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MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee Members

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Update on RM&E/AP category recommendation development

The Fish and Wildlife Committee will have had a second work session on February 25, to discuss several aspects of the RME/AP review (see discussion items below). Staff will provide updated materials and a progress report at the Committee as a follow-up to that meeting. At this point, staff is prepared to bring "A" list projects forward for Committee consideration in late March for a Council decision in April.

- Discuss date for late March decision by Committee
- Discussion of remaining topic papers (high level, quick run-through)
 - pit tagging, acoustic tagging and coded wire tagging,
 - brief discussion of Artificial production projects and CRHEET,
 - very brief discussion of miscellaneous topics: predation, Fish Passage Center, water transactions, enforcement and statistical support
- Discuss 'A-list' for decisions by committee in late March and full Council in April (~88 projects)
- Discuss what is in the 'B-list', and why
- Discuss format for recommendations
 - How many years for each subcategory (i.e. research 3 years, pit tagging 5 years, AP 5 years or longer?, etc) ??
 - What worked and did not work about the Wildlife recommendations from our and BPA's perspective?
 - How to handle sponsor's budget requests (which in many cases have very high growth assumptions)

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