinsey/McNary/Maslen/Geiselman/Bettin**

Coordination/Preparation/Facilitation of BPA participation in BA and BO All