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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee members

FROM: Mark Fritsch, project implementation manager

SUBJECT: Quarterly Review of Within-year Project Funding Adjustments for Implementation

At your meeting in October, Council staff will review the requests and schedule associated with a funding adjustment request for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2011. This agenda item will be for review and discussion only and no Committee action is requested. After an opportunity for comment, the request will come back to the Committee and Council for a decision at the November meeting.

BACKGROUND

In 2004, Bonneville and the Council formed a budget oversight group (BOG) to conduct a budget tracking process. A principal role of the BOG is to validate whether the requests are a reschedule¹ or within-year request (i.e., scope change, budget change, scope/budget change, and new request). Reschedules are forwarded to Bonneville for assessment and funding as funds become available, and within-year requests are also forwarded to Bonneville for recommendation on the availability of funds as identified at the quarterly reviews.

The BOG meets monthly to review change requests and to track the fiscal year budget and then uses quarterly reviews to initiate a process to establish which budget adjustment requests can be met with the available funding in the current fiscal year project budget². This process also includes a public comment period.

Of the seven requests reviewed by the BOG during the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2011, one request needs a decision in November. As outlined in the attached table (see Attachment 1), two requests triggered the threshold adjustment as part of the budget-tracking process, one request was within the recommendation made as part of the wildlife category review, one request was addressed as an administrative action, and two requests were withdrawn. Based on staff review

¹ Reschedules are project work task or tasks, as reviewed and approved, that are aligned from one fiscal year to another.

² The balance for the within-year placeholder at the end of the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2011; Bi-Op Placeholder @ \$1,698,308 (out of \$2,000,000), and Non-Bi-op Placeholder @ \$325,161 (out of \$1,000,000).

and comment received, the staff will bring to the Committee and the Council a recommendation at the August meeting.

Following is a brief summary of the project request.

Quarterly

- **Project #1995-033-00, Yakima Phase II Fish Screens Operations and Maintenance (O&M) with Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)**

The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) is requesting \$575,000 in expense funds to cover construction costs associated with the renovation of the Glead fish screen in the Naches River. This screen is part of the existing comprehensive operation & maintenance program of irrigation diversions by the BOR of BPA-owned Yakima Phase II fish screening facilities in the Yakima River Subbasin. The BOR currently operates and maintains 28 sites³.

The renovation associated with the Glead fish screen was initiated to improve approach velocities at screens, improve maintenance crews' ability to manage debris, and address bypass flow for fish and debris passage. Currently, passage deficiencies exist with the majority of the spring smolt outmigration period. These deficiencies are caused by the inability of the current facility to handle the amount of debris during high-flow periods (i.e., spring run-off). During these high-flow periods fish passage criteria are not being met when velocities become too great and/or they get entrapped in the canals.

As you may recall, this project and the proposed renovation came before Council in 2008⁴ and 2010⁵ seeking and being authorized for the preliminary and final design work for the modifications of this fish screen, respectively. The current design has been reviewed by WDFW, YN, NOAA, and the irrigation districts associated with the Glead Canal. The current construction window is targeted for 2012 and 2013 due to the limited timeframe associated with the instream work window for construction.

³ In accordance with the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act, Bonneville is funding the operation and maintenance of fish protection, mitigation and enhancement facilities in the Yakima River Basin with BOR. BOR operates and maintains five sites exclusively and shares responsibility of 28 other fish screen sites with Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). In 1994, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Bonneville, BOR, and WDFW was drafted and agreed upon. This MOA, through the use of an Annual Work Plan (AWP), assigns specific duties to BOR for O&M of Phase II facilities and is funded by Bonneville. Yakima Fish Screen Phase II O&M, project # 199503300 continues with Intergovernmental agreement effective May 1, 2005.

⁴ On November 19, 2008 the Council recommended \$27,000 for initial evaluation and design.

⁵ On August 18, 2010 the Council recommended \$124,000 in expense funds to complete the engineering designs associated with the preferred alternative for the Glead Fish Screen. At the time of this decision it was expected that when the final designs were complete, BOR would ask for the construction costs, *estimated at \$520,000*, for the 2011-2012 contract period.

Attachment 1: Within-year project funding adjustments received as part of the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2011.

Type	Project #	Project Title	Sponsor	FY 2012 Budget (BPA)	Request	Status
Quarterly						
	1995-033-00	Yakima Phase II Fish Screens Operations and Maintenance (O&M) with Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)	US Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)	\$111,178	\$575,000	November decision
Threshold						
	1998-019-00	Wind River Watershed	Underwood Conservation District (UCD), US Forest Service (USFS), US Geological Survey (USGS), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)	\$582,727	\$16,884	Threshold approved, 7/6/11
	1983-436-00	Umatilla Passage Operations and Maintenance (O&M)	Westland Irrigation District	\$521,989	\$15,500	Threshold approved, 8/23/11
Category						
	1992-061-03	Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation-Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG)	Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG)	\$725,772	\$35,000	Wildlife Category Review
Administrative						
	2007-396-00	Walla Walla Basinwide Tributary Passage and Flow	BPA/Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council		\$37,341 ⁶	Approved 7/6/11
Withdrawn						
	2002-008-00 ⁷	Reconnect Kootenai River with Historic Floodplain	Kootenai Tribe			Withdrawn
	1985-038-00 ⁸	Colville Hatchery Operation and Maintenance (O&M)	Colville Confederated Tribes			Withdrawn

⁶ The request was for \$37,341 to be moved from capital to expense for cultural resource surveys. No new funds.

⁷ This request has been withdrawn due to implications to Wildlife O&M issues, contractual management of the project, and science review. The request was to move \$212,719 (FY11) from 2002-008-00 to 1992-061-05 (both Kootenai projects).

⁸ The Colville Confederated Tribes requested a scope change to transition away from their current mixed reband trout stock (i.e., Phalon Lake/Bridge Creek) to using the triploid⁸ Spokane stock rainbow trout prior to the Resident Fish, Data Management, and Program Coordination projects review.

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