

Biology Committee Conference Call
March 12, 2008, 2:00 p.m.

Participants: Krissy Wilson, Dave Speas, Melissa Trammell, Shane Capron, Tom Chart, Angela Kantola, and Brett Johnson.

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Tom Chart said he'd sent out the scope of work that Brett revised to incorporate the changes and the reservoir escapement risk assessment, as discussed at the February 15 Biology Committee meeting. Dave Speas said he'd like to return to the original title of this scope of work to minimize confusion. Melissa said the cost of the reservoir risk assessment seems very reasonable. It doesn't appear that any of the isotope analysis has been done yet. Tom Chart said Bob Muth expressed concern that assessing reservoir escapement is one thing, but this shouldn't be understood as a commitment by the Program to bear the cost of preventing escapement (e.g., installing screens, etc.). Speaking of escapement, Melissa noted that it's likely only a matter of time before burbot escape from Flaming Gorge Reservoir. The Committee members approved the revised scope of work. Dave said he thinks the risk assessment seems fairly comprehensive, but asked how that would all be brought together (e.g, numerically ranking each risk component). Brett said he does plan to take a quantitative approach. Shane asked for some clarification regarding the end products. Brett indicated the goal of this project is to develop a methodology, which can determine provenance (reservoir sources) of nonnative fish found in the river similar to what they did with pond centrarchids in the Grand Valley.

ADJOURN: 2:30 p.m.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Tom Chart will finalize the scope of work (going back to the original title).