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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee Members

FROM: Mark Fritsch, project implementation manager

SUBJECT: Follow up actions/tasks from Fiscal Year 2007 - 2009 project recommendations

PROPOSED ACTION:

The Council's recommendations for 2007 - 2009 fish and wildlife project funding conditioned a number of requests for project specific submittals, reviews, and decisions. At your committee meeting in June, Council staff will provide a summary and update on these deliverables. This agenda item is for information only and no decision is requested.

BACKGROUND:

The Council decided on its final project funding recommendations to Bonneville for Fiscal Year 2007 - 2009 at the Council's October 2006 meeting. As part of these recommendations, the Council provided comments that were project specific as a condition to funding. These comments generally addressed concerns raised by the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) for the particular projects. Other project-specific comments addressed other needs of the Council and the program (i.e., step review), giving direction to Bonneville and the project sponsors. In addition, comprehensive and workshop approaches were defined for the projects in the Yakima Subbasin, Umatilla Subbasin, and in Lake Roosevelt (see Attachment 1).

The Council staff will continue to track, follow-up, and facilitate issue resolution for 2007-2009 projects that had conditional funding approval. The established review process (e.g., step review) will be used, and items that need a Council decision will be brought back for a recommendation.

Attachment 1: Project specific conditions as part of the Council's 2007-2009 fish and wildlife project funding decision.

Project number, Title	Description of follow-up action/ tasks ¹	Status ²
Mountain Columbia		
2007-265-00, <i>Complete and Coordinate a Subbasin Plan for the Bitterroot Watershed</i>	Funding for two fiscal years only, second year contingent on first year success, plan to be delivered by end of fiscal year 08.	Proceeding as planned - scheduled to submit plan by end of FY 2008.
2007-235-00, <i>Proposal to Create a Sub-Basin Plan for the Blackfoot River Sub-Basin</i>	Funding for two fiscal years only, plan to be delivered by end of fiscal year 08.	Proceeding as planned - scheduled to submit plan by end of FY 2008.
1991-019-03, <i>Hungry Horse Mitigation Program</i>	Work elements associated with Sekokini Springs Natural Rearing Facility and Educational Center are dependent on favorable step review . Master plan submittal due by May 2007.	Master Plan submitted to NWPCC on June 22, 2007. ISRP review complete on October 23, 2007 (ISRP document 2007-16). On January 15, 2008 the Council recommended that activities associated with the Sekokini Springs Isolation Facility, Hungry Horse Mitigation Program, Project 1991-019-03 proceed to NEPA and final design.
1991-019-01, <i>Hungry Horse Mitigation/Flathead Lake</i>	Funding contingent on ISRP, Council review of revised proposal . Revised proposal due end of December 06.	On January 2, 2007, the Council received the CSKT response. On February 22, 2007 the ISRP provided a preliminary review of the submittal As a follow-up to this request the ISRP and the CSKT held a teleconference on March 30, 2007. On May 25, 2007 received the revised narrative from CSKT. On June 20, 2007 the Council received the final review (ISRP document 2007-7) from the ISRP. Was addressed at the August '07 meeting.
1988-064-00, <i>Kootenai River Native Fish Restoration and Conservation Aquaculture</i>	The expansion (for sturgeon and burbot) Work Element 5a, dependent upon favorable step review , Council 3-step Process: Step 1. Deliverable (Master plan) due July 20, 2007.	Step submittal scheduled for late summer/early fall 2008.
2002-003-00, <i>Secure & Restore Resident Fish Habitat</i>	Funding contingent on Council review of revised proposal , with improved selection criteria and objectives. Revised proposal due end of December, 06	On January 2, 2007 a submittal was received. On March 15, 2007 an email was sent to BPA confirming that the information provided (documents received are electronically attached to the project proposal on the CBFWA web site) address the ISRP concerns and the conditions placed by the Council for funding of this program has have been adequately addressed.

¹ Shaded items reflect the type of follow up actions/tasks (i.e., step reviews, revised proposals, reports, additional information, plans and etc).

² Shaded area reflects that the condition has been addressed.

