

Tom Karier
Chair
Washington

Frank L. Cassidy Jr.
"Larry"
Washington

Jim Kempton
Idaho

W. Bill Booth
Idaho



Joan M. Dukes
Vice-Chair
Oregon

Melinda S. Eden
Oregon

Bruce A. Measure
Montana

Rhonda Whiting
Montana

May 31, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Lynn Palensky

SUBJECT: Update on Regional Coordination Actions

BACKGROUND: Representatives from the five regional coordination sponsor organizations, the Council, Bonneville, and the Upper Snake River Tribes, have been meeting to develop a longer-term proposal for the Council that describes appropriate regional coordination activities and needs. At the April meeting in Libby, Montana, staff provided an update to the Fish and Wildlife Committee on the status of their progress and the group has met three times since then.

Approval of the FY 07 budget included tasks for the groups to describe regional coordination needs and appropriate activities as well as a coordinated approach for coordination. The Council also asked the group to define work elements for fiscal years 2008-2009, as well as to develop guidance for the upcoming amendment process for regional coordination. The attached power point presentation will be presented to the Committee by Brian Lispcomb (CBFWA) and Ray Entz (Kalispel Tribe) on behalf of the coordination work group.

w:\lp\ww\packet materials\2007\june\regional coordination mem.doc

Coordination
Discussion
for the
Fish and Wildlife
Program

June 12-13, 2007

NPA Coordination

Program recommendations -

- fish and wildlife management **coordination** and research and development (including funding) which, among other things, will assist protection, mitigation, and enhancement of anadromous fish at, and between, the region's hydroelectric dams. [Northwest Power Act, §4(h)(2)(C), 94 Stat. 2708.]

