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MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee Members

FROM: Lynn Palensky, Program Development Manager

SUBJECT: Preliminary scoping for the Geographic Category Reviews

Soon after the completion of the Resident Fish, Data Management and Regional Coordination Review, staff will begin planning for the next and last category review -- geographic reviews. In the summer of 2012, the Council will have completed project reviews for Wildlife, Research, Monitoring & Evaluation (including Mainstem and systemwide projects), Artificial Production, and Resident Fish, Data Management and Regional Coordination categories. Remaining projects to be reviewed are the habitat-based projects in the anadromous areas of the basin including the following provinces:

- Blue Mountain
- Mountain Snake
- Columbia Cascade
- Columbia plateau
- Columbia Gorge
- Lower Columbia and
- Estuary

Staff expects this review to begin later in 2012. We anticipate well over 100 projects to be included in this review and they will cover a large geographic area. Some important considerations for us in planning review process include: linking up to the Expert Panel Process BPA is leading to meet FCRPS BiOp requirements; applying relevant programmatic issues from other review structure of site visits and presentations, and of course, scheduling process to avoid heavy workloads during field season.