2002-008-00, <i>Reconnect Kootenai River with the historic floodplain</i>	Fund completion of planning and design per ISRP comments. Out year funds dependent on favorable review by ISRP and Council.	Submittal scheduled for late 2008/early 2009.
Intermountain		
1991-046-00, <i>Spokane Tribal (Galbraith Springs) Hatchery</i>	Funding continues but part of funding contingent on outcome of a workshop with the ISRP to address ISRP concerns.	Site visit and working session was on May 2-3, 2007. ISRP review on July 18, 2007 (ISRP 2007-10). Council decision on November 12, 2007 to finalize joint guidance document for ISRP and Council review by September 2008.
1991-047-00, <i>Sherman Creek Hatchery</i>	Funding continues but part of funding contingent on outcome of a workshop with the ISRP to address ISRP concerns	Site visit and working session was on May 2-3, 2007. ISRP review on July 18, 2007 (ISRP 2007-10). Council decision on November 12, 2007 to finalize joint guidance document for ISRP and Council review by September 2008.
1995-011-00, <i>Chief Joseph Kokanee Enhancement</i>	Funding continues but part of funding contingent on outcome of a workshop with the ISRP to address ISRP concerns. If project sponsor decides to pursue artificial production (Obj 1, work element 3) then implementation is dependent upon favorable step review.	Site visit and working session was on May 2-3, 2007. ISRP review on July 18, 2007 (ISRP 2007-10). Council decision on November 12, 2007 to finalize joint guidance document for ISRP and Council review by September 2008. No action to date on Obj. 1, work element 1 (Step).
2001-029-00, <i>Ford Hatchery Operations & Maintenance</i>	Funding continues but part of funding contingent on outcome of a workshop with the ISRP to address ISRP concerns.	Site visit and working session was on May 2-3, 2007. ISRP review on July 18, 2007 (ISRP 2007-10). Council decision on November 12, 2007 to finalize joint guidance document for ISRP and Council review by September 2008.
1995-027-00, <i>Lake Roosevelt White Sturgeon Recovery Project</i>	ISRP fundable (qualified): sponsors should consider the ISRP comments for the next project review. Work element associated with artificial production triggers step reviews (see project 2007-372-00).	The interim hatchery program at the WDFW Columbia Basin Hatchery in Moses Lake, WA. Is continuing while the status is assessed under the ongoing 3-step project (2007-372-00).
2007-372-00, <i>Lake Roosevelt White Sturgeon Conservation Hatchery Project</i>	Council Three-Step Process: Step 1. Deliverable (Master plan) due by end of FY '08, out year funds dependent upon favorable step review.	The project began in November 2007 and has three components to achieve under the Step review process - 1) Assessment of the UCWSRI Recovery Plan artificial production program genetics – in progress with WDFW. 2) Assessment of hatcheries in the region that have the potential to be retrofitted for sturgeon production. 3) Development of a rough conceptual plan for a conservation sturgeon hatchery.
Columbia Cascade		

2003-023-00, <i>Chief Joseph Hatchery Program</i>	In Step. Capitalize construction and land acquisition. Out year funding dependent of step review .	Step submittal on November 12, 2007. Submitted to ISRP on November 24, 2007. Currently in review.
2007-034-00, <i>Columbia Cascade Pump Screen Correction</i>	Funding is conditioned upon favorable ISRP and Council review of a response to the ISRP concerns.	Response received from the sponsors on 2-15-07. Sent to ISRP on 2-22-07. On 3-29-07 the ISRP completed its review. The ISRP provided a "Meets Scientific Review Criteria - In Part (Qualified)" On 4-18-07 the Council recommended that the initial contracting for this proposal address only the work elements necessary to accomplish the inventory and assessment as requested by the ISRP.
2007-212-00, <i>Develop a locally-adapted summer steelhead program to supplement natural production throughout the Okanogan River basin</i>	Funding contingent on favorable step review .	Approved additional funds as part of the 2 nd quarter 2008 review for continued Master Plan development.
2007-325-00, <i>UPA Wenatchee Subbasin Complexity Proposal</i>	Funding is provided for securing land owner agreements and implementation plans. Funding for implementation is contingent for favorable ISRP and Council review of implementation plans .	The sponsor is in the process of preparing various plans and designs for the culverts. The sponsor is tracking the questions raised by the ISRP and plans to submit a summary "implementation plan" to BPA and the Council as soon as the designs for the culverts are near complete.
2007-237-00, <i>UPA Project - Elbow Coulee Floodplain Restoration</i>	Sponsors must submit a brook trout impact analysis to the Council and if the Council decides it is warranted, develop and submit a management plan for Council review before receiving any funds.	The intertie between the side channel and the Twisp River is no longer part of the proposal and therefore resolved the issue raised by the ISRP.
Upper Snake		
1995-057-02, <i>Southern Idaho Wildlife Mitigation</i>	Funding contingent on favorable ISRP and Council review of revised proposal that is responsive to ISRP concerns. Interim funding pending wildlife o&m review.	Response received from the sponsors on 4-24-07. Sent to ISRP on 4-24-07. On May 30, 2007 the ISRP completed its review (ISRP document 2007-6) - "Meets Scientific Review Criteria - In Part (Qualified)". On June 12 th , based on the favorable review the Council determined that the sponsor has adequately addressed the Council's funding condition.
Mountain Snake		
1999-016-00, <i>Protect & Restore Big Canyon Creek Watershed</i>	Funding in FY 2007 to complete reports on abundance, habitat status and a comprehensive presentation of prioritized restoration projects. Funding for restoration actions in 08 and 09 is conditioned on favorable ISRP and Council review of revised proposal linked to completed reports (per ISRP comments)	On October 22, 2007 received the submittal from the NPT. On December 13, 2007 the Council received the ISRP review (ISRP document 2007-18). On February 12, 2008 the Council recommended that the project transition in FY 2008 and 2009 for only particular actions, and will close out after 2009. This decision was link to project 1999-015-00 by BPA implementation planning budget.

