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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee members

FROM: Tony Grover, Fish and Wildlife Division Director

SUBJECT: Presentation on Columbia River Eulachon (smelt), update on eulachon activities, eulachon recovery planning, and research needs — Robert Anderson, NOAA Fisheries.

NOAA Fisheries' Protected Resources Division staff, Robert Anderson, eulachon recovery coordinator, will brief the Fish and Wildlife Committee on the eulachon recovery planning effort. Topics covered include an overview of the species' life history, ESA listing and Critical Habitat designation, recovery planning process and timeline, relationship to the Federal Columbia River Power System and research needs.