Biology Committee Conference Call
January 6, 2005, 2:30 p.m.

Participants: Melissa Trammell, Dave Speas, Dave Irving for Tom Chart, Bill Davis, Kevin Gelwicks, John Hawkins, Kevin Christopherson, Gary Burton, Tom Pitts, Ray Tenney, George Smith, Pat Nelson, Bob Muth, and Angela Kantola**.**

BC member not in attendance: Tom Nesler

Assignments indicated by a ">" and at the end of the document.

1.   Discuss Elkhead Reservoir temporary nonnative fish screen - Committee members asked questions about the documents sent out yesterday and today. John Hawkins asked if minimal additional measures (e.g. a cable or something) could be installed to prevent large debris from reaching the net; >Bob Muth and others replied that it seems the risk is low, but they will look into that. John Hawkins suggested that if the net were to fail, additional sampling should be done in the Yampa at the outflow of Elkhead Creek; Bob Muth agreed. John asked who will monitor to assure all these protections are in place and will be maintained. Pat said that four URS engineers will be supervising the project; and Bob Muth said he'll see that a Service or Program biologist is also on site at critical times. John volunteered to help with this since he'll be in the area. Ray said that if something went wrong with the screen, the contractor would address it immediately on site. Engineers and others will be on site daily. >Ray said the net's condition will be noted in a daily log. >Ray will arrange for John Hawkins to have the appropriate contact information to call and get permission to access the job site. Gary recommended establishing a protocol for who to call, etc., should there be a breach in the net; >Ray will arrange that (will include notifying the Program Director's office). >The Program Director's office will follow up with CDOW regarding nonnative fish translocation into Elkhead if the net should fail. >The Program Director's office and Ray Tenney also will make sure protocol is established for John Hawkins, et. al, to have access to translocate fish. >The Program Director's office will make sure that the public is aware of what's going on with translocation. Gary Burton asked about the cost of the net, noting it didn't seem to be a cost the Program should have to bear. Bob Muth said the Management Committee is tracking the cost of Elkhead and this will be part of those overall costs. Dave Speas asked if this alternative has already been selected and the contracts drawn up and Ray Tenney said the fish screen will be part of the overall contract. Melissa summarized the call, saying the Biology Committee approves this solution.

ADJOURN: 2:50 p.m.

<u>ASSIGNMENTS</u>

1.   Ray will see that the net's condition is noted in a daily log.

2.   Ray will arrange for John Hawkins to have the appropriate contact information to call and get permission to access the job site.

3.   Ray will arrange a protocol for who to call, etc., should there be a breach in the net (will include notifying the Program Director's office).

4.   The Program Director's office will follow up with CDOW regarding nonnative fish translocation into Elkhead if the net should fail.

5.   The Program Director's office will look into additional safety measures to prevent large woody debris from damaging the net.

6.   The Program Director's office and Ray Tenney also will make sure protocol is established for John Hawkins, et. al, to have access to translocate fish and to periodically check the temporary net. The Program Director's office will make sure that the public is aware of what's going on with translocation.