<p>1999-017-00, <i>Protect & Restore Lapwai Creek Watershed</i></p>	<p>Funding in FY 2007 to complete reports on abundance, habitat status and a comprehensive presentation of prioritized restoration projects. Funding for restoration actions in 08 and 09 is conditioned on favorable ISRP and Council review of revised proposal linked to completed reports (per ISRP comments)</p>	<p>On February 12, 2008 the Council recommended had adequately addressed the conditions placed on the project. This decision was link to project 2002-070-00 by BPA implementation planning budget.</p>
<p>2002-059-00, <i>Yankee Fork Salmon River Dredge Tailings Restoration Project</i></p>	<p>Fund completion of planning work for step submittal to address ISRP concerns. Funding for implementation contingent upon favorable ISRP and Council review.</p>	<p>Planning for step submittal continues - anticipate delivery early summer 2008.</p>
<p>2007-065-00, <i>Coordinate and implement tributary habitat restoration in the Little Salmon River and lower Salmon River Idaho</i></p>	<p>This proposal was not part of the Council's recommendations for 2007-2009 fish and wildlife project funding, but was identified as part of Bonneville's 2007 - 2009 funding decision. The Bonneville decision also referenced this proposal as a "BiOp projects - funded w/out NPCC recommendation". As part of Bonneville's funding decision they provided a budget level of \$65,000 in FY 2007 for the "completion of the Squaw Creek culvert replacement". Bonneville and the sponsor is seeking direction with the treatment of this proposal in context to the Bonneville funding decision and the ISRP review.</p>	<p>On 4-10-07 the Council sent an email to BPA stating that the specific work task associated with the original proposal does not warrant an additional review by the ISRP, based on the limited nature of Bonneville's 2007 - 2009 funding decision. It is the Council's understanding that this project will receive funding in only Fiscal Year 2007 at an amount not to exceed \$65,000 and any additional funds will be secured through a future solicitation process.</p>
<p>Blue Mountain</p>		
<p>1984-025-00, <i>ODFW Blue Mountain Oregon Fish Habitat Improvement</i></p>	<p>Sponsor should complete accomplishments report as called for in ISRP recommendation. Funding in FY08 and 09 contingent upon favorable review by ISRP and Council.</p>	<p>Submittal received on May 27, 2008. Currently in review.</p>
<p>1992-026-01, <i>Grand Ronde Model Watershed Program Habitat Restoration - Planning, Coordination and Implementation</i></p>	<p>Sponsor should complete report as called for in ISRP recommendation. Funding in 08 and 09 contingent upon favorable review by ISRP and Council.</p>	<p>The report was received from the sponsor on July 12, 2007. On August 28, 2007 the Council received the final ISRP review (ISRP document 2007- 12). On September 11, 2007 the Council, based on the ISRP review, found that the Grand Ronde Model Watershed Program has adequately addressed the conditions placed on it as part of the funding recommendation associated with Fiscal Years 2007 - 2009.</p>
<p>Columbia Plateau</p>		

