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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members

FROM: Peter Paquet, Manager Wildlife & Resident Fish

SUBJECT: Follow-up to the Wildlife Crediting Forum

INTRODUCTION: The purpose of today's discussion is to seek guidance from the committee on what should be the next step with regard to the Wildlife Crediting Forum Report. Staff has briefed both the Fish and Wildlife Committee and the Council on the Draft Report and its findings. The report is the result of nearly one and a half years work by the Forum and is intended to provide a blueprint or framework for future discussions between Bonneville and regional fish and wildlife agencies and tribes on the development of agreements for meeting Bonneville's wildlife mitigation obligations. It is not intended to be applied to individual projects or to establish new policies outside of the legal mandates established by the Power Act.

Options for the Council include accepting the report from the Forum and formally posting it on the Council web site or the Council could choose to seek further public comment.