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MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee Members

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Progress report on RM&E/AP categorical recommendation development

At the December Council meeting staff presented a review of what considerations will be used by staff to develop potential recommendations for the Council members. At that time we were awaiting the completion of the Independent Science Review Panel's (ISRP) Final Report on the RM&E/Artificial Production Category Review which has since been released and made available on the Council's website: <http://www.nwccouncil.org/library/report.asp?docid=27>. This brief progress report will focus on the path forward to develop recommendations and a preview of initial programmatic issues staff will be framing up for the January work session.

Next steps:

January

- Series of meetings among state and central staff to discuss all aspects of recommendation development (programmatic, process, project-specific)
- Series of meetings with Bonneville staff and COTRs to discuss project-specific issues
- Fish and Wildlife Committee work session January 19th to review process, ISRP report, discuss path forward and preview programmatic issues (draft agenda attached).

February

- Continue as needed with discussions and work sessions for final staff recommendations
- Possible staff recommendations to Committee on subset of projects

March

- Continue as needed with discussions and work sessions for final staff recommendations
- Possible staff recommendations to Committee on next set of projects
- Possible Committee recommendations to Council on first set of projects

Draft Agenda
Fish and Wildlife Committee Work Session
January 19th, 2011
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Council Offices in Portland, OR

Participants can join in person or by Teleconference and GOTO meeting

1. Review how we got to this point (timeline, actions, letters, commitments, reviews)
2. Quick review of schedule ahead
3. Overview of the ISRP report (process and conclusions)
4. Principles and approaches on how we move forward with developing recommendations
5. Category composition
6. Discussion of programmatic issues