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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee

FROM: Nancy Leonard, Laura Robinson, and Patty O'Toole

SUBJECT: Update on draft MERR Plan Progress, focusing on program objectives

Staff will provide an overview of the Fish and Wildlife Program context for developing the draft MERR Plan and an update on the revision status of its components. The following two components will be discussed in more detail by staff:

RME Implementation Strategies -- the draft MERR Plan's RME implementation strategies for anadromous fish, resident fish, and wildlife are in-development. Staff will provide an update on their progress, expected timeline for completion of a first draft, and next steps once a partial or complete draft is received from managers engaged in this process.

Objectives -- the compilation and organization of objectives have been the main focus of staff during the past months. Staff are relying on the direction of the 2009 Program and the role of objectives in guiding RME and reporting in the draft MERR Plan. Staff will provide an overview of what has been accomplished to-date, and how existing objectives may be refined and developed into objectives for above the subbasin-level, provincial or Program level.