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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Lynn Palensky

SUBJECT: Update on Geographic Review

The Geographic Review includes all of the ongoing habitat type projects in the anadromous areas of the Columbia Basin under the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. Review of the 86 proposals is in full swing. The ISRP members have reviewed the 83 proposals received on February 28th and will release their Preliminary Report on June 6th. At the Missoula meeting, I will present a short summary of the ISRP's Preliminary Review, including programmatic issues that we should expect to see as part of the ISRP's final review in August. The ISRP will present its final report to the Council in September.

Background: Beginning in 2009, the Council and Bonneville, with advice from the ISRP, decided to review projects funded under the Fish and Wildlife Program in functional categories (i.e., wildlife, monitoring, evaluation and research, artificial production, resident fish in the areas impassible for anadromous fish) to be completed with the Geographic Review. This Geographic Review includes the evaluation of the ongoing habitat projects in areas of the basin which are currently accessible to anadromous fish. Nine of those projects represent *umbrella projects* – larger habitat projects that identify, rank, select, and in some cases fund habitat projects and are considered “programmatic” in nature. Once this review is complete, the Council and ISRP will have completed reviews in this manner for all existing projects in the Program.

Next steps for this review

- Continued ISRP site visits and project presentations - **Completed**
- Preliminary ISRP Review of proposals and responses requested on **June 6, 2013**
- Responses from the project sponsors due by **July 9, 2013**
- Final ISRP Report complete by **August 15, 2013**
- Council Decision anticipated in **November 2013**

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