<p>YKFP: 1988-120-25, 1995-063-25, 1995-064-25 and 1997-013-25</p>	<p>ISRP review seeks an organized funding review of the various YKFP pieces in the Yakima. The Council's draft funding recommendation calls on the sponsor to consider adapting and using the annual Yakima project review be adapted to this end. ISRP associated a number of Fundable (Qualified) ratings with these comments, but not in expectation that funding be put on hold pending the review. As Council has asked for in the past, a Master Plan is needed for fall Chinook and coho elements of the project.</p>	<p>Letter sent to YN on April 19, 2007 confirming the need for master plans. No submittal to date.</p>
<p>Umatilla Subbasin: 1983-435-00, 1983-436-00, 1987-100-01, 1987-000-02, 1988-022-00, 1989-027-00, 1989-035-00, 1990-005-00, and 1990-005-01</p>	<p>ISRP Not Fundable (Qualified) and Fundable (Qualified). Most of the habitat, production, o&m and m&e projects in the Umatilla received these ratings from the ISRP based on comments from the ISRP that projects in the subbasin need a thorough review of how they work together (in a basin with a subbasin plan ISRP approved of). ISRP does not appear to recommend limiting funding at this time, but strongly recommending review. Council's draft recommendations call on the project sponsor to work with the Council and others to structure a Council/ISRP review of the subbasin effort in the Umatilla at some point in the next year or two, a review that might also be useful for insights into things the Council needs to accomplish in next program amendment process.</p>	<p>Meeting and tour occurred on May 16-17, 2007. ISRP review received on October 12, 2007 (ISRP document 2007-15). On November 12, 2007 the Council, based on the ISRP review, believes that the programmatic and project-specific issues have been satisfied.</p>
<p>1984-021-00, <i>Mainstem, Middle Fork, John Day Rivers Fish Habitat Enhancement Project</i></p>	<p>Sponsor should complete accomplishments report as called for in ISRP recommendation. Funding in FY08 and 09 contingent upon favorable review by ISRP and Council.</p>	<p>On May 4, 2008 the Council recommended that that the sponsors be provided another opportunity to respond to the ISRP concerns. Submittal is anticipated on June 20, 2008.</p>
<p>2006-003-00, <i>Desert Wildlife Area O&M (Wetland Enhancement)</i></p>	<p>The project was not recommended by the Council as part of the FY 2007 - 2009 decision, but was recommended as part of the Bonneville implementation plan for FY 2007 - 2009. Since the proposal received a "Not fundable" recommendation</p>	<p>Submittal received on 3-13-07 and sent to the ISRP on 3-16-07. ISRP review received 4-19-07. Favorable Council decision on May 16, 2007.</p>

	by the ISRP the sponsors need to respond to issues and concerns.	
Columbia Gorge		
1988-115-35, <i>Klickitat Fishery YKFP Design</i>	Construction dependent upon favorable step review .	On April 17, 2008 the Council received the Master Plan for review. Currently it is under ISRP review.
1995-063-35, <i>YKFP - Klickitat Subbasin Monitoring and Evaluation</i>	Dependent upon step review (see project 198811535).	See Project 1988-115-35 (above)
1997-013-35, <i>Klickitat Fishery YKFP O & M</i>	Dependent upon step review (see project 198811535).	See Project 1988-115-35 (above)
2007-077-00, <i>Hemlock Dam Removal</i>	Produce an updated streambank stabilization plan prior to dam removal.	USFS selected Inter-Fluve to create the design for the new Trout Creek stream reach that will allow it, when implemented, to become a continuum stream throughout the current reservoir and Hemlock Dam site. The design was reviewed by an Inter-disiplinary Team of USFS Specialists made up of Engineers, Hydrologists, and Fish Biologists, some with extensive experience in stream restoration. This planning effort has addressed the concerns raised by the ISRP. Final design attached (as approved in March/April of 2008) http://pisces.bpa.gov/release/documents/DocumentViewer.aspx?doc=P105999&session=c1f401cc-ff8e-4e3d-a740-6dc64671504e
Columbia Estuary		
1993-060-00, <i>Select Area Fisheries Enhancement Project</i>	Joint proposal from OR and WA. Funding conditioned on the sponsors completing their submission of information to the ISRP and IEAB to address the biological and economic issues raised in the recent ISRP/IEAB joint review (ISRP and IEAB Document 2005-8), and on a favorable economic review of that information by the IEAB within one year.	ISRP/IEAB review (2007-3) received on 4-11-07. Favorable Council recommendation on May 16, 2007.