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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Windy Schoby, Fish and Wildlife Policy Analyst- Idaho

SUBJECT: Welcome by the Nez Perce Tribe

BACKGROUND:

Presenters: Samuel Penney, Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee

Summary:

Samuel Penney, longstanding Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC), will provide welcoming remarks. The Nez Perce Tribe is a federally recognized tribe headquartered in Lapwai, Idaho, with more than 3,500 enrolled citizens and a reservation encompassing approximately 770,000 acres. The Tribe is governed by a nine-member elected executive committee responsible for protecting Tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, cultural traditions, and the health and welfare of the Nez Perce people. The Nimiipúu maintain deep cultural and historical connections to the lands and waters of the Columbia River Basin, where fishing, hunting, gathering, and traditional practices remain central to their identity and way of life.