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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** John Harrison, Information Officer

**SUBJECT:** Public comments on the Draft Tenth Annual Report to Northwest Governors on Fish and Wildlife Expenditures of the Bonneville Power Administration.

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Approve the final version of the report on Fiscal Year 2010 expenditures with changes based on public comments and recommended by staff.

### BACKGROUND

2011 is the tenth year the Council has reported to the Northwest governors on Bonneville's expenditures to implement the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. The purpose of the reports is to provide information, not to assess the expenditures. Information in the reports is provided by Bonneville and not independently verified by the Council.

At this meeting, staff requests that you approve the final version of the report for Fiscal Year 2010. The one-month public comment period ends on Friday, July 8. As of June 30, no comments had been received. If comments are received by the deadline, I will report to you by e-mail and then discuss the comments with you at the meeting.

Since the inaugural version in 2001, the reports have included information on Bonneville's expenditures and also information on fish and wildlife as a means of assessing progress toward program goals. Over the last decade, data collection and reporting regarding fish, wildlife, and habitat has improved -- and continues to improve. Data increasingly is available on more fish and wildlife populations, and monitoring performed by fish and wildlife agencies and tribes is providing a more complete and detailed perspective on water quality and quantity, habitat suitability, and other measurements of progress toward Program goals.

In order to take advantage of the improved and increasing amounts of data, beginning this year staff proposes to produce two companion annual reports, one on Bonneville's expenditures to implement the Program and another to report on progress toward Program goals. Staff continues to work on the latter report, which will be based on the high-level indicators approved by the Council last year.