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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Nancy Leonard, Fish, Wildlife and Ecosystem Monitoring & Evaluation Manager
Tony Grover, Director of Fish and Wildlife

SUBJECT: Update on the Anadromous Monitoring Strategy Workshop

The two sessions of the Columbia Basin Coordinated Anadromous Monitoring Strategy Workshop were on October 20 and 21, 2009 and November 3-5, 2009 in Skamania, WA. Following the conclusion of these sessions, several action items were identified to be completed by the workshop participants between November 2009 and April 2009, consisting of (Attachment 1):

- Determine which proposed new BiOp work should be high priority "fast track"
- Clarify, confirm, and prepare proposals for submission to ISRP during the RM&E Categorical Review
- Revise Anadromous Fish Framework to reflect November workshop discussion and forward for review by the ISAB and ISRP.
- The Council will develop a basinwide fish, wildlife and habitat monitoring and evaluation framework for review by the region.
- Update the anadromous fish monitoring strategy tables one, two, and three.

Work on these action items is on-going and a brief overview of the status of these items will be discussed.

A timeline showing how the various on-going monitoring processes in the basin are being coordinated together is also provided (Attachment 2).

Attachment 1: Action Items

Note that some time frames for action items have been extended from those discussed at the workshop (especially for the development of the Anadromous Fish monitoring Sub-Framework) to allow for more time for review by participants. Some action items also include more specifically identified time frames based on information not available at the workshop. The Planning group and the Facilitation Team have made best efforts to develop reasonable time frames to meet existing needs and deadlines.

Action Item	Who	Due Date/Status
1. <u>Action Items and Timeline</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and distribute action items memo and comprehensive timeline • Convene WebEx teleconference to review and answer questions about the Timeline 	Facilitation Team and Planning Group Planning group	Complete Mon. 11/23, 2-4 PM PST
2. <u>Proposed New and Adjusted High Priority BiOp Projects (“Fast Track”)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine which proposed new BiOp work (new and adjusted projects) should be high priority “fast track” • Identify whether “fast track” proposed adjustments are “within scope” or “out-of-scope” • Develop proposals for “fast track” new and out-of-scope projects and submit to NPCC for ISRP review • ISRP review of “fast track” new and out-of-scope adjusted projects • Prepare within-scope adjusted projects for BOG review • BOG meeting to review within-scope high priority adjusted projects 	RPA/BiOp Workgroup NPCC and BPA Managers ISRP Managers BOG	Tues. 11/24 By Tues. 11/24 By Tues. 12/29 Wed. 12/30 to Tues. 1/26 Before Fri. 12/11 Fri. 12/11
3. <u>Other Proposed Projects (BiOp and Non-BiOp)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify, confirm, and prepare proposals for submission to ISRP in conjunction with RM&E Categorical Review (<i>see Timeline for additional details</i>) 	Managers with Planning Group	By Fri. 4/2

<p>4. <u>Anadromous Fish Framework Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise Anadromous Fish Framework to reflect November workshop discussion, including sub-regional strategies summary and distribute to the Framework Small Group for review and discussion • Provide comments and suggestions and discuss as needed in order to reach agreement on revised draft Framework to distribute to full group • Incorporate suggested edits and revisions from Framework Small Group and distribute revised Framework for review by full group • Provide comments back to Nancy L. and Scott R. • Finalize and forward Anadromous Fish Framework to ISAB for review 	<p>Nancy L. (NPCC) and Scott R. (NOAA) with Eric Neatherlin</p> <p>Framework Small Group</p> <p>Nancy L. and Scott R.</p> <p>Full group</p> <p>Nancy L. and Scott R. (working as needed with Framework Small Group)</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Ongoing through 11/23</p> <p>By Fri. 12/4</p> <p>By Fri. 12/25</p> <p>By Fri. 4/2</p>
<p>5. <u>Over-Arching Framework Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop basin wide, broad range M&E framework • Circulate draft for official public review/comment 	<p>NPCC (Nancy L., lead)</p> <p>NPCC</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>March 2010 (approx.)</p>
<p>6. <u>Tables</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update tables one, two, and three to reflect discussions at November workshop (<i>the Planning Group will help schedule one additional set of sub-regional meetings to complete this process</i>) 	<p>Managers</p>	<p>Now through early January (<i>see Timeline for additional details</i>)</p>

Bin List
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider hatchery implementation compliance versus effectiveness monitoring • Conduct a complete assessment of additional (non BPA) funding sources • How to provide ESA take coverage for “fast track” projects