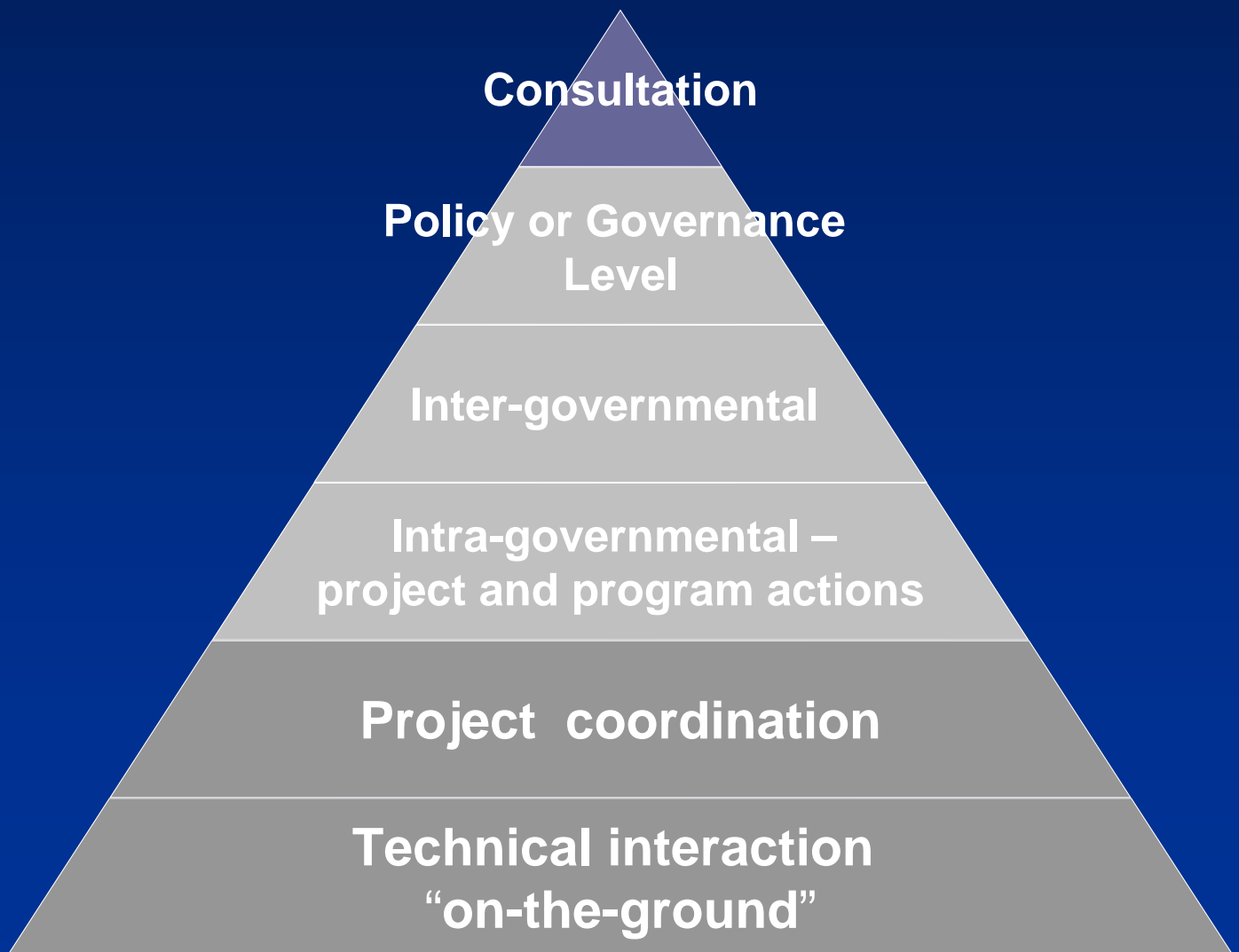
Program Development – NPCC

The Council shall develop a program on the basis of such recommendations, supporting documents, and views and information obtained through public comment and participation, and **consultation** with the agencies, tribes, and customers referred to in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (4)... [Northwest Power Act, §4(h)(5), 94 Stat. 2709.]

Program Implementation – BPA

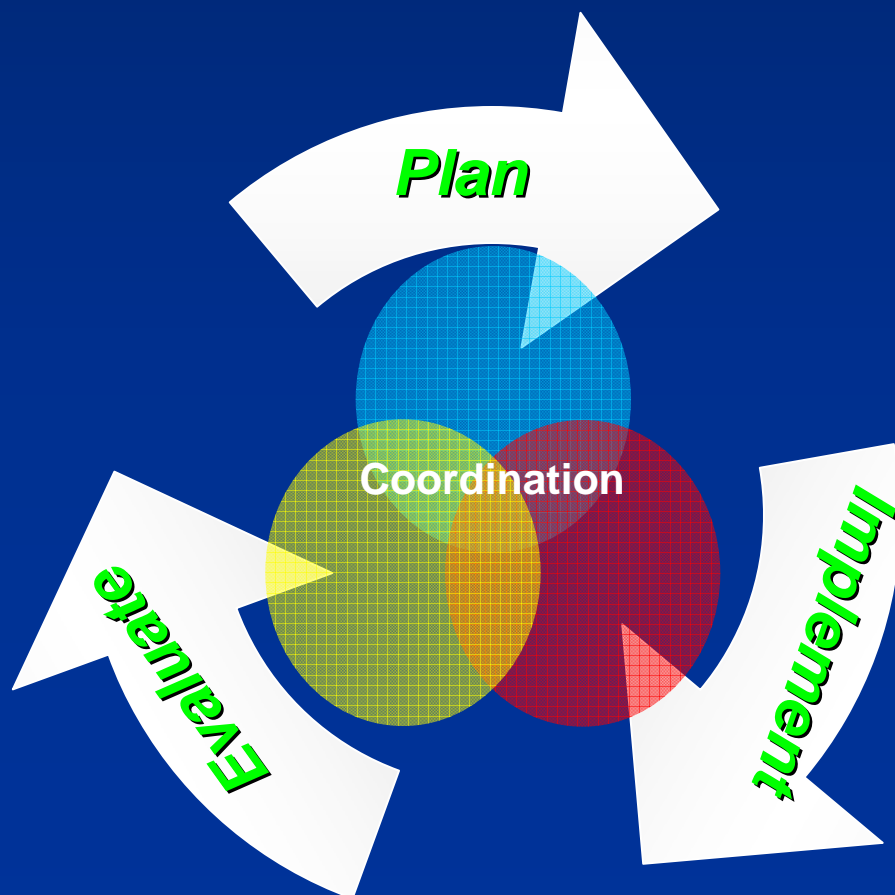
The Administrator and such Federal agencies **shall consult** with the Secretary of the Interior, the Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the State fish and wildlife agencies of the region, appropriate Indian tribes, and affected project operators in carrying out the provisions of this paragraph and shall, to the greatest extent practicable, coordinate their actions. [Northwest Power Act, §4(h)(11)(A), 94 Stat. 2711.]

