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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** Fish and Wildlife Staff

**SUBJECT:** RME/AP Category Review:

- Final Project Recommendations for Ocean Research Projects
- Council explanations addressing the formal requirements of Section 4h(10)(D) of the Northwest Power Act

The July Council meeting includes one agenda item with two parts intended to close out the RME/AP category review.

The first is a Council decision on the final project recommendations for three ocean research projects, the only project recommendations deferred from the June meeting. Attached is a memorandum from the Fish and Wildlife Staff identifying the projects and providing the staff recommendation for how to proceed.

The second is that the Council needs to approve written explanations describing how the Council acted consistent with certain formal requirements of Section 4h(10)(D) of the Northwest Power Act in making its final project recommendations. This has been the Part 4 placeholder in the final decision document for the entire review. The second attachment to this memorandum is a draft of that written explanation for review and approval, in the form of an excerpted Part 4 of the comprehensive decision document. To be clear, the Council has made the final decisions on recommendations to Bonneville; this is a document simply explaining how those decisions relate to certain standards in the Act.