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MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee Members

FROM: Lynn Palensky

SUBJECT: Update on Category Review

The proposals for the Resident Fish, Data Management, and Program Coordination category review were due on November 30. Most proposals were submitted that day and the handful who needed additional time submitted a week or two later, as anticipated. Since then, the ISRP has been reviewing the 80 projects received. In addition, project sponsors made presentations to the ISRP during a three-day meeting held on January 17-19 in Portland.

We had excellent participation by the project proponents (despite the weather). It was obvious that a lot of time and effort went into presentations. The sponsors were patient with an ambitious schedule and were willing to frankly address the ISRP's many questions. We heard comments from sponsors that the meetings helped them to understand that other organizations are facing the same issues and how they are managing or treating in the similar circumstance. The ISRP especially appreciated the context added by the combination of site visits, proposals, and the meetings.

Between information in the proposals and in-person meetings with the ISRP and sponsors, certain issues rise to the top as potential programmatic issues. Anticipated issues for the resident fish category include: predator management, non-native species management (harvest, genetics, etc) and large-lake/reservoir fisheries management. For data management proposals the issues really circle around centralization and decentralization within the basin, and the continued need to define and refine data needs and management for the Program. Proposed work in regional coordination category varies from project-level to program-level coordination, and like data management, has centralized and decentralized (single-entity) coordination elements. The Council members should expect to see these types of programmatic issues in the final ISRP report and staff discussions.

Next steps for this review

- Preliminary ISRP Review of proposals and responses requested from some sponsors on **February 8, 2012**
- Responses from the project sponsors due by **March 7, 2012**
- Final ISRP Report complete by **April 3, 2012**

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