Levels of Consultation and Coordination Diagrammed



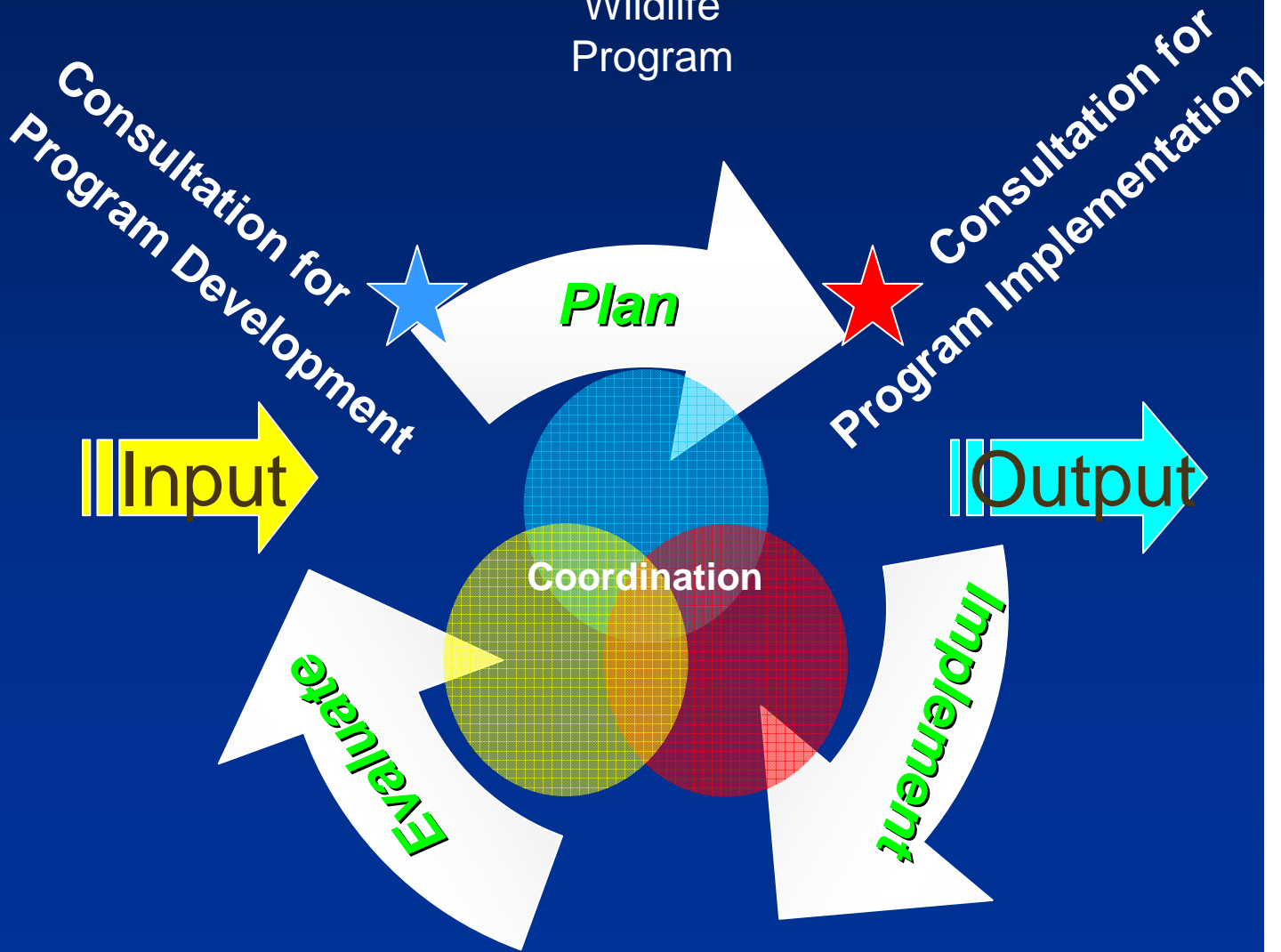
Coordination Needs for the Program

- Adaptive Management can only be successful when all entities operate within a common framework



