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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee

FROM: Nancy Leonard, Fish Wildlife Ecosystem Monitoring and Evaluation Manager

SUBJECT: Summary of public comments received on the Council's High Level Indicators web-report

The Council released for public comment its High Level Indicator (HLI) web-report on June 15, 2012. This HLI web-report was developed in response to the 2009 Fish and Wildlife Program guidance to: *“adopt and periodically update high-level indicators for the purpose of reporting success and accomplishments to Congress, the region’s governors, legislators, and citizens of the Northwest. High-level indicators will include biological, implementation, and management components.”*

The public comment period closed July 13, 2012. Prior to the comment period, the Council requested input from data providers and data experts as well as a review of the report by the Independent Science Advisory Board (ISAB). All comments received have been posted on the Council website (<http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/report.asp?docid=681>). In total 15 set of comments were received, in addition to the ISAB’s review.

Staff will provide a summary of comments received and how these will be addressed during the August Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting. Overall, comments received were supportive of the Council’s effort to develop an HLI web-report. Comments identified errors, needs for clarifications, and suggestions for new HLIs; general improvements to the HLI webpage; and proposed providing a PDF version of the HLI web report. Several of the new HLIs suggested are those that the Council have listed as being developed in the future (<http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/program/hli/Default.htm>) and some are available in the Status of the Resource web report (<http://sotr.cbfwa.org/>).

Staff will work with the Public Affairs division to incorporate comments that are pertinent to the current HLI web report. Other comments, such as inclusion of new HLIs, will be considered in future versions of the HLI web report.

Summary of Comments

Council's High Level Indicators web-report

Fish and Wildlife Committee
August 7, 2012

Nancy Leonard
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Background

- 2009 FW Program calls for
 - *“adopt and periodically update high-level indicators*
 - *for the purpose of reporting success and accomplishments to Congress, the region’s governors, legislators, and citizens of the Northwest ...”*
- Requested input from data providers, and data experts
- Review by the Independent Science Advisory Board (ISAB).
- Released for public comment on June 15, 2012.
- Comment period closed July 13, 2012

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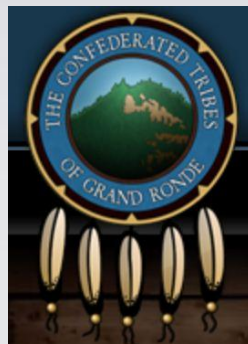


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Comments Submitted

- All comments received have been posted on the Council website (<http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/report.asp?docid=681>).
 - ISAB review
 - 7 received from data experts/owners pre-comment period
 - 8 received during comment period

ISAB



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Summary of Comments Submitted

- Overall, supportive of HLI approach
- Suggestions related to
 - Web-tool technical improvements
 - Organization of questions and HLI graphics
 - Improving terminology to increase understanding
 - Increasing visibility of HLIs in-development (VSP)
 - Providing more context for graphics, goals, and data limitation
 - Modifying some titles and legends
 - Segregating hatchery from natural on graphics
 - Explicitly stating which species and age stage included
 - Separating data into two graphics
 - Preferred data source for hydrosystem graphics
 - Correct errors and updating data
 - New HLIs graphics

Next Steps

- Staff will work with PA to address the comments discussed prior to release
 - Aim to release no later than October 2012
 - Some comments will be addressed by providing a link to graphics on other sites
- Remaining comments will be addressed as feasible in future versions

Questions?

