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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members

FROM: Peter Paquet
Manager, Wildlife & Resident Fish

SUBJECT: Status of Columbia River Hatchery Reform Process

BACKGROUND

At the December Council meeting the Council members asked staff to provide periodic updates on the status and progress of the Columbia River Hatchery Reform Project and the work of the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG). To date the HSRG has completed reviews and developed preliminary recommendations for all anadromous hatchery facilities in the Columbia River Basin. The draft reports are available at Hatchery Reform web site (http://hatcheryreform.us/prod/site/alias__default/hsrg_document_library/306/hsrg_document_library.aspx). Staff will brief Council members on the basic scientific principles related to the HSRG process and discuss the schedule for the final product.

The following provides you with a schedule for the remainder of the process:

Calendar

Date	What Occurs	Group No. & Name	Meeting Location
Week of October 20, 2008	HSRG Work Session	Review and completion of ESU Reports/Recommendations	TBA
October 10 through October 30, 2008	Managers response to HSRG draft recommendations	Fish and Wildlife Managers	
Week of November 10, 2008	HSRG Work Session	Finalize ESU reports and systemwide conclusions and recommendations for System Wide Report	TBA
Week of December 12, 2008	HSRG Work Session	Finalize all ESU systemwide recommendations	TBA
January, 2008		Final Report	

