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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** Patty O'Toole

**SUBJECT:** August Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment Work Session

## BACKGROUND:

**Presenter:** Fish and Wildlife and legal staff

**Summary:** Staff will begin the work session by providing an amendment process check-in, and reviewing a draft outline for the next Fish and Wildlife Program and discuss its organization. The rest of the work session is reserved for discussing amendment recommendations and preliminary staff suggested revisions for several Program sections.

**Relevance:** Per the Northwest Power Act, the Council must call for recommendations to amend the Fish and Wildlife Program prior to updating its Power Plan. The recommendation period closed on May 19, and the comment period on the recommendations closed on July 3.

**Workplan:** This work addresses a primary responsibility under the Northwest Power Act and task A. 4, 5, and 6 of the Fish and Wildlife Division Work Plan under the Program Policy and Planning function.

Since the July Council meeting, the staff has been continuing to review a large set of program amendment recommendations, and the significant number of comments the Council received on the recommendations. Both sets are found on the Council's [amendment webpage](#) along with other relevant materials.

At the August Council meeting the staff will review the Fish and Wildlife Program amendment schedule for the next several months and review the current task, drafting amendments for the next Fish and Wildlife Program. Prior to the meeting, the staff will provide the Council members with draft amendment documents for review and discussion. These documents will be *pre-decisional* and not shared publicly at this stage. Staff recommend that the Council members and staff work through each document page by page during the work session. The staff seeks feedback from members but is not looking for any final decision at this time.