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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Patty O'Toole, Fish and Wildlife Division Director

SUBJECT: Council Work Session: Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Fish and Wildlife and legal division staff

Summary: Council staff will provide an amendment process check-in and a briefing on two important sections of the 2014 Program and its 2020 Addendum: the implementation section and the appendices.

Relevance: The Council [called for recommendations](#) to amend its Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program in January 2025. The recommendations are due to the Council on **May 19, 2025**. The staff will brief the members over the next two months on remaining key elements of the Fish and Wildlife Program that have not yet been discussed.

Workplan: Program planning and coordination, Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program amendment

Background: The presentation at the April Council meeting will nearly complete the staff overviews of the 2014 Program and its 2020 Addendum. This overview will orient the members to Program implementation and how it is guided by measures, an investment strategy and implementation procedures. Staff will also provide a brief orientation to the 2014 Program appendices. In May, the staff anticipates briefing

the members are a couple of remaining program sections and amendment procedures.

More info:

The [2014 Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program](#) and its [2020 Addendum](#)