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DISCUSSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Jim Ruff, Manager, Mainstem Passage and River Operations

SUBJECT: Update on Forecasts of 2008 Water Supply Conditions

Purpose

The purpose of this presentation is to provide the Council with updated (February) water supply forecasts for selected sites in the Columbia River Basin.

February 2008 Water Supply Forecasts

The NOAA Northwest River Forecast Center's official February water supply forecasts will be presented to the Council at its February 13, 2008 meeting in Portland. Unfortunately, the Northwest River Forecast Center will not have compiled and released its official February runoff forecasts for the Columbia River Basin prior to the January 31st packet deadline. Accordingly, an updated memo and slides will be e-mailed to Council members as soon as the final February water supply forecasts become available on or about February 8, 2008. Staff expects the February water supply forecasts to be similar to, or slightly improved from, what they were in January due to the near average precipitation across the basin this month.