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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee members

FROM: Patty O'Toole, and Council Staff

SUBJECT: Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment discussion
Summary of recommendations by topic

Since the October Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting the staff has continued to summarize recommendations received for amending the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. At the November Committee meeting the staff will review the current program amendment schedule along with tasks to accomplish in the next several months. The staff anticipates that the bulk of the meeting time will be for discussion of the amendment recommendations, using the staff topic summaries as a starting point. The summaries are organized into blocks of related themes. The staff summaries are provided in the Fish and Wildlife Committee briefing packet as a separate document due to their number and length and will be posted on the Council's [website](#). The Committee has time designated for this discussion on Tuesday morning (Nov. 5th) and Wednesday (Nov. 6th) at the conclusion of the Council meeting. If necessary, we have reserved time to continue meeting the following week by webinar on the mornings of November 13, 14 and 15.

As a reminder, on September 20th the Council opened a public comment period on the recommendations per section 839b(h)(4)(B) of the Northwest Power Act. Comments may be submitted as a general comment or as a comment specific to a recommendation. Public comments may be submitted in writing or provided orally. The Council will receive oral comments during the November Council meeting. The Council will receive comments through November 20, 2013. All of the recommendations and instructions for providing comments can be found on the Council's [website](#).

Draft Program amendment work schedule excerpt (October 29, 2013)

Committee/Council meeting dates	Work session dates, Est. duration	Program amendment topics/activities for work sessions	Important related dates
<p>Committee meeting</p> <p>(Council meeting is Nov 5, 6 Boise)</p>	<p>Nov 5, 6 13,14,15 (if needed)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of recommendations (Part II) <p><i>Note: we cannot frame decisions or alternatives until after the comment period closes on November 18.</i></p>	<p>Comment period on recommendations closes November 20</p> <p>NOAA situation assessment report due in the fall</p> <p>Council review and decision on geographic review</p>
<p>Committee meeting</p> <p>(Council meeting is Dec 10, 11 Council meeting, Portland)</p>	<p>Dec 9,10 Full day+</p> <p>Reserved 11th pm 12th pm 13th am 16th pm 17th am 18th pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review comments • Review topic issues papers • Reach agreement on issues & revised program language • Discuss scheduling and procedures for public hearings and consultations (following release of draft amended program) 	
<p>Committee meeting</p> <p>(Council meeting is Jan 14, 15 Council meeting)</p>	<p>Jan 13 & 14 1-2 days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review topic issues papers, • Reach agreement on issues & revised program language • Review draft plan for public hearings and consultations • Agree to move to full Council for release 	
<p>TBD Special Committee/Council meeting</p>	<p>Late January 1-2 days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Committee recommendations, discuss draft program language 	
<p>Feb 11, 12 Council meeting</p>	<p>Feb 11 Full day +</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss draft amended program language • Decision to release draft program (tentative) 	
<p>TBD Late February</p>	<p>Half – full day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold in case need additional time for developing draft amended program 	

2014 Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment Timeline

Revised June 21, 2013

