



Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes / November 11, 2005
New Mexico State Forestry Office / Santa Fe, NM

Attendance: Butch Blazer, Jim White, Steve Whiteman, Mike Montoya, Shenan Atcitty

Meeting convened at 1:45PM

Funding Issues

Surplus \$26,374 from Commerce/EDA MTFH business plan grant being requested via 638 fund transfer
Requires an amended work plan, including elements for furthering the SWTFC project

Work continues on BIA funding support. Butch wants final decision from SW Regional Office (Morin).
If zero BIA funding, Butch wants to follow-through with Domenici, apply political pressure

NFWF received SWTFC Strategic Plan – intended to support plan as a funding proposal
Butch to follow-through with Greg Watson of NFWF

Hannibal Bolton / USFWS expecting to transfer \$25,000 to SWTFC for general support
Possible mechanism to receive USFWS funds is modification of agreement on Strategic Plan creation
Jim suggested development of more detailed work plans that support Strategic Plan
Still some uncertainty on mechanism to transfer funds – Butch / Mike will follow-through with Hannibal

Butch wants to send out funding request letters to member tribes requesting assistance
Jicarilla, Mescalero, Navajo, N. Ute, Isleta, Laguna, Sandia, San Carlos, San Juan, S. Ute
Shenan will also approach NAIGA with a request

Jim brought up fund-raising discussion with Navajo (i.e., promo hunts to generate funding for SWTFC)
2005/06 hunt season is too soon to incorporate fund raising; however, not too soon to plan for next year
Probable planning meeting early in 2006 on planning for hunting-related fund-raising
Jim to follow-through with Jeff Cole (Navajo) on planning hunt fund raisers

Need to start contacts with wealthy private donors who hunt/fish in Indian country; gain financial support
Possible “packages” to market: skiing, golfing, hunting/fishing, etc. at premier Tribal resorts
Would need to work through NAFWS funding management, since SWTFC 501c status is pending
Will need to coordinate with John Antonio (SW NAFWS Treasurer)

Only funds now available: USFWS payment for Strategic Plan, TWG grant funds, Eagle Creek funds

Current operating balance = \$7,125.53 (Does not include feed and transport budgets)

Very limited TWG funds are available for MTFH operations; Salaries budget is restricted to tech support
Under TWG, SWTFC Executive Director time is in-kind

BIA Tribal Hatchery Needs Assessment

Letters and emails have gone out to Tribes offering SWTFC assistance with assessment
Mike has assembled BIA’s requested hatchery info for Mescalero Tribal
Mike has received calls from San Carlos and Zuni for limited assistance
Other Tribes/Pueblos: Cochiti, Picuris (Mike will prepare), San Juan, Hopi
Navajo and San Carlos will handle response to BIA on their own
Deadline for input coming soon.

Membership Status

Membership currently stands at 11 (final), 13 (close)

More recent members include: Picuris (final), San Carlos (final), Cochiti (close), Isleta (close?)

Hopi may be potential member

Butch and Mike (others?) to attend Cochiti council meeting for membership resolution

Butch wants to make personal contacts with following for membership and/or support:

WMAT, San Juan, Cochiti, Isleta, Taos

Miscellaneous

Steve to look into pay-out of remaining media grant funds to purchase Mike's t-shirts/hats

SWTFC needs to recognize San Juan Pueblo's "new" official, traditional name: "Ohkay Owingeh"

Butch plans to follow-through with Marilyn (NAFWS) on Mescalero offer to host NAFWS conference

Shenan finalizing SWTFC 501c app – working on compiling necessary past financial data

Draft USFWS coop. agreement is ready for submittal, was signed by Butch

Meeting adjourned at 5:00PM