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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members

FROM: Peter Paquet
Manager, Wildlife & Resident Fish

SUBJECT: Status of Columbia River Hatchery Reform Process

BACKGROUND

At the December Council meeting the Council members asked staff to provide periodic updates on the status and progress of the Columbia River Hatchery Reform Project and the work of the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG). To date the HSRG has conducted reviews for the hatchery facilities in the Lower Columbia, Willamette, Gorge and the Columbia Plateau Provinces. The draft report on the Lower Columbia has been completed and is available at Hatchery Reform web site (<http://hatcheryreform.us/prod/default.aspx>). The results from the other provinces will be presented to the Council at the May, 2008 meeting in Walla Walla.

The following provides you with a schedule for the remaining reviews:

Calendar

Date	What Occurs	Group No. & Name	Region No. & Name	Meeting Location
Tues. Jan. 15 - Fri. Jan. 18, 2008	HSRG Review	Region 10 - Columbia Plateau, WA		Richland, WA
Tues. Feb. 19 - Fri. Feb. 22, 2008	HSRG Review	Cumulative Review - Mid Columbia Programs		Vancouver, WA
March 6 - 7, 2008	HSRG Business Meeting	NA		TBA
Week of April 21st 2008	HSRG Review	Region 8 - Columbia Cascade, WA		TBA
Week of May 12th 2008	HSRG Review	Cumulative Review - Upper Columbia Programs		TBA
Week of June 16th 2008	HSRG Review	Regions 11 & 12 - Mountain Snake & Salmon		TBA

Week of July 28th 2008	HSRG Review	Region 13 - Blue Mountain		TBA
Week of August 25th 2008	HSRG Review	Cumulative Review - Snake River Programs		TBA
Week of September 22nd 2008	HSRG Review	Cumulative Review - Columbia River Programs		TBA
October & November 2008		Present Recommendations & Receive Comments		TBA
December 2008		Final Report		TBA

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