

Annotated Agenda
MAFAC Meeting – Silver Spring, MD
Oct. 15-17, 2019

1. Title of Discussion: **Update from Columbia Basin Partnership (CBP) Task Force**

2. Presenter: **Katherine Cheney**
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3. Objective/Purpose (Informational)

Purpose is to provide an update on the Phase 2 work of the CBP Task Force, exploring scenarios for how provisional quantitative goals for salmon and steelhead recovery could be accomplished, and the implications for various social, cultural, economic and ecological considerations.

4. Background/Synopsis

Convened by NOAA Fisheries and MAFAC in 2017, the CBP Task Force represents an unprecedented collaboration of parties representing environmental, fishing, agricultural, utility, and river-user interests, local recovery groups, the states of Idaho, Montana, Washington, and Oregon, and federally recognized tribes in the region. These parties share overlapping and sometimes conflicting values and views about the Columbia River and its salmon and steelhead. In the past, many of the parties faced each other from opposite sides of a courtroom. The CBP Task Force brought these representatives together at one table for the first time in recent history in an attempt to find common ground and foster a collaborative approach to ensure the long-term persistence of our salmon and steelhead.

Through the CBP Task Force process, these interests have arrived at a shared purpose — a desire that future generations will enjoy healthy and abundant salmon and steelhead runs across the Columbia Basin landscape. Over the past two years, the 28 members of the CBP Task Force have worked diligently and sincerely to develop a shared vision and goals for Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead. MAFAC has received reports about their work and progress at each MAFAC meeting since the Task Force was formed.

In Phase 1, the CBP Task Force developed qualitative goals and provisional quantitative goals for each of the 24 salmon and steelhead stocks in the Columbia Basin. MAFAC reviewed and finalized the Phase 1 report, [*A Vision for Salmon and Steelhead: Goals to Restore Thriving Salmon and Steelhead to the Columbia River Basin*](#) at their April/May 2019 meeting.

In Phase 2, the CBP Task Force is exploring scenarios for how the provisional quantitative goals could be accomplished, and the implications for various social, cultural, economic and ecological considerations. The CBP Task Force anticipates a final set of recommendations to MAFAC in late summer 2020. The work of the Task Force represents an opportunity to define a clear measure of success and a shared future for Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead. Achieving healthy and harvestable levels of salmon and steelhead will take all regional interests working together in an integrated and efficient manner. The Task Force's long-term goals will help to align the efforts of federal, state, and tribal managers and other stakeholders on a common path to recovering salmon and steelhead in the Columbia Basin.

5. Action to be taken by MAFAC members: This is an informational presentation. No action is anticipated.