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MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee Members

FROM: Lynn Palensky, Program Development Manager

SUBJECT: Planning for the Geographic Review

Staff is in the early stages of planning for the next and last reviews – 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 over 100 projects to be included in this review, representing roughly 30% of the Program. Some important considerations for us in planning process include: linking up to the Expert Panel Process BPA is leading to meet FCRPS BiOp requirements; applying relevant programmatic issues from other prior reviews; planning site visits and presentations; and of course, scheduling to avoid heavy workloads during field season.