Consultation Needs for the Program

Fish and Wildlife Program



Consultation



Development of Program

- NPA calls for Council consultation with F&W managers during the Program amendment process

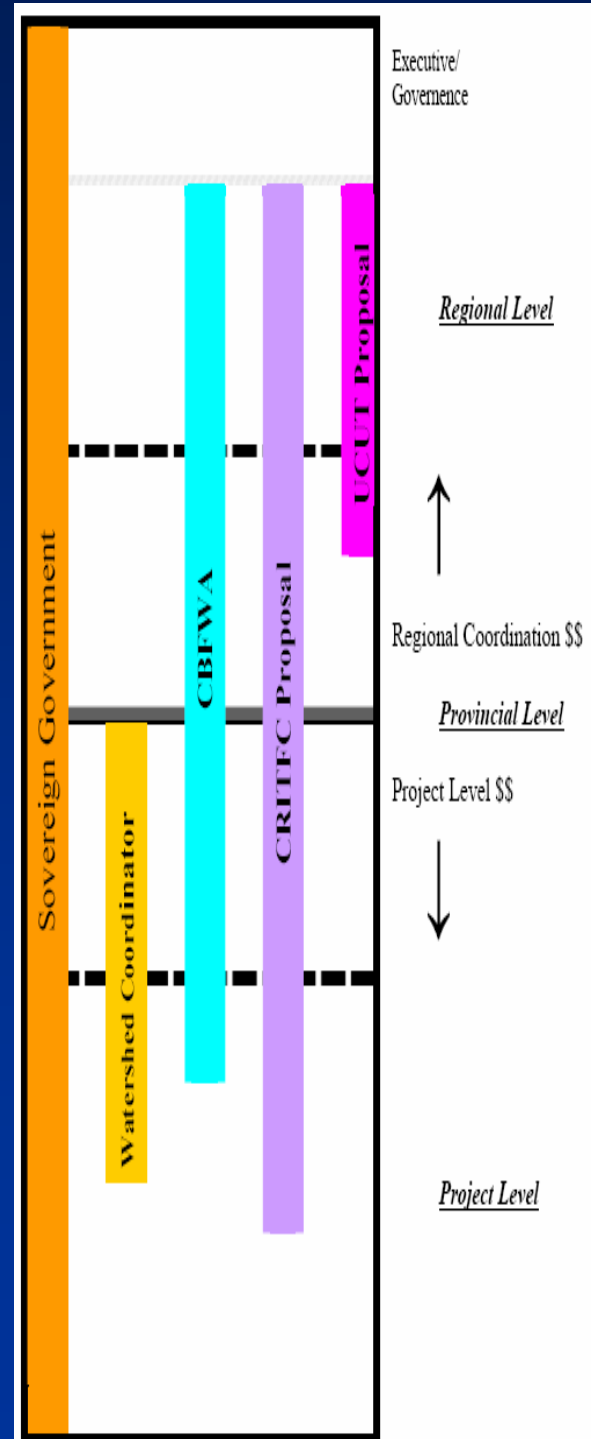


Implementation of Program

- NPA calls for BPA consultation with F&W managers in implementing the Program
- Inherent in Program implementation is the consultation/coordination with other agencies relative to implementing the Program (i.e., USDA, BLM, FERC, etc.)

