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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Lynn Palensky

SUBJECT: Update on Categorical Reviews

Wildlife Projects Review

The Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) and Peer Review Groups' preliminary comments and recommendations on 36 proposals submitted for the 2009 Wildlife Category Review was released March 26.¹ Twelve proposals met scientific review criteria, and three proposals met criteria with some qualifications. The ISRP's recommendations on those should be considered final. However, the ISRP requested responses on 21 proposals (see Table 1, page 3) and we are happy to report having received all responses by the April 21, 2009 date. The ISRP will submit its final report to the Council on May 19, 2009.

"Response requested" is assigned to a proposal in a preliminary review that requires a response on specific issues before the ISRP can make its final recommendation. This does not mean that the proposal has failed the review. The ISRP requests responses from a majority of proposals, and most sponsors provide sufficient information in the response loop to meet the ISRP's scientific review criteria.

Below is the anticipated remaining 2009 schedule for the wildlife review:

- April 21 - Sponsor responses to ISRP due
- May 19 - ISRP Final Report due and begin public comment period
- June Council meeting - ISRP presentation to full Council on wildlife review
- June 16 - public comment period closes
- June 18 - staff recommendation on funding to Fish and Wildlife Committee
- July Council meeting - Council recommendation to Bonneville on wildlife projects

¹ ISRP 2009-7: www.nwcouncil.org/library/isrp/isrp2009-7.htm

RM&E and Artificial Production Review

At the last Committee meeting in April, staff provided an updated draft document outlining the planning phase and review steps for the RM&E and artificial production categories. Staff will be making further updates to the critical path description and diagram to reflect public process components discussed in Committee. The updated document will be posted on the web prior to the Council meeting.

At the last meeting staff also handed out a draft project list that represents the likely set of projects to be reviewed in this category. The list will continue to be verified, but major changes are not anticipated. Depending on the development of work plans for the new Accord or BiOp projects, those projects that are far enough along in planning may be included in this review. The draft will continue to be posted and updated on the web until the review begins in the summer.

Table 1. ISRP Preliminary Recommendations for Wildlife Proposals

Project #	Title	Sponsor	Meets Scientific Review Criteria?
199009200	Wanaket Wildlife Area	CTUIR	Response requested
199106100	Swanson Lake Wildlife Mitigation Project (Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area)	WDFW	Response requested
199107800	John R. Palensky Wildlife Area (Formerly Burlington Bottoms)	ODFW	Yes
199204800	Colville Confederated Tribes Wildlife Mitigation Project	CCT	Response requested
199205900	Amazon Basin/Eugene Wetlands	Nature Conservancy	Yes
199206100	Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation	Albeni Falls Interagency Work Group	Response requested
199206102	Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation - Kalispel Tribe	Albeni Falls Interagency Work Group	Response requested
199206103	Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation - IDFG	IDFG	Response requested
199206105	Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation - Kootenai Tribe O, M and E	Kootenai Tribe of Idaho	Yes
199206106	Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation - Coeur d'Alene Tribe	Albeni Falls Interagency Work Group	Response requested
199206800	Willamette Basin Mitigation	ODFW	Response requested
199404400	Sagebrush Flat Wildlife Area (SFWA)	WDFW	Yes
199505700	S Idaho Wildlife Mitigation	IDFG	Response requested
199505701	S Idaho Wildlife Mitigation	IDFG	Response requested
199505702	Southern Idaho Wildlife Mitigation	Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	Yes (Qualified)
199505703	Southern Idaho Wildlife Mitigation	Shoshone Paiute Tribes	Yes (Qualified)
199506001	Iskuulpa Watershed Project	CTUIR	Response requested
199608000	NE Oregon Wildlife Project (NPT) Precious Lands	Nez Perce Tribe	Yes
199609401	Scotch Creek Wildlife Area	WDFW	Yes
199800300	Spokane Tribe Wildlife Mitigation Operations & Maintenance	Spokane Tribe	Response requested
199802200	Pine Creek Conservation Area: Wildlife Habitat and Watershed Management	CTWSR	Yes
200000900	Logan Valley Wildlife Mitigation Project	Burns Paiute Tribe	Yes
200001600	Tualatin River NWR Additions	Tualatin River NWR	Response requested

Project #	Title	Sponsor	Meets Scientific Review Criteria?
200002100	Securing Wildlife Mitigation Sites - Oregon Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area Additions	ODFW	Yes
200002600	Rainwater Wildlife Area Operations and Maintenance	CTUIR	Yes
200002700	Malheur River Wildlife Mitigation Project	Burns Paiute Tribe	Response requested
200102700	Western Pond Turtle Recovery - Columbia River Gorge - Washington	WDFW	Response requested
200201100	Kootenai Floodplain Operational Loss Assessment, Protection, Mitigation, and Rehabilitation.	Kootenai Tribe of Idaho	Yes
200201400	Sunnyside Wildlife Mitigation	WDFW	Response requested
200301200	Shillapoo Wildlife Area	WDFW	Response requested
200307200	Habitat and Biodiversity Information System For Columbia River Basin	Northwest Habitat Institute	Yes
200600300	Desert Wildlife Area O&M (Wetland Enhancement)	WDFW	Yes (Qualified)
200600400	Wenas Wildlife Area O&M	WDFW	Response requested
200600500	Asotin Creek Wildlife Area O&M (Schlee Acquisitions)	WDFW	Response requested
200600600	Habitat Evaluation Procedures (HEP)	CBFWA	Response requested
200800700	The UCUT Wildlife M&E Program (UWMEP)	UCUT	Response requested