Coordination Supports Decision Making

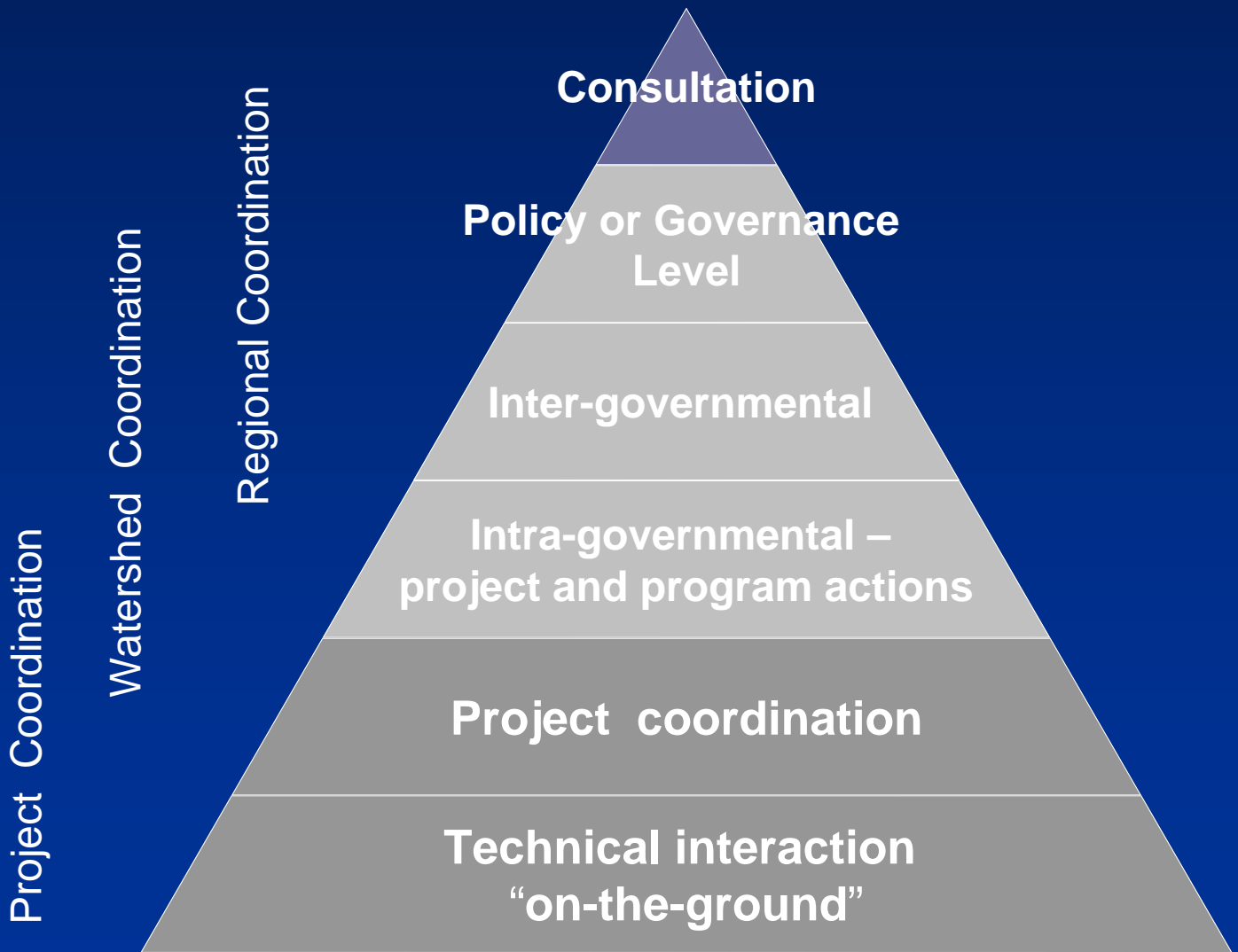
- Consultation with Sovereigns
 - Optimize implementation of Program
- Regional Coordination –
 - Inform BPA obligations
 - Inform Program funding level
 - Identify strategic priorities
 - Develop Program (amendment process) and reporting requirements
 - Coordination among provinces
 - Inform funding allocations (by province/by strategy)
 - Project review and evaluation
 - Project connections/alignment
 - Program cost effectiveness
 - Program level data management
- Watershed/Project Level Coordination –
 - Cost share
 - Project level data management
 - Project cost effectiveness



Summary

- Coordination for the F&W Program requires a meaningful role for the fish and wildlife managers to develop and implement measures in the Program to protect, mitigate, and enhance fish and wildlife populations affected by the Columbia River hydropower system
- Coordination provides an opportunity for decisions within the Program to benefit from the cumulative information and experience of the fish and wildlife managers

Levels of Consultation and Coordination Diagrammed



Next Steps

- Definitions for regional coordination that include roles, deliverables, and work elements
- Specific coordination project funding recommendations for FY 08/09
- Description